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FOR THE ELABORATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION IN
THOSE COUNTRIES EXPERIENCING SERIOUS
DROUGHT AND/OR DESERTIFICATION,
PARTICULARLY IN AFRICA
Fifth session
Paris, 6-17 June 1994
Agenda item 1

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Provisional Agenda

Note by the Secretariat

1. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
2. Elaboration of an international convention to combat desertification in countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa
3. Review of the situation as regards extrabudgetary funds
 - (a) Special Voluntary Fund to support the participation of developing countries affected by drought and desertification, particularly the least developed countries
 - (b) Trust Fund for the negotiating process
4. Organization of the sixth session
5. Adoption of the Convention and Final Document

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Annotations to the agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

The Committee, at its fourth session (Geneva, 21-31 March 1994), approved the provisional agenda for the fifth session, as contained in decision 4/2 of the Report of the Fourth Session (A/49/84/Add.1).

The provisional agenda for the fifth meeting is submitted for adoption.

The Plenary will hear statements from ministerial representatives of INCD Member countries, Heads of UN Agencies and the Chairman of the Committee. After these statements, the Executive Secretary of the INCD Secretariat will introduce the Secretariat documents A/AC.241/15/Rev.3, the final negotiating text of the Convention, A/AC.241/19/Rev.1, the final negotiating text of the Regional Implementation Annex for Africa, A/AC.241/24, the negotiating text of the Regional Implementation Annex for Latin America and the Caribbean, A/AC.241/25, the negotiating text of the Regional Implementation Annex for Asia, and A/AC.241/26, the negotiating text of the Regional Implementation Annex for the Northern Mediterranean.

As the Committee agreed at its Fourth Session, the work programme for the Fifth Session will be flexible. After the opening Plenary session at 10:00 AM on June 6, the Plenary will meet at 3:00 PM on June 6 and at 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM on June 7 and 8 to consider document A/AC.241/15/Rev.3. An ad hoc negotiating group of the Plenary will also meet at the same times to consider documents A/AC.241/19/Rev.1, A/AC.241/24, A/AC.241/25 and A/AC.241/26. At the end of its meeting on the afternoon of June 8, the Plenary will decide on a programme for further work during the session. There will be three night meetings each week of the session, with the possibility of meeting on Saturday, 11 June 1994.

The Committee might have to consider an additional list/s of Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) recommended for accreditation for the negotiating process of the Convention.

2. Elaboration of an international convention to combat desertification in countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa

The Committee will have before it five documents:

(a) Document A/AC.241/15/Rev.3 represents the state of negotiations on the Convention at the end of the Committee's fourth session, except for changes to Articles 26 to 40 decided in Working Group II on March 31, which will be reflected in an informal paper prepared by the Secretariat.

(b) Document A/AC.241/19/Rev.1 represents the state of negotiations on the Regional Implementation Annex for Africa at the end of the fourth session.

(c) Documents A/AC.241/24, A/AC.241/25 and A/AC.241/26 are negotiating texts of the Regional Implementation Annexes for Latin America and the Caribbean, for Asia and for the Northern Mediterranean, which the Secretariat is preparing to facilitate the proceedings of the Committee.

3. Review of the situation as regards extrabudgetary funds

(a) Special Voluntary Fund to support the participation of developing countries affected by drought and desertification, particularly in the least developed countries

(b) Trust Fund for the negotiating process

The Committee will have before it the document (A/AC.241/23) submitted by the Secretariat indicating the present status of the two funds.

4. Organization of the sixth session

The Committee will have before it a note by the Secretariat on the draft provisional agenda for its sixth session.

5. Adoption of the Convention and Final Document

The Convention, to be adopted by the Committee at its fifth session together with its annexes, will be attached to the report. Also attached will be the decisions of the Committee at the session.

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List of Documents for the fifth session of the Committee

A/AC.241/22	Provisional Agenda
A/AC.241/23	Review of the situation as regards extrabudgetary funds
A/AC.241/24	Negotiating Text of a Regional Implementation Annex for Latin America and the Caribbean
A/AC.241/25	Negotiating Text of a Regional Implementation Annex for Asia
A/AC.241/26	Negotiating Text of a Regional Implementation Annex for the Northern Mediterranean
A/AC.241/15/Rev.3	Final Negotiating Text of The Convention
A/AC.241/19/Rev.1	Final Negotiating Text of a Regional Implementation Annex for Africa
A/AC.241/9/Add.7	List of Non-Governmental Organizations recommended for accreditation
A/49/84/Add.1	Report of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for the Elaboration of an International Convention to Combat Desertification in those countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa, on its fourth session

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