

## Decision 30/COP.9

### **The United Nations Decade for Deserts and the Fight against Desertification (2010–2020)**

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 62/195 of 19 December 2007, which declared the decade 2010–2020 as the United Nations Decade for Deserts and the Fight against Desertification,

*Recalling also* General Assembly resolution 63/218 of 19 December 2008,

*Recalling further* decision 27/COP.8,

*Having considered* document ICCD/COP(9)/15,

*Taking into account* the success of the 2006 International Year of Deserts and Desertification in raising awareness of desertification, land degradation and drought,

1. *Recommends* to the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly to issue a call for implementation of the United Nations Decade for Deserts and the Fight against Desertification (the Decade), including the role the Executive Secretary may play in facilitating the implementation of the Decade;
2. *Invites* Parties, observers and other relevant stakeholders to organize activities to observe the Decade with the aim of raising awareness of the causes of and solutions to ongoing land degradation and desertification in the framework of the 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention (2008–2018);
3. *Invites* all relevant international organizations and developed countries to support the observance events and activities worldwide;
4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to report on the activities supporting the Decade to the Conference of the Parties at its tenth session.

*9th plenary meeting  
2 October 2009*