

**DECISION ON THE AFRICAN UNION ACCESSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS
CONVENTION TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION (UNCCD)
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The Assembly,

1. **RECOGNIZES** the importance of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) in those countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa for the livelihoods of millions of Africans affected by land degradation, desertification and drought;
2. **TAKES NOTE** of the proposal by H.E. President Idriss Deby Itno of the Republic of Chad calling on the African Union to accede to UNCCD;
3. **ALSO TAKES NOTE** of the recommendation of the Executive Council as contained in Decision EX.CL/Dec. 515(XV) adopted in Sirte, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya in June 2009;
4. **AUTHORIZES** the African Union to accede to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD).

