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COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Draft decision submitted by the Chairman of the
Committee on Science and Technology

Programme of work of the Committee on Science and Technology

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decision 11/COP.1 on procedures for the communication of information and review of implementation, in particular paragraph 18 of the procedures annexed to that decision, which concerns the review process,

Recalling also decision 12/COP.2 on the work programme of the Committee on Science and Technology,

1. *Decides* that the priority issue to be addressed in depth by the Committee on Science and Technology at its fourth session shall be the applications of traditional knowledge, benchmarks and indicators and early warning systems to the monitoring and assessment of sustainable soil and water management in dryland areas for effective implementation of the national action programmes, taking into account similar and complementary work done by other conventions;

2. *Also decides* that the agenda for the fourth session of the Committee shall include the topics on the agenda of the third session of the Committee;

3. *Requests* the secretariat to facilitate the convening of at least one inter-sessional bureau meeting of the Committee for the review of decisions taken by the Conference of the Parties and other related matters regarding the work of the Committee, especially the planning and organization of the next session of the Committee.
