

**Decision 12/COP.2**

Work programme of the Committee on Science and Technology

*The Conference of the Parties,*

Recalling decision 16/COP.1 on the work programme of the Committee on Science and Technology,

1. *Decides* that the priority issue to be addressed in depth by the Committee on Science and Technology at its third session shall be early-warning systems in its broadest sense;

2. *Also decides* that the agenda for the third session of the Committee shall include the other topics on the agenda for the second session of the Committee;

3. *Requests* the Convention secretariat to facilitate the convening of at least one inter-sessional bureau meeting of the Committee within existing resources for the review of decisions taken by the Conference of the Parties and other related matters regarding the work of the Committee, especially the planning and organization of the next session of the Committee;

4. *Invites* Parties to submit contributions in writing not exceeding 10 pages to the Convention secretariat no later than 30 June 1999, referring to the priority issues to be addressed at the third session of the Committee, reporting on already existing experiences of early-warning systems as well as on specialized institutions acting in this field to facilitate the preparation of the third session.

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