

**Decision 18/COP.4**Dryland Degradation Assessment and the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Noting* with appreciation the initiatives on Dryland Degradation Assessment (LADA) and the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment carried out by various international organizations and institutions, with the collaboration of the secretariat,

*Taking* note of the presentations made by representatives of LADA and the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment;

*Taking* note also of the proposals on LADA and the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment contained in ICCD/COP(4)/INF.6, and the involvement of the secretariat in the two initiatives,

1. *Requests* the secretariat to continue following closely the activities of the Dryland Degradation Assessment and the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment and to facilitate the involvement of the Parties, in order that the concerns of the Parties are taken into account in the assessments;

2. *Requests* the secretariat to report on the progress of these two initiatives at the fifth session of the Committee on Science and Technology.

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