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Agenda item 19 (e)

Sustainable development: implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa

Draft decision submitted by the President of the General Assembly*

High-level dialogue to assess the progress made in the fight against desertification, land degradation and drought and to map the way forward

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution [74/220](#) of 19 December 2019, in which the President of the General Assembly was invited, with the support of the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, to organize, during the seventy-fourth session of the Assembly, a high-level dialogue to assess the progress made in the fight against desertification, land degradation and drought and to map the way forward, in the light of the United Nations Decade for Deserts and the Fight against Desertification, which is coming to an end in 2020,

Noting with concern the situation arising out of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19),

Decides to postpone to its seventy-fifth session the invitation to the President of the General Assembly to organize, with the support of the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, the high-level dialogue to assess the progress made in the fight against desertification, land degradation and drought and to map the way forward, in the light of the United Nations Decade for Deserts and the Fight against Desertification, which is coming to an end in 2020.

* In order for the General Assembly to take action on the present proposal, it will be necessary to reopen consideration of agenda item 19 (e) and to consider it directly in the Assembly.

