

Decision 11/COP.5

Benchmarks and indicators

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling its decisions 22/COP.1, 16/COP.2, 11/COP.3, and 11/COP.4,

Noting with appreciation the work undertaken by the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel (CILSS) and the Sahara and Sahel Observatory (OSS) on their initiative on the development of benchmarks and indicators, as well as their reports contained in ICCD/COP(5)/CST/7,

1. *Encourages* the CILSS and OSS, the countries of the GRULAC region and other interested organizations, including non-governmental organizations, to continue their initiative on the development of benchmarks and indicators for the implementation of the Convention;

2. *Encourages* the Parties to develop and test appropriate benchmarks and indicators, in particular those which target the local level and the involvement of civil society, and to report on the results to the Committee on Science and Technology at its next session;

3. *Invites* the secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification and the Global Mechanism to take the necessary measures to facilitate South-South exchanges on benchmarks and indicators, including the strengthening of capacities;

4. *Invites* the Parties to contribute technically and financially to the initiatives undertaken by developing country Parties to develop and test appropriate benchmarks and indicators, including activities for training and capacity development.

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