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Agenda item 4

Procedural matters: Programme of work for the seventeenth session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention

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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 22, paragraph 2 (a) and (c) of the Convention,

Also recalling article 23, paragraph 2 (a)–(c) and article 26 of the Convention,

Further recalling decision XX/COP.13 and its annex, containing the terms of reference of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention,

Highlighting the importance of allocating sufficient time for implementation review discussions among Parties at intersessional sessions of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention,

Also highlighting the importance of engaging development partners, such as United Nations agencies, intergovernmental organizations, civil society and other groups, as appropriate, in the interactive sessions of the intersessional session,

Recognizing that regional meetings play an important role in reviewing progress and make a useful contribution to the implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) and the UNCCD 2018–2030 Strategic Framework (to be adopted),

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1. *Decides* to include the following items in the agenda of the seventeenth session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention for the Parties to review and discuss:

(a) Inputs from regional meetings in preparation for the seventeenth session of the Committee;

(b) Implementation using the progress indicators contained in the UNCCD 2018–2030 Strategic Framework (to be adopted);

(c) Implementation of voluntary land degradation neutrality (LDN) targets;

(d) Implementation framework of the UNCCD 2018–2030 Strategic Framework (to be adopted);

(e) Financial flows for the implementation of the Convention;

(f) Procedures for communication of information, as well as the quality and formats of reports to be submitted to the Conference of the Parties;

(g) Default data and the proposed methodology to formulate national voluntary LDN targets;

2. *Requests* the secretariat to circulate in all United Nations languages, at least six weeks prior to the seventeenth session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention, a provisional annotated agenda and appropriate documentation for that session, reflecting the items contained in paragraph 1 above, as well as any additional items necessitated by decisions adopted by the thirteenth session of the Conference of the Parties.
