

**Decision 13/COP.4**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, 17/COP.2 and 13/COP.3,

*Recognizing* the efforts made by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and members of its consortium in this respect,

*Having reviewed* the written comments received by the secretariat from Parties, and the final report on phase one of the survey and evaluation submitted by UNEP on behalf of the consortium of agencies undertaking that phase,

*Having reviewed also* the relevant documents prepared for the Committee on Science and Technology at its fourth session, including the terms of reference for phase two of the survey and evaluation<sup>1/</sup> to be carried out in the southern African subregion, and the proposal submitted by UNEP on behalf of its consortium members<sup>2/</sup>,

*Taking note* of the recommendations of the Bureau of the Committee on Science and Technology on this subject<sup>3/</sup>,

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

1. *Accepts* the proposal put forward by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) on behalf of its consortium members, as contained in ICCD/COP(4)/CST/3/Add.1;

2. *Requests* the secretariat to enter into the necessary contractual arrangements with UNEP for the implementation of phase two of the survey and evaluation of existing networks, institutions, agencies and bodies;

3. *Requests* UNEP on behalf of its consortium members to submit to the secretariat an interim progress report for presentation to the Conference of the Parties at its fifth session;

4. *Requests* Parties, signatories to the Convention and interested organizations including the Global Environment Facility to contribute to the Trust Fund established by resolution 47/188 of the General Assembly of the United Nations for the purpose of funding the work contemplated by this decision.

*12th Plenary  
22 December 2000*

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

<sup>2/</sup> ICCD/COP(4)/CST/3/Add.1.

<sup>3/</sup> ICCD/COP(4)/INF.7.