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Note by the secretariat*

1. By its decision 3/COP.8, paragraph 27, the Conference of the Parties (COP) requested an assessment of the Global Mechanism with recommendations to be undertaken by the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) of the United Nations. The COP further determined the basis of these terms of reference and requested the JIU to submit the assessment to the COP at its ninth session for consideration.
2. The detailed terms of reference proposed by the JIU were prepared in accordance with the above mentioned decision and submitted for the attention of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention at its seventh session of the, pursuant to the request of the JIU.
3. The report of the JIU, “Assessment of the Global Mechanism of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification”, is published as document JIU/REP/2009/4 under JIU reports at <www.unjiu.org> and will also be available at COP 9. This revised procedure reflects ongoing United Nations efforts to avoid reproducing information already published elsewhere.

* The submission of this document was delayed as further information on the final report and the revised procedure was required.