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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION

(i) CONSIDERATION OF AN ADDITIONAL REGIONAL IMPLEMENTATION ANNEX
TO THE CONVENTION, WITH A VIEW TO ADOPTING IT

Draft decision submitted by the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole

Adoption of a regional implementation annex for Central and
Eastern Europe

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling resolutions 52/198 of 18 December 1997 and 53/191 of 15 December 1998 of the General Assembly of the United Nations on the implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification,

Recalling also decision 11/COP.2, in which the Conference of the Parties urged the observer countries of Central and Eastern Europe to take appropriate action to become parties to the Convention and invited them to produce a draft additional regional implementation annex to the Convention for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its third session,

Recalling also decision 7/COP.3, whereby the Conference of the Parties invited the countries of Central and Eastern Europe and all Parties to the Convention to continue, under the auspices of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties, the process of consultations on the draft additional regional implementation annex with a view to adopting it at its fourth session,

Welcoming the process of accession of the countries of Central and Eastern Europe to the Convention as well as the progress made in producing a draft additional regional implementation annex to the Convention for countries of Central and Eastern Europe,

Recalling article 30 of the Convention which states that amendments to the Convention shall be adopted at an ordinary session of the Conference of the Parties and that the text of a proposed amendment shall be communicated to the Parties at least six months before the meeting at which it is proposed for adoption,

Recalling that the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties at its meeting on 23 March 2000 considered that the above-mentioned draft additional regional implementation annex constituted a proposed amendment to the Convention and that no further notification to Parties was required for its consideration and

possible adoption at the fourth session of the Conference of the Parties. Also recalling that the Bureau recommended that the Conference of the Parties consider for adoption the proposed additional regional implementation annex at its fourth session,

Recalling also resolution 54/223 of 22 December 1999, in which the General Assembly welcomed the progress made in producing a draft additional regional implementation annex to the Convention for countries of Central and Eastern Europe, and invited those countries to continue their efforts towards acceding to the Convention,

1. *Decides* to adopt the regional implementation annex to the Convention for Central and Eastern Europe as contained in the annex of ICCD/COP(3)/16;

2. *Decides* that in accordance with articles 31, para. 1 and 39 of the Convention, the additional annex shall be forwarded to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and requests the Secretary-General to communicate the adoption of the annex to all Parties;

3. *Requests* the secretariat to make all necessary arrangements for the annex to be deposited.

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