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Observer status for the Global Dryland Alliance in the General Assembly

Report of the Sixth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The item entitled “Observer status for the Global Dryland Alliance in the General Assembly” was included in the provisional agenda of the seventy-fifth session of the General Assembly at the request of Burkina Faso, Guinea, Mali, Qatar and Tunisia.
2. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 18 September 2020, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.
3. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 15th and 19th meetings, on 10 and 19 November 2020. The views of the representatives who spoke during the Committee’s consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records.¹
4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it a letter dated 15 August 2020 from the representatives of Burkina Faso, Guinea, Mali, Qatar and Tunisia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General ([A/75/194](#)).

II. Consideration of draft resolution [A/C.6/75/L.8](#)

5. At the 15th meeting, on 10 November, the representative of Qatar, also on behalf of Afghanistan, Angola, Benin, Bhutan, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, the Central African Republic, Côte d’Ivoire, Cuba, Eswatini, Fiji, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Jordan, Kiribati, Kuwait, Libya, Mali, Mauritania, Mongolia, Morocco, Senegal, the Sudan, Tajikistan, Timor-Leste, Tunisia and the United Republic of Tanzania, introduced a draft resolution entitled “Observer status for the Global Dryland Alliance in the General Assembly” ([A/C.6/75/L.8](#)) and announced that Azerbaijan, Costa Rica,

¹ [A/C.6/75/SR.15](#) and [A/C.6/75/SR.19](#).



Malaysia, Oman, the Republic of Korea, Singapore and Turkey had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

6. At the 19th meeting, on 19 November, the representative of Qatar announced that Botswana, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, the Gambia, Iraq, Lebanon, the Marshall Islands, Palau, the Republic of Moldova, Sierra Leone, Togo and Uganda had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. Subsequently, South Sudan also joined as a sponsor of the draft resolution.

7. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution [A/C.6/75/L.8](#) without a vote (see para. 8).

III. Recommendation of the Sixth Committee

8. The Sixth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Observer status for the Global Dryland Alliance in the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Wishing to promote cooperation between the United Nations and the Global Dryland Alliance,

1. *Decides* to invite the Global Dryland Alliance to participate in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly in the capacity of observer;
 2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the action necessary to implement the present resolution.
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