

Decision 11/COP.3Benchmarks and indicators

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling its decision 22/COP.1, by which it requested Governments to initiate testing of the implementation indicators identified in document A/AC.241/INF.4 as revised by document ICCD/COP(1)/CST/3/Add.1, and to report on the utility of such implementation indicators in national reporting to the Conference of the Parties at its third session,

Recalling also its decision 16/COP.2,

Noting with appreciation the report of the ad hoc panel that acted as a steering committee to the open-ended informal consultative process on benchmarks and indicators^{1/},

Taking note with satisfaction of the national reports of some affected African country Parties summarized in document ICCD/COP(3)/5/Add.2 and the other reports referring to this issue,

1. *Urges* Parties to initiate testing of the impact indicators proposed by the panel^{2/} and encourages the use of these indicators as well as the use of numerical indicators enabling comparison of status on desertification and implementation, in national reporting to the Conference of the Parties at its fourth session,

2. *Urges* also Parties and other countries in a position to provide assistance, as well as international organizations, to mobilize technical, scientific and financial support for the affected country Parties, and to initiate the testing of impact indicators, particularly at the national level.

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^{1/} ICCD/COP(2)/CST/3/Add.1.

^{2/} ICCD/COP(2)/CST/3/Add.1.