

**DECISION ON THE POSITION OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY FOR THE UNITED
NATIONS CONVENTION TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION (UNCCD)
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The Executive Council:

1. **RECOGNIZES** the importance of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) for the livelihoods of millions of Africans affected by drought and desertification;
2. **RECALLS** the singular importance of the Convention for the development of Africa;
3. **TAKES NOTE** of the end of the term of office of the current Executive Secretary of the Convention;
4. **EXPRESSES ITS APPRECIATION** and gratitude to the Executive Secretary of the UNCCD, Ambassador Hama Arba Diallo for his commitment, dedication and leadership, during the negotiations and the implementation of the Convention;
5. **REITERATES** the utmost importance that Africa attaches to the Convention and **RECOMMENDS** to the Secretary General of the United Nations to appoint another African to the helm of the Permanent Secretariat of the Convention;
6. **REQUESTS** the Chairperson of the Commission to consult with and engage all relevant key partners as well as to make all required arrangements to implement this decision and to report thereon to the next Ordinary Session of the Council scheduled for January 2008.

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