

Decision 1/COP.5

Additional procedures or institutional mechanisms to assist in
the review of the implementation of the Convention

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling article 22, paragraph 2 (a), (c), (d) and (h) of the Convention,

Recalling also article 23, paragraph 2 (a), (b) and (c), and article 26 of the Convention,

Further recalling its decision 11/COP.1 on Procedures for the Communication of Information and Review of the Implementation, paragraph 4 of decision 3/COP.4 on Procedures for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention, and paragraph 2 (a) of decision 5/COP.4 on the Programme of Work of the Conference of the Parties,

1. *Decides* to establish a committee for the review of the implementation of the Convention (CRIC) as a subsidiary body of the Conference of the Parties to assist it in regularly reviewing the implementation of the Convention;

2. *Decides also* to adopt the terms of reference of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention as contained in the annex to this decision;

3. *Decides further* that the mandate and functions of the Committee as contained in paragraph 1 (b) of the terms of reference shall be subject to renewal at the seventh session of the Conference of the Parties, in the light of lessons learned during the overall review of the Committee;

4. *Decides furthermore* that the Conference of the Parties shall, no later than its seventh ordinary session, review the terms of reference of the Committee, its operations and its schedule of meetings, with a view to making any necessary modification, including reconsidering the need for and modalities of the Committee as a subsidiary body;

5. *Invites* Parties to submit written proposals to the secretariat no later than 31 January 2003 on criteria against which the Committee will be reviewed, with a view to determining such criteria at the sixth session of the Conference of the Parties;

6. *Decides* that the first session of the CRIC, to be held in November 2002, shall review updates to reports already available and/or new reports from all regions, to be submitted no later than 30 April 2002, and that the second session of the CRIC, to be held during the sixth session of the Conference of the Parties, shall carry out its functions pursuant to paragraph 1 (b) of the terms of reference. After the sixth session of the Conference of the Parties, the review shall be conducted in accordance with the timetable outlined in paragraphs 13 to 15 of decision 11/COP.1. The review shall focus on specific thematic issues identified by Parties.

7. *Requests* the secretariat, in accordance with the terms of reference, to compile, synthesize and provide a preliminary analysis of the reports submitted by Parties and observers and the reports on regional inputs, along thematic priorities identified by the Parties for submission to the CRIC;

8. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to facilitate the preparation of regional inputs for the review process, in cooperation with interested Parties, international, regional and subregional organizations and coordinating mechanisms, and representatives of civil society;

9. *Invites* Parties, in particular developed country Parties and interested organizations as well as private sector and non-governmental organizations, to contribute financially to the organization of regional meetings, including the preparation of national reports, and to the participation of representatives of affected developing country Parties, in particular the least developed among them, with a view to facilitating the preparation of regional inputs for the review process;

10. *Decides* that the key thematic topics for the review, up to and including the seventh session of the Conference of the Parties, shall be the following:

- participatory processes involving civil society, non-governmental organizations and community-based organizations;
- legislative and institutional frameworks or arrangements;
- resource mobilization and coordination, both domestic and international, including conclusions of partnership agreements;
- linkages and synergies with other environmental conventions and, as appropriate, with national development strategies;
- measures for the rehabilitation of degraded land and for early warning systems for mitigating the effects of drought;
- drought and desertification monitoring and assessment;
- access by affected country Parties, particularly affected developing country Parties, to appropriate technology, knowledge and know-how;

11. *Requests* the secretariat to circulate in all official languages at least six weeks prior to the first session of the Committee appropriate documentation for that session.

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12 October 2001*