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#### Procedural matters

## **The positive role that measures taken under the Convention can play to address desertification/land degradation and drought as one of the drivers that causes migration**

### **Draft decision submitted by the Chair of the Committee of the Whole**

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Recalling* the provisions in the Convention and its annexes, where relevant, as they pertain to migration,

*Noting* United Nations General Assembly resolution 71/229 adopted on 21 December 2016,

*Acknowledging* that the preamble to the Paris Agreement states that Parties should, when taking action to address climate change, respect, promote and consider their respective obligations on the rights of migrants, and that United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 49, requests the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage to establish a task force to develop recommendations for integrated approaches to avert, minimize and address displacement related to the adverse impacts of climate change,

*Noting* the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on 19 September 2016,

*Reiterating* that the implementation of the Convention contributes to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,

*Recalling* that the UNCCD 2018–2030 Strategic Framework (to be adopted) recognizes that desertification/land degradation and drought are challenges of global dimension and contribute to and aggravate economic, social and environmental problems

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such as poverty, poor health, lack of food security, biodiversity loss, water scarcity, reduced resilience to climate change and forced migration,

1. *Invites* Parties, as appropriate, to:

(a) Promote the positive role that measures taken to implement the Convention can play to address desertification/land degradation and drought as one of the drivers that causes migration;

(b) Enhance international cooperation that aims to promote the positive role sustainable land management can play to address desertification/land degradation and drought as one of the drivers that causes migration;

2. *Requests* the secretariat to:

(a) Support Parties upon request in implementing the actions mentioned in paragraph 1 above;

(b) Commission, in consultation with the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties, subject to the availability of resources, a study on the role that measures taken to implement the Convention can play to address desertification/land degradation and drought as one of the drivers that causes migration so as to promote the objectives of the Convention;

(c) Support regional and international cooperation and initiatives that aim to promote the positive role sustainable land management can play to address desertification/land degradation and drought as one of the drivers that causes migration;

(d) Strengthen cross-sectoral cooperation with other United Nations agencies and programmes, regional and international organizations, and stakeholders to share information on the linkages between desertification/land degradation and drought and migration;

(e) Present for the consideration of the Conference of the Parties at its fourteenth session a report on the progress made in implementing this decision.

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