

Decision 6/COP.9

Joint Inspection Unit report on the assessment of the Global Mechanism

The Conference of the Parties

Recalling articles 20, 21, 22 and 23 of the Convention,

Recalling also the mandate of the Global Mechanism (GM) as established in the Convention,

Further recalling decision 10/COP.3 on Memorandum of understanding between the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification and the International Fund for Agricultural Development regarding the modalities and administrative operations of the Global Mechanism,

Recalling decision 3/COP.8 by which Parties adopted the 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention (2008–2018), (hereinafter referred to as The Strategy),

Welcoming the report of the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) of the United Nations on the assessment of the Global Mechanism of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), as requested in decision 3/COP.8,

Stressing the need to ensure accountability, efficiency, effectiveness, transparency and institutional coherence in the delivery of services by the Convention's institutions and bodies for the implementation of the Convention and its 10-year Strategy, in line with the relevant provisions of decision 3/COP.8,

Determined to avoid duplication and overlapping in activities and promote complementarities between the GM and the secretariat with a view to enhancing cooperation and coordination and to using efficiently the Convention resources,

Stressing further the need to clarify the GM's reporting lines to the Conference of the Parties (COP) in conformity with article 21 paragraph 5 (d) of the Convention,

Noting the urgent need to address the issue of leadership, coordination, responsibility, communication, reporting and management through a clearly defined institutional setting,

Noting that the present report provides an update of pertinent recommendations of the 2005 JIU report contained in The Strategy, as approved by decision 3/COP.7, by taking into account relevant provisions of The Strategy,

1. *Requests* that the UNCCD secretariat and the GM should collaborate to produce, and that the secretariat should transmit to the COP, a report containing a total work programme and the

total cost estimate involved in the context of the biennium and medium-term work programme and plan for the COP to consider in order for it to provide governance and oversight over the mobilization, allocation and use of voluntary contributions and core resources for the entire activities of the UNCCD bodies, the GM and the secretariat;

2. *Also requests* the GM to prepare, in consultation with the secretariat, and the Parties, within available resources and submit for consideration at COP sessions detailed regional work programmes, which shall reflect the priorities defined by the regions;

3. *Further requests* the GM taking into account the views of Parties and other interested donors, to develop criteria and guidelines for the allocation of financial resources from GM funds, to affected developing country Parties and, where appropriate, in affected country Parties in Central and Eastern Europe, keeping in view the balance among and within regional annexes, in conformity with article 7 of the Convention, for submission to the COP for further guidance and approval at its tenth session;

4. *Reiterates* the invitation to the Facilitation Committee, as requested by The Strategy, to revise its mandate and adopt a joint work programme, aligned with the strategic plan, and also the invitation to individual members of the Facilitation Committee to develop consistent and complementary financing platforms to align their activities with the UNCCD strategic plan and report in a coordinated fashion to the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention (CRIC) and the COP;

5. *Requests* that the GM should implement the performance and impact indicators developed by the COP in the framework of The Strategy, and ensure transparency in the reporting system for funds it mobilizes and disburses at all levels;

6. *Also requests* the GM to prepare and submit for consideration at the intersessional sessions of the CRIC, for onward transmission to the COP a compilation of data and information on the financial resources mobilized and technology transferred. This compilation shall contain, at a minimum, the following information:

(a) country level interventions in each biennium, including detailed description of the actions leading to mobilization and channeling of substantial financial resources, including for the transfer of technology;

(b) country level and regional level estimates on the financial resources mobilized and technology transferred, with the assistance of the GM based upon clear criteria of attribution;

7. *Requests* the secretariat to establish, in collaboration with the GM, and submit to the COP for consideration and adoption, a common fund raising strategy with respect to the mobilization of resources for activities that are complementary to GM activities, addressing both the needs of affected developing country Parties and where appropriate, in affected country Parties in Central and Eastern Europe and the internal requirements of the institutions and the subsidiary bodies of the Convention taking into account the respective mandates of the secretariat and of the GM as provided in the Convention;

8. *Also requests*, in view of the accountability of the GM to the COP, the Managing Director of the GM to present his report to the COP at each COP session for scrutiny by the Parties and make himself available to address the concerns of Parties;
9. *Requests* the COP 9 Bureau, together with the Managing Director of the GM and the Executive Secretary, and taking into account the views of other interested relevant entities such as the host countries and International Fund for Agricultural Development, to undertake and supervise an evaluation of existing and potential reporting, accountability and institutional arrangements for the GM and their legal and financial implications, including the possibility of identifying a new institution/organization to house the GM, taking into account the scenarios presented in the JIU assessment of the GM (document JIU/REP/2009/4) and the need to avoid duplication and overlap in the work of the secretariat and the GM, and further *requests* the COP Bureau to present to COP 10 a report on this evaluation for consideration and decision on the issue of GM reporting, accountability and institutional arrangements;
10. *Requests* the Executive Secretary and the Managing Director of the GM to jointly prepare and submit an update to the intersessional session of the CRIC on progress made on the implementation of paragraphs 1 to 3 and 5 to 8 of this decision and prepare and submit a jointly agreed integrated report to COP 10 for consideration by Parties.

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