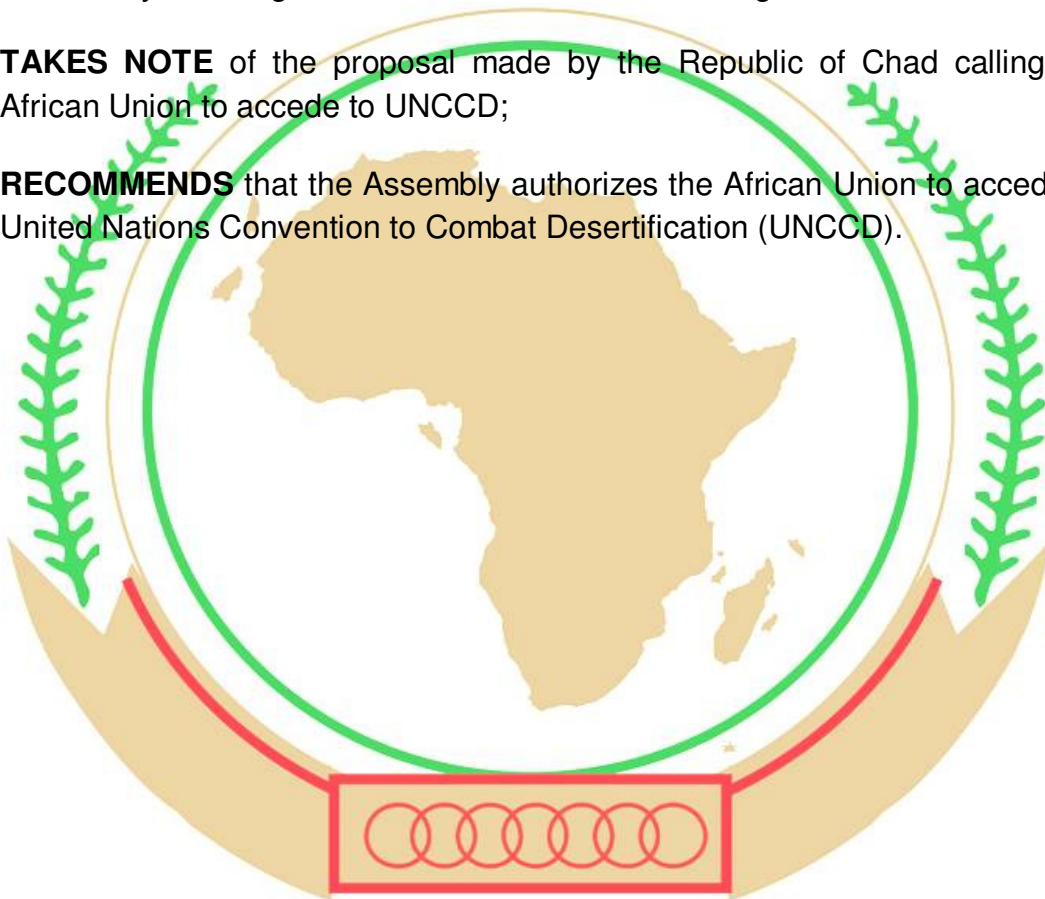


**DECISION ON THE AFRICAN UNION ACCESSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS  
CONVENTION TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION (UNCCD)  
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**The Executive Council,**

1. **RECOGNIZES** the importance of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) 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 made by the Republic of Chad calling on the African Union to accede to UNCCD;
3. **RECOMMENDS** that the Assembly authorizes the African Union to accede to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD).



**Adopted by the Fifteenth Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in Sirte, Great  
Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya on 1 July 2009**