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

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling articles 6, 17 and 20 of the Convention,

Also recalling decisions 5/COP.11 and 6/COP.12,

Stressing the importance of the involvement of the private sector in the implementation of the Convention and the UNCCD 2018–2030 Strategic Framework (to be adopted),

Noting the dialogue with the private sector during the thirteenth session of the Conference of the Parties,

1. *Takes note of* the results of the initiatives undertaken within the business engagement strategy of the Convention, and *requests* the secretariat and the Global Mechanism to continue engaging the private sector;
2. *Requests* the secretariat to increase and enhance engagement with the private sector to promote implementation of the Convention and work to that effect in meetings and processes of the Convention, as appropriate;
3. *Also requests* the secretariat to report on the implementation of this decision at the fourteenth session of the Conference of the Parties.

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