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Section 1: Desertification is defined as the rapid depletion of plant life and the loss of topsoil at desert boundaries and in semiarid regions, usually caused by a combination of drought and the overexploitation of grasses and other vegetation by people.

Section 2: Every continent besides Antarctica is in some way vulnerable to desertification.

Section 3: Some causes of desertification can be attributed to irresponsible irrigation, and over drafting of ground water, but the number one cause is overgrazing of livestock.

Section 4: Desertification reduces the ability of land to support life, affecting wild species, domestic animals, agricultural crops, and people. The reduction in plant cover that accompanies desertification leads to accelerated soil erosion by wind and water.

Section 5: Desertification also drains water from the ground and lakes, as seen in Lake Chad, which shrank 95% from 1963-1998.

Section 6: We will try to reduce desertification by integrating land and water management to protect soils from erosion by planting perennial crops, protecting the vegetative cover, integrating the use of land for grazing and farming, and applying a combination of traditional practices with locally acceptable technologies.

Section 7: This proposal will be funded for by FAO, the food and agricultural organization of the United Nations.

Section 8: This proposal will go into effect January 1, 2014.