

Decision 7/COP.5

Promotion and strengthening of relationships with other relevant conventions and relevant international organizations, institutions and agencies

The Conference of the Parties,

Noting decision 21/21 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) to establish an Open-ended Intergovernmental Group of Ministers on International Environmental Governance,

Recalling decision 17/COP.3 on collaboration with other conventions and international bodies,

Taking note of the ongoing work in improving cooperation between the conventions,

Recognizing that synergies among scientific and technological bodies are of fundamental importance,

1. Acknowledges the work done by the secretariat as outlined in ICCD/COP(5)/6;

2. Welcomes the ongoing work by the Open-ended Intergovernmental Group of Ministers on International Environmental Governance;

3. Encourages the Executive Secretary to be involved in the International Environmental Governance process;

4. Requests the Committee on Science and Technology (CST) to include consideration of land/soil degradation, and its linkages to other environmental conventions, in its programme of work;

5. Requests the CST to enhance cooperation with the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), and to report to the sixth session of the Conference of the Parties on such cooperation;

6. Encourages international organizations, institutions and agencies to promote synergies in their mobilization of resources in support of the objectives of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD);

7. Encourages Parties to share information, experiences and recommendations on synergies with other relevant conventions and to report to the sixth session of the Conference of the Parties as appropriate;

8. Invites the secretariat to present a report to the sixth session of the Conference of the Parties on its activities relating to enhanced collaboration between the UNCCD, the CBD, the UNFCCC, the Ramsar Convention and the Convention on Migratory Species.

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12 October 2001*