

Decision 12/COP.5

Traditional knowledge

The Conference of the Parties,

Considering the reports¹ and recommendations of the two ad hoc panels on traditional knowledge,

Recalling its decision 12/COP.4 on traditional knowledge,

Taking note that the Italian Government is in the process of establishing an international research centre on traditional knowledge at Matera, Italy,

Also taking note with appreciation of the proposal² presented by the Italian Government on its work on traditional knowledge,

1. *Encourages* the Italian Government to revise its proposal, taking into account the comments and observations presented by the members of the Committee on Science and Technology (CST) at the fifth session of the CST;

2. *Invites* the Italian Government to continue its work on traditional knowledge undertaken in collaboration with the other interested institutions;

3. *Requests* the Parties, international organizations and institutions dealing with traditional knowledge, and the Global Mechanism, to explore a partnership agreement to establish a network on traditional knowledge as proposed by the Government of Italy.

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¹ ICCD/COP(3)/CST/3 and ICCD/COP(4)/CST/2.

² ICCD/COP(5)/CST/2.