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Communication from the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification: copy of "Handbook for Parliamentarians"

Honorable President Lykketoft,

Pursuant to a joint initiative by the President of the Steering Committee of the Forum of Parliamentarians and the secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), I am pleased to share an electronic copy of the "Handbook for Parliamentarians" with you. A draft of this document has been reviewed on the occasion of the Tenth Session of the Round Table of Parliamentarians, which took place in the sidelines of the eleventh session of the UNCCD Conference of the Parties in Windhoek, Namibia in September 2013. The final version of the handbook is now available in French, English, and Spanish languages. To access the document, please click on the provided links below.

English:

<http://www.unccd.int/Lists/SiteDocumentLibrary/Parliament/Handbook%20for%20Parliamentarians-eng.pdf>

The document aims to be a practical guide for the actions of parliamentarians in the context of the implementation of the UNCCD and its 10-year Strategy (2008-2018). It further explores ways in which Parliamentarians can stimulate adequate actions at national and international levels and foster greater cooperation with all stakeholders involved in the UNCCD implementation process.

I do hope that the handbook will be useful to those parliamentarians working on sustainable development issues, particularly desertification, land degradation, and the effect of drought.

Yours sincerely,

[signed]

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