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COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

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

Survey and evaluation of existing networks,
institutions, agencies and bodies

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling article 25 of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD),

Recalling also its decisions 23/COP.1, 17/COP.2, 13/COP.3 and 17/COP.4,

Bearing in mind the usefulness of this survey and evaluation for the implementation of the Convention,

Recognizing the efforts made by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and members of its consortium in this respect,

Having reviewed the positive results of the Desk evaluation report of Phase 1 of the survey and evaluation of existing networks to support the implementation of the UNCCD,

Taking note of the lack of financial support for the proposal for Phase 2 as contained in ICCD/COP(4)/CST/3.Add.1,

Taking into consideration the request made by the Bureau of the Committee on Science and Technology (CST) to UNEP on behalf of its consortium members, to submit a revised proposal on Phase 2 for consideration by the CST at its fifth session,

1. *Accepts* the revised proposal put forward by UNEP on behalf of its consortium members, as contained in ICCD/COP(5)/CST/3;

2. *Requests* the secretariat to enter into the necessary contractual arrangements with UNEP for the implementation of Phase 2 of the survey and evaluation of existing networks, institutions, agencies and bodies, as soon as the necessary funding arrangements have been made;

3. *Requests* UNEP on behalf of its consortium members to submit to the secretariat an interim progress report for presentation to the CST Bureau at its inter-sessional meeting, and submit a report to the Conference of the Parties;

4. *Requests* Parties, signatories to the Convention and interested organizations to contribute to the Trust Fund established for the purpose of funding the work contemplated by this decision.

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