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Summary

In the context of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention (2008–2018) (The Strategy) and the need for a coordinated system-wide response and contribution by the United Nations to its implementation, the Environment Management Group (EMG) of the United Nations jointly with the secretariat, have undertaken an exercise to identify coordinated actions within the United Nations system on land issues in the drylands. This exercise was submitted to the ninth session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention (CRIC) as a conference room paper (ICCD/CRIC(9)/CRP.1) containing inputs from EMG member agencies. In accordance with their mandates, United Nations agencies provided details on coordinated actions to address desertification/land degradation and drought. A roadmap has been formulated for the implementation by agencies of the policies on land issues contained in The Strategy. Subsequently, Parties provided inputs to the report by means of the official website of the secretariat.

For a further consideration at the tenth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 10) and the tenth session of the CRIC, the full report titled “*Global Drylands Report: A United Nations system-wide response*” is made available at the present session. This report was prepared by the Issue Management Group on land for 2010–2011, at the request of the secretariat and under the coordination of the EMG.

The report was prepared in accordance with decision 8/COP.9 for the review and assessment of progress of that decision, which the CRIC will carry out in accordance with its programme of work, and report on accordingly to COP 10.

The full report will be circulated without further editing, in the form and language in which it is provided to the secretariat.