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Participation and involvement of the private sector in meetings and processes of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification and the business engagement strategy

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

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling articles 6, 17 and 20 of the Convention,

Also recalling decision 5/COP.11, decision 6/COP.12 and decision 6/COP.13,

Stressing the importance of the involvement of the private sector in the implementation of the Convention and the UNCCD 2018–2030 Strategic Framework,

Noting the outcomes of the Sustainable Land Management Business Forum and ‘Interactive dialogue 3: Boosting sustainable value chains for land-based business’ during the High-Level Segment,

1. *Takes note* of the initiatives undertaken within the implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification business engagement strategy;
2. *Requests* the secretariat and the Global Mechanism to continue implementing the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification business engagement strategy when engaging in partnerships with the private sector;
3. *Also requests* the secretariat and the Global Mechanism, within their respective mandates, to evaluate options to be presented for consideration at COP 15 for promoting greater participation of the private sector, particularly small and medium-sized enterprises, in the development and mainstreaming of innovative and sustainable solutions for combating desertification/land degradation and drought and achieving land degradation neutrality, including in agriculture, agricultural technology, food systems, water, rangelands, mining, forestry and renewable energy;
4. *Further requests* the secretariat and the Global Mechanism to report at future sessions of the Conference of the Parties on the measures taken to facilitate and encourage the participation and involvement of the private sector in meetings and processes of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification.

