

**Decision 16/COP.5**

Programme of work of the Committee on Science and Technology

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Recalling* decision 11/COP.1 on procedures for the communication of information and review of implementation, and in particular paragraph 18 of the procedures annexed to that decision, which concerns the review process,

*Recalling also* decisions 16/COP.3 and 16/COP.4 on the work programme of the Committee on Science and Technology (CST),

1. *Decides* that the priority issue to be addressed in depth by the CST at its sixth session shall be:

“Land degradation, vulnerability and rehabilitation: an integrated approach”;

2. *Invites* Parties to submit reports on case studies illustrating best practices and innovative research relating to the above theme, which should not exceed ten pages in length, and which should be transmitted to the secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification no later than four months before the next session;

3. *Requests* the secretariat to prepare a synthesis of such reports for consideration at the sixth session of the CST;

4. *Decides also* that the agenda for the sixth session of the CST shall include, *inter alia*, the topics on the agenda of the fifth session of the CST;

5. *Requests* the secretariat to facilitate the convening of one inter-sessional Bureau meeting of the CST for the review of decisions taken by the Conference of the Parties and other related matters regarding the work of the CST, especially the planning and organization of the next session of the CST.

*11th plenary meeting  
12 October 2001*