

Decision 22/COP.1Benchmarks and indicators

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decision 10/9 of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INCD),

Noting with appreciation the reports contained in ICCD/COP(1)/CST/3 and Add.1 containing the comments of INCD members on the status of indicators, the comments of organizations on the work currently under way, and the elements for a method to determine impact indicators,

Recalling also the informal process initiated by the Permanent Secretariat of the Convention in accordance with decision 9/12 of the INCD and continued pursuant to decision 10/9 which brought together international, regional and subregional organizations, non-governmental organizations and interested INCD members in the examination of benchmarks and indicators relevant to the Convention,

1. Requests Governments to initiate testing of the implementation indicators identified in A/AC.241/Inf.4, as revised by ICCD/COP(1)/CST/3/Add.1;

2. Further requests Governments to report on the utility of such implementation indicators and the practicality of using those indicators in national reporting to the third session of the Conference of the Parties;

3. Appoints, in accordance with paragraph 3 of article 24, an ad hoc panel to be composed of ten experts to be nominated in accordance with the procedures ^{3/} provided for the establishment of ad hoc panels (ICCD/COP(1)/2) to act as a steering committee to oversee the continuation of such informal process;

4. Encourages the participants in such process to intensify their cooperation and collaboration in the work on benchmarks and indicators in the furtherance of the aims and objectives of the Convention;

5. Requests the Interim Secretariat, in consultation with the ad hoc panel once constituted, to continue such informal process for the purpose of reviewing the methodology for impact indicators contained in ICCD/COP(1)/CST/3/Add.1, and for the purpose of determining how the methodology could be carried out and whether it could be recommended for use to the Conference of the Parties;

6. Invites Parties and observers to provide comments in writing by 31 December 1997 to the Permanent Secretariat on the proposed methodology for impact indicators to be used in the informal process;

7. Requests the ad hoc panel to report on its work to the second session of the Committee on Science and Technology at the second session of the Conference of the Parties.

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— Adopted with a reservation of Spain.