

**Decision 14/COP.5**

Early warning systems

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Considering* the reports and recommendations of the ad hoc panels on early warning systems<sup>1</sup> as well as the recommendations of the Bureau of the Committee on Science and Technology<sup>2</sup>,

*Recalling* decision 14/COP.4 to reappoint an ad hoc panel on early warning systems,

1. *Requests* the secretariat to seek the necessary resources to publish and distribute in a suitable form, as widely as possible, the report together with the background papers submitted to the reappointed ad hoc panel on early warning systems;

2. *Invites* the Parties, according to their financial and technical capacities, to carry out pilot studies on early warning systems utilizing the recommendations of the ad hoc panel, and to report on progress to the CST at an appropriate session;

3. *Encourages* Parties and international organizations to provide technical and financial support to developing country Parties wishing to carry out such pilot studies on early warning systems.

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<sup>1</sup> ICCD/COP(4)/CST/4 and ICCD/COP(5)/CST/4.

<sup>2</sup> ICCD/COP(5)/INF.6.