

Decision 3/COP.4

Procedures for the review of the implementation of the Convention

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling article 22, paragraph 2(a), (b) and (c), as well as articles 24 and 26 of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification,

Recalling its decisions 10/COP.1, 10/COP.2 and 6/COP.3 on the review of the implementation of the Convention,

Recalling also its decision 1/COP.4, which established a procedure to review reports submitted at the third and fourth sessions of the Conference of the Parties, including those submitted through an inter-sessional meeting,

Having considered reports of the Executive Secretary on the implementation of the Convention,

4. *Reaffirms* the objectives and provisions of the UNCCD, in particular article 22 on the Conference of the Parties;

5. *Decides* that the Ad Hoc Working Group (AHWG) should fulfil its mandate in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 3 of decision 6/COP.3, and should draw up conclusions and propose concrete recommendations for further steps in the implementation of the Convention;

6. *Decides* also that the Ad Hoc Working Group to review and analyze in depth the reports submitted at its third and fourth sessions should fulfil its mandate in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 4 of decision 1/COP.4, and should draw up conclusions and propose concrete recommendations for further steps in the implementation of the Convention;

7. *Decides* also that further proposals and suggestions of Parties and other interested institutions, having taken into account the experience and comprehensive report of the AHWG, on concrete recommendations for the review of implementation of the Convention, including proposals on procedures and modalities for the establishment of a committee to review the implementation of the Convention (CRIC), be submitted through the secretariat for consideration at the fifth session of the Conference of the Parties;

8. *Requests* the Executive Secretary of the Convention to circulate the comprehensive report of the Ad Hoc Working Group and those proposals at least eight weeks prior to the fifth session of the Conference of the Parties;

9. *Invites* the Committee on Science and Technology and the Global Mechanism to provide information to be used for the review of the implementation of the Convention.

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