

**Decision 14/COP.7**

The Millennium Ecosystem Assessment

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Recalling* decision 19/COP.6 on the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment (MA) and noting that the MA has been completed,

*Taking note* of the presentations made by representatives of the MA as well as of the information contained in document ICCD/COP(7)/CST/9 and the comments made by the CST at its seventh session,

*Acknowledging* that the Convention could especially benefit from the MA findings in its further consideration of benchmarks, indicators, and monitoring and assessment activities,

1. *Encourages* the Parties to consider the findings, conclusions and response options contained in the “Ecosystems and Human Well-being: Desertification Synthesis”, and to make the best possible use of them in addressing the problems of land degradation;
2. *Invites* the CST to take the findings of the MA into consideration in its programme of work, inter alia in the GoE’s activities for the remainder of their term.

*12<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting  
28 October 2005*