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COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

**Review, pursuant to article 22, paragraph 2(d), of the Convention, of the
report of the Committee on Science and Technology, including its
recommendations to the Conference of the Parties and its
programme of work, and the provision of guidance to it**

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

The Millennium Ecosystem Assessment

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decision 19/COP.6 on the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment (MA) and noting that the MA has been completed,

Taking note of the presentations made by representatives of the MA as well as of the information contained in document ICCD/COP(7)/CST/9 and the comments made by the Committee on Science and Technology (CST) at its seventh session,

Acknowledging that the Convention could especially benefit from the MA findings in its further consideration of benchmarks, indicators, and monitoring and assessment activities,

1. *Encourages* the Parties to consider the findings, conclusions and recommendations contained in the Summary for Decision-Makers in the Desertification Synthesis, and to make the best possible use of them in addressing the problems of land degradation;
2. *Invites* the CST to take the findings of the MA into consideration in its programme of work, inter alia in the Group of Experts' activities for the remainder of their term.

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