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**SURVEY AND EVALUATION OF EXISTING NETWORKS,  
INSTITUTIONS, AGENCIES AND BODIES**

Note by the secretariat

1. By its decision 13/COP.4, the Conference of the Parties (COP) took note of the final report on Phase 1 of the survey and evaluation submitted by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) on behalf of its consortium members.
2. The COP also took note of the relevant documents produced for the Committee on Science and Technology (CST) at its fourth session, which contain the mandate for Phase 2 of the survey and evaluation to take place in the Southern African subregion, as well as the proposal put forward by UNEP on behalf of its consortium members.
3. Recalling the recommendations of the CST, the COP accepted the proposal by UNEP on behalf of its consortium members. This proposal, contained in ICCD/COP(4)/CST/3/Add.1, has been reviewed in the interim report of UNEP as contained in ICCD/COP(5)/CST/3, submitted for consideration to the fifth session of the COP.
4. By its decision 13/COP.5, the COP requested the secretariat to enter into the necessary contractual arrangements with UNEP for the implementation of Phase 2 of the survey and evaluation of existing networks, institutions, agencies and bodies. Notwithstanding the requests of the Bureau of the CST and the Bureau of the COP, the secretariat has not been able to identify a source of funding necessary to conduct Phase 2. Document ICCD/COP(5)/CST/3 is therefore resubmitted, for consideration at the sixth session of the COP.

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