

**Decision 20/COP.1**Traditional knowledgeThe Conference of the Parties,

Noting the report of the Permanent Secretariat of the Convention contained in ICCD/COP(1)/CST/5 on modalities and timing of the work of the Committee on Science and Technology on inventories of research and traditional knowledge, and research priorities,

1. Encourages Parties and observers to collate information they have respecting the use of traditional and local technology, knowledge, know-how and practices and to provide reports not exceeding five pages in length on such topic to the Permanent Secretariat no later than 31 December 1997;

2. Encourages Parties and observers to include in such reports information and comments on the overall role of traditional and local technology and how it might be linked to modern technology, and also on the role of non-governmental and community-based organizations in the gathering of information related to, and in the application of, traditional and local technology, knowledge, know-how and practices;

3. Requests the Permanent Secretariat to prepare a synthesis of such reports to submit for consideration at the second session of the Committee on Science and Technology;

4. Requests the Committee on Science and Technology at its second session to allocate a full additional day, and with the participation of international, regional and subregional organizations, non-governmental organizations and community-based organization representatives, to allow for a review of the report of the Permanent Secretariat and discussion of the topic and to reach conclusions and recommendations;

5. Invites Parties and observers, where possible, to make contributions on a subregional or regional basis on this topic during the second session of the Committee.