Decision 27/COP.11

Programme of work of the fourth special session of the Committee on Science and Technology

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling article 23 of the Convention,

Bearing in mind decision 3/COP.8 and decision 18/COP.10,

Having reviewed the costed draft two-year work programmes for the Committee on Science and Technology and the secretariat contained in document ICCD/COP(11)/7,

Bearing in mind decision 21/COP.11 on reshaping the operation of the Committee on Science and Technology in line with the 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention (2008–2018),

1. Decides to include the following items on the agenda of the fourth special session of the Committee on Science and Technology:

   Reshaping the operation of the Committee on Science and Technology in line with the 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention (2008–2018):

   (a) Preparation of the UNCCD 3rd Scientific Conference;

   (b) Preliminary outcome the UNCCD 3rd Scientific Conference on “Combating desertification/land degradation and drought for poverty reduction and sustainable development: the contribution of science, technology, traditional knowledge and best practices”;

   (c) Preparation of the UNCCD 4th Scientific Conference;

2. Requests the secretariat to circulate, in all six official languages of the United Nations, at least six weeks prior to the fourth special session of the Committee on Science and Technology, a provisional annotated agenda and documentation for the session, reflecting the decision contained in paragraph 1 above.

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20 September 2013