

Decision 19/COP.5

Dryland Degradation Assessment and the
Millennium Ecosystem Assessment

The Conference of the Parties,

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

Taking note of the presentations made by representatives of the LADA and the MEA as well as the information contained in ICCD/COP(5)/INF.7,

1. *Requests* the secretariat to continue to follow closely the activities of the LADA and the MEA 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 next session of the Committee on Science and Technology.

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12 October 2001*