

Decision 9/COP.4Collaboration with the Global Environment Facility

The Conference of the Parties,

3. *Welcomes* the ongoing collaboration between the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and the UNCCD and the involvement of the Global Mechanism in this collaboration, which resulted in the identification and funding of activities against land degradation by the GEF;

4. *Takes note with appreciation* of the decision of the GEF Council at its last meeting, from 1 to 3 November 2000, which requested the Chief Executive Officer to explore the best options for enhancing the support of the GEF in assisting affected countries, especially those in Africa, to implement the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, taking into account the third replenishment;

2. *Invites* all Parties to the Convention to support the GEF, including as appropriate through its Council and the pursuit of negotiations in the Assembly of the GEF so as to explore the best options for enhancing the support of the GEF in assisting affected countries, especially those in Africa, to implement the Convention taking into account the third replenishment;

3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary of the UNCCD to report to the fifth session of the Conference of the Parties on the follow-up to the GEF Council decision, referred to in paragraph 2, above, in support of the implementation of the Convention and of developments in this regard.

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22 December 2000*