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

Draft report of Working Group II

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A. Organization of work

1. At its 1st plenary meeting, on 13 September 1993, the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee, in accordance with resolution 2/... of 13 September 1993, allocated item 3 of its agenda, entitled "Elaboration of an international convention to combat desertification in countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa" to the working groups. Working Group II would be responsible for the elaboration of such provisions as definitions, institutional, administrative, technological and scientific aspects; research, data collection and exchange of information; and procedural arrangements and other legal provisions such as any instruments related to the convention.

2. At its 1st meeting on 14 September 1993, the Chairman made an introductory statement.

3. At the same meeting, the Working Group approved its programme of work for 14 to 24 September. Subsequently it held ____ formal meetings and ____ informal meetings during that period.

4. Working Group II had before it for its consideration a note by the Secretariat entitled "Compilation of Government views, statements and drafting proposals" (A/AC.241/12) prepared on the basis of written submissions from Governments and taking into account statements made at the first substantive session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee held at Nairobi from 24 May to 3 June 1993.

B. Discussion of topics

1. Research and development

5. The Working Group considered the topic at its 2nd and 4th meetings, on 15 and 16 September. Statements were made by the representatives of 32 States, including one speaking on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Economic Community, and one speaking on behalf of the Group of African States.

6. Statements were also made by the representatives of two United Nations specialized agencies and by the representative of an intergovernmental organization.

2. Information collection, analysis and exchange

7. The Working Group considered the topic at its 2nd and 4th meetings, on 15 and 16 September. Statements were made by representatives of 37 States, including one speaking on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Economic Community.

8. Statements were also made by the representative of a United Nations specialized agency and by the representative of an intergovernmental organization.

3. Technology transfer and cooperation

9. The Working Group considered the topic at its 3rd and 4th meetings, on 15 and 16 September. Statements were made by the representatives of 43 States, including one speaking on behalf the Group of African States and one speaking on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Economic Community.

10. Statements were also made by the representative of a United Nations specialized agency and by the representative of two intergovernmental organizations.

4. Institutions

11. The Working Group considered the topic at the 5th and 6th meetings, on 16 and 17 September. Statements were made by the representatives of 26 States, including one speaking on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Economic Community and one speaking on behalf of the Group of African States.

12. The representative of a United Nations specialized agency made a statement.

13. The representative of a non-governmental organization accredited to the Committee made a statement on behalf of the community of non-governmental organizations.

5. Procedures

14. The Working Group considered the topic at its 7th meeting, on 20 September. Statements were made by the representatives of 8 States, including one speaking on behalf of the Group of African States and one speaking on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Economic Community.

6. Final clauses

15. The Working Group considered the topic at its 7th meeting, on 20 September. Statements were made by the representatives of 14 States, including one speaking on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Economic Community.

7. Regional instruments

16. The Working Group considered the topic at its ____ and ____ meetings, on ____ and ____ September. Statements were made by the representatives of ____ States.

C. Adoption of the report of the Working Group

17. At its ____ meeting, on ____ September, the Vice-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur, Mr. Frederick E. G. Mallya, introduced the draft report (A/AC.241/WG.II/L.__).

18. At the same meeting, the Working Group adopted the draft report [as amended].