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THE ELABORATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION  
TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION IN THOSE COUNTRIES  
EXPERIENCING SERIOUS DROUGHT AND/OR  
DESERTIFICATION, PARTICULARLY IN AFRICA

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Agenda item 2

IMPLEMENTATION OF URGENT ACTION FOR AFRICA  
AND ACTION IN OTHER REGIONS:  
COMPILATION OF INFORMATION

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## IN THE NAME OF GOD COMPASSIONATE AND THE MERCIFUL

Followings are the latest and main activities taken or planned by the Islamic Republic of Iran for the implementation of the Desertification Convention:

1- Establishment of a national committee to combat desertification and mitigate the effects of drought, chaired by minister of Jihad e Sazandegi (struggle for reconstruction and development), Consisting of various organizations and institutions dealing directly or indirectly with renewable natural resources subjects.

2- Organizing coordinating meeting with national committee for elaboration of strategy for sustainable development and the organization of environment protection in order to prepare the long term strategy for desertification and land degradation control.

3- Establishment of a executing committee in order to formulate and prepare the I.R. Iran's national action programme with cooperation of ESCAP and UNEP.

4- Contribution to the Asia - Pacific meeting on the follow - up to the International Convention to Combat Desertification held in Yangon from 10-13 April 1995 .

5- Promoting the activities of existing NGO and encouraging the establishment of two new NGO's (rangeland protection society and supporters of environment).

6- Establishment of an excuting body for commemoration of the International Day to Combat Desertification and Drought (17 June).

7- Allocation of especial budjet in the second five year Development plan of the Islamic Republic of Iran for Desertification Control and Mitigating the effect of Drought.

8- The convention is translated into offical Iranian language (Farsi) and has been submitted to the parliment of I.R. Iran for ratification.

9- Provision of the especial budjeft in the second five year develorment plan of I.R. Iran in order to estrengthen the ESCAP Desconap Programme Office in Tehran to play its vital role in the region acording to the mandate and role of the regional network of research and Training Centers on Desertification Control in Asia and the pacific.

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