4. Notes the reiteration by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention that the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action shall be guided by the principles of the Convention;

5. Also notes the request of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention that the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action further elaborate elements for a draft negotiating text, taking into consideration its work, including its work on mitigation, adaptation, finance, technology development and transfer, capacity-building and transparency of action and support;

6. Takes note of the report of the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change on the United Nations Climate Change Conference held in Warsaw from 11 to 23 November 2013;

7. Also takes note of decision 2/CP.19, taken by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention at its nineteenth session, and resolves to work together to implement and operationalize the Warsaw international mechanism for loss and damage associated with climate change impacts;

8. Notes the conclusion of the Secretary-General's Climate Summit, and welcomes its contribution to the existing political momentum, with a view to galvanizing action to address climate change;

9. Notes with appreciation the hosting by the Government of Peru of the twentieth session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention and the tenth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, in Lima from 1 to 12 December 2014;

10. Invites the secretariat of the Convention to report, through the Secretary-General, to the General Assembly at its seventieth session on the work of the Conference of the Parties;

11. Requests the Secretary-General to make provisions for the sessions of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention and its subsidiary bodies in his proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016–2017;

12. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its seventieth session, under the item entitled “Sustainable development”, the sub-item entitled “Protection of global climate for present and future generations of humankind”.

**Convention to combat desertification**

As at 31 December, 194 States and the EU were parties to the 1994 United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa (UNCCD) [YUN 1994, p. 944], which entered into force in 1996 [YUN 1996, p. 958]. Canada withdrew from the Convention and South Sudan acceded during the year.

In his September note on the implementation of UN environmental conventions [A/69/317], the Secretary-General transmitted to the General Assembly the report of the Convention secretariat. The report reviewed the major outcomes of the eleventh (2013) session of the Conference of the Parties of relevance to the General Assembly; follow-up to the outcomes of the eleventh (2013) session of the Conference of the Parties of relevance to General Assembly processes, including the establishment of an intergovernmental working group and a science-policy interface mechanism; UN secretariat leadership dealing with desertification, land degradation and drought issues; desertification, land degradation and drought in the context of the sustainable development goals and the post-2015 development agenda; the interim report of the co-chairs of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals (see p. 945) submitted to the General Assembly; the discussion by the Open Working Group on possible goals and targets; celebrations of the World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought; collaboration with gef; and exchanges regarding the next (2015) meetings of the Conference of the Parties and its subsidiary bodies.

**UN Decade for Deserts and the Fight against Desertification**

In response to resolution 64/201 [YUN 2009, p. 1025], in which the General Assembly designated the UNCCD secretariat as the focal point for the 2010–2020 United Nations Decade for Deserts and the Fight against Desertification, the Secretary-General submitted an August report [A/69/311] on the implementation of the Decade, highlighting the initiatives of the secretariat, including efforts to carry out activities collaboratively with Member States, stakeholders and other UN entities. Activities to implement the Decade, with the objective of enhancing awareness of desertification, land degradation and drought issues, included the organization of global and regional launches of the Decade; side events at conferences; publications; web-based outreach; support to the World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought; and joint observances and other special initiatives. The report concluded with lessons learned and recommendations for continuing to advance the objectives of the Decade.

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY ACTION**

On 19 December [meeting 75], the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee [A/69/468/Add.5], adopted resolution 69/221 without vote [agenda item 19 (g)].

**Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa**

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 68/213 of 20 December 2013, as well as other resolutions relating to the implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa,

Recalling also the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, entitled