

Decision 9/COP.2

Regional implementation annexes and
interregional programmes and platforms of cooperation

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling its decision 12/COP.1 on regional implementation annexes,

Recalling also article 11 of the Convention,

Taking note of the review by the Convention secretariat of the implementation of the Convention and of its institutional arrangements, including support to regional action programmes¹,

1. *Welcomes* agreements reached by country Parties of the regional implementation annexes to launch regional action programmes;

2. *Urges* Parties in regions which have not yet done so to accelerate the process of adoption and implementation of regional action programmes as well as the launching of activities and projects in cross-border areas identified or to be identified in each subregional or regional action programme;

3. *Encourages* affected developing country Parties to pursue all necessary efforts for the formulation and implementation of activities and projects initiated in the framework of priority areas for interregional cooperation on the implementation of the Convention;

4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to facilitate assistance, in accordance with article 23 (2) of the Convention, for the effective and efficient implementation of regional action programmes;

5. *Calls upon* the international community, in particular developed countries, the United Nations system, including multilateral financial institutions, regional economic integration organizations, non-governmental organizations and the private sector to continue to support the efforts of affected developing country Parties in the processes of elaboration and implementation of subregional and regional action programmes and interregional programmes and platforms of cooperation to combat desertification, by providing them with financial resources and other forms of assistance.

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¹ ICCD/COP (2) /5.