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**REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION AND OF ITS
INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 22,
PARAGRAPH 2(A) AND (B), AND ARTICLE 26 OF THE CONVENTION**

**Review of the policies, operational modalities and activities
of the Global Mechanism**

Draft decision submitted by the Chairperson of the Committee
for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention

The Conference of the Parties;

Recalling article 21, paragraphs 4, 5 and 7, of the Convention;

Recalling further its decisions 24/COP.1, 25/COP.1, 18/COP.2 and 9/COP.3 on the Global Mechanism (GM);

Having considered the report by the Managing Director of the GM on behalf of the President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), as contained in document ICCD/CRIC(2)/4, and the independent evaluation of the GM, conducted at the request of the President of the fifth session of the Conference of the Parties, as contained in document ICCD/CRIC(2)/5;

Welcoming the collective efforts of the members of the Facilitation Committee of the GM in supporting the preparation of a revised Business Plan 2003-2006;

Mindful of the need for the GM to implement its Business Plan, taking fully into consideration the decisions of the COP on the next steps in the implementation process where resource mobilization is concerned, including coordination and partnership agreements;

1. *Requests* the GM to refocus its activities and resources in the light of the three main objectives of mobilizing financial resources to support the UNCCD implementation process,

broadening the funding basis for the UNCCD implementation and developing an information system and a knowledge and communication strategy in the light of its mandate;

2. *Also requests* that the GM expand its reach through networking approaches, particularly to foster the supply side of bilateral and multilateral finance for the Convention;

3. *Recommends* that the Managing Director of the GM strengthen an organic relationship with IFAD with a view toward generating programmatic convergence and increasing the channelling of IFAD resources for the implementation of the UNCCD;

4. *Requests* the GM to adopt a joint work program with the UNCCD secretariat with the aim of maximizing the impact of resources and actions, avoiding duplication and overlap, and tapping into the expertise, added value, and network of each organization in a collaborative manner as action programmes are implemented;

5. *Also requests* the GM to assist in mobilizing new sources of financing such as private capital, foreign direct investment, carbon financing, and grants from private foundations;

6. *Urges* the members of the Facilitation Committee of the GM to clearly enhance collaboration and support in order to improve programmatic convergence in the deployment of their activities within the UNCCD framework, notably with regard to the role of Global Environment Facility implementing agencies in developing actions and projects relating to the new Global Environment Facility Operational Programme on Sustainable Land Management;

7. *Invites* country Parties sitting on the governing boards of the institutions members of the Facilitation Committee of the GM to encourage the coherence of their respective policy and strategy frameworks so as to give a more direct response to the needs of the poor in the drylands through the UNCCD implementation process;

8. *Further invites* developed country Parties to liaise more proactively with the GM so as to advise on the channelling of bilateral financial and technical resources to and through the UNCCD implementation process;

9. *Requests* IFAD and the Managing Director of the GM to take all necessary measures to effectively implement the revised Business Plan, including through the review of GM staffing and greater coordination between IFAD and the GM;

10. *Decides* that the third comprehensive review of policies, operational modalities and activities of the GM will take place at the ninth session of the Conference of the Parties in 2009, with a view to assessing the continued relevance, impact, effectiveness and efficiency of the GM in delivering its mandate under the Convention.

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