

**Decision 8/COP.1**Extrabudgetary funding for 1998The Conference of the Parties,

Having considered the report of the Executive Secretary on extrabudgetary funding for the Interim Secretariat in 1998 (ICCD/COP(1)/4),

1. Takes note of the estimates of requirements for extrabudgetary funding for 1998 submitted by the Executive Secretary;

2. Notes with appreciation the contributions made thus far to the Trust Fund established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 47/188, and invites Parties, as well as Governments of States not Parties, regional economic integration organizations and other interested organizations, to continue to make voluntary contributions to that fund during the transition period following the first session of the Conference of the Parties, which should end no later than 31 December 1998;

3. Also notes with appreciation the contributions made thus far to the Special Voluntary Fund established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 47/188, and also invites Parties, as well as Governments of States not Parties, regional economic integration organizations and other interested organizations, to continue to make voluntary contributions to that fund during the transition period so that developing countries affected by desertification and drought, in particular least developed countries, can participate fully and effectively in the second session of the Conference of the Parties;

4. Requests the head of the Permanent Secretariat of the Convention to report to the second session of the Conference of the Parties on the status of contributions to, and expenditures from, the Trust Fund and the Special Voluntary Fund;

5. Decides that the head of the Permanent Secretariat, under the authority of the Secretary-General, may use the Special Voluntary Fund, as appropriate, to assist developing countries affected by desertification and drought, in particular the least developed countries, to participate fully and effectively in the second session of the Conference of the Parties;

6. Decides further that the head of the Permanent Secretariat, under the authority of the Secretary-General, may use the Trust Fund, as appropriate, to support also the participation of representatives of non-governmental organizations in the work of the second session of the Conference of the Parties;

7. Requests the General Assembly to take necessary action to arrange for the Secretary-General to authorize the head of the Interim Secretariat to use the Special Voluntary Fund and the Trust Fund in accordance with paragraphs 5 and 6 above;

8. Requests the General Assembly to transfer any amounts remaining in the Trust Fund and the Special Voluntary Fund as of 31 December 1998 respectively to the Supplementary Fund to be established pursuant to paragraph 9 of the financial rules and to the Special Fund to be established in accordance with paragraph 10 of the financial rules.