

**Decision 13/COP.3**Survey and evaluation of existing networks, institutions,  
agencies and bodies

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Recalling* article 25 of the Convention,

*Recalling also* its decisions 23/COP.1 and 17/COP.2,

*Noting* the necessary contractual arrangements entered into by the head of the secretariat with the United Nations Environment Programme on behalf of the Conference of the Parties for the completion of phase one of the work on the survey and evaluation of existing networks, institutions, agencies and bodies,

*Recognizing* the effort made by the United Nations Environment Programme and members of its consortium in this respect,

*Taking note* of the interim report on phase one of the survey and evaluation<sup>1/</sup>, submitted by the United Nations Environment Programme on behalf of its consortium of partners undertaking that phase,

*Taking note also* of a number of issues and outstanding questions that remain in terms of reporting on technical and financial issues from phase one,

*Bearing in mind* the utility of this survey and evaluation for the implementation of the Convention,

*Bearing in mind also* that phase two will necessitate a pilot approach to advance the survey and evaluation as a whole and further develop and test survey instruments with a view to evaluating both the interest and the capabilities of networks, institutions, agencies and bodies to support the implementation of the Convention,

1. *Supports* the realization of a second phase that will focus on the southern Africa subregion;

2. *Requests* the secretariat to draft the terms of reference for phase two of the survey and evaluation, based on the phase one report and the discussions in the Committee on Science and Technology, as well as possible further inputs from Parties on their expectations of phase two, to be sent to the secretariat no later than 31 December 1999;

3. *Requests* the United Nations Environment Programme to submit an update to the above report on phase one, based on the discussions of the Committee on Science and Technology at its third session and written comments to be sent by the Parties no later than 31 December 1999 through the secretariat;

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<sup>1/</sup> ICCD/COP(3)/CST/4.

4. *Requests* the Bureau of the Committee on Science and Technology, at its inter-sessional meeting, and after satisfactory consultation with the regional groups, to approve the terms of reference for phase two of the survey prepared by the secretariat;

5. *Authorizes* the secretariat to initiate the open tendering process for contractors to implement phase two of the survey and evaluation, and subsequently to enter into a contractual arrangement with the successful bidder.

*11th plenary  
25 November 1999*