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

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(i) A coordinating body for the combating of desertification has been set up (in January 1994) and is functioning effectively. The body is chaired by the Directorate of Environmental Affairs (Dr. C.J. Brown), and consists of governmental and non-governmental institutions;

(ii) Extensive awareness activities have been undertaken, including more than 50 press and TV pieces, a one-day media workshop held, a media file of material prepared, distributed and explained, poster on desertification printed and to be launched on World Day to Combat Desertification & Drought, a brochure on economic implications of desertification prepared and widely distributed, and TV documentary on water and desertification commissioned;

(iii) A National programme has been implemented, phase I of which is completed, and phase II is now commencing. Details of this programme are set out in the Workshop Proceedings of a meeting held in Windhoek in June 1994. As part of the preparation for this workshop, 12 different rural communities were involved in the planning of Phase II.