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Additional procedures or institutional mechanisms to assist the Conference of the Parties
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**Additional procedures or institutional mechanisms to assist the
Conference of the Parties in regularly reviewing the
implementation of the Convention**

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

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling its decision 1/COP.5 as well as decisions 7/COP.6 and 7/COP.7,

Aware of decisions 11/COP.1, 8/COP.4, 10/COP.4, 3/COP.5, 10/COP.5, 1/COP.6 and 4/COP.6,

Having considered the views and suggestions of country Parties on how to improve existing and create additional procedures or institutional mechanisms to assist the Conference of the Parties (COP) in regularly reviewing the implementation of the Convention, as presented in the written proposals submitted by country Parties called for by decision 7/COP.7 and the document prepared by the secretariat (ICCD/COP(8)/3),

Having also considered input received through the two intergovernmental processes established by COP 7, namely, the Intergovernmental Intersessional Working Group dealing with the 10-year strategic plan and the framework for enhancing the implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), and the process related to the Ad Hoc Working Group on improving the procedures for communication of information,

1. *Decides* to renew the mandate of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention (CRIC) as a subsidiary body of the COP;

2. *Also decides* that the CRIC shall function under its present terms of reference as specified in decision 1/COP5, where applicable;
3. *Further decides* that the COP, at its ninth session, shall consider and revise as necessary the terms of reference of the CRIC, bearing in mind the strategic plan and role of the CRIC as specified in the relevant COP 8 decisions and the outcomes of CRIC 7 and CRIC 8;
4. *Requests* that the provisional agenda for CRIC 8 be prepared by the Chairperson of the CRIC in consultation with the secretariat;
5. *Invites* Parties, in particular developed country Parties, and interested organizations as well as the private sector to voluntarily contribute financially to the organization of these two official sessions of the CRIC;
6. *Requests* the Executive Secretary in collaboration with the Global Mechanism to bring to the attention of donors the importance of financial support to national reporting, particularly from the Global Environment Facility and other financial institutions, in order to achieve monitoring capacity at national level in affected country Parties and a consequent higher quality of national reports;
7. *Requests* the secretariat to circulate in all official languages at least six weeks prior to CRIC 7 appropriate documentation for that session.

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