COMMITTEE FOR THE REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION
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REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 22,
PARAGRAPH 2 (A) AND (B), AND ARTICLE 26 OF THE CONVENTION

REVIEW OF REPORTS ON IMPLEMENTATION BY AFFECTED LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN
COUNTRY PARTIES, INCLUDING ON THE PARTICIPATORY PROCESS, AND ON EXPERIENCE
GAINED AND RESULTS ACHIEVED IN THE PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION
OF ACTION PROGRAMMES

Note by the secretariat

1. Pursuant to article 22, paragraph 2(a) and (b), and article 26 of the
United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), the Conference
of the Parties (COP) shall review the implementation of the Convention and
its institutional arrangements. By its decision 1/COP.5, the COP decided to
establish a committee for the review of the implementation of the Convention
(CRIC) as a subsidiary body of the COP to assist it in regularly reviewing
the implementation of the Convention, and to adopt the terms of reference of
the CRIC as contained in the annex to that decision. The COP also decided
that the first session of the CRIC should review updates to reports already
available and/or new reports and that the review should focus on specific
thematic topics.

2. In accordance with the same decision, the secretariat has prepared a
synthesis and preliminary analysis of these reports, setting out the trends
emerging in the implementation of the Convention. A synthesis and
preliminary analysis of reports submitted by affected Latin American and
Caribbean country Parties are contained in ICCD/CRIC(1)/4/Add.1.

3. In accordance with decision 11/COP.1, the secretariat has compiled
summaries of the reports. The summaries of reports from affected Latin
American and Caribbean country Parties are contained in ICCD/CRIC(1)/4/Add.2.

4. Decision 1/COP.5 also requests the secretariat to take advantage of its
ongoing activities at the regional and/or subregional levels to disseminate
information stemming from its preliminary analysis and seek to obtain
feedback with a view to enriching the Committee’s work base. The regional
and subregional feedback obtained at a meeting organized for the Latin
American and Caribbean region from 29 July to 1 August 2002 in Bridgetown,
Barbados, is presented in ICCD/CRIC(1)/4/Add.3.

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