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.

2. Following decision 11/COP.1 on communication of information, and according to decision 9/COP.6 on the programme of work of the third session of the CRIC, developed country Parties are asked to report on measures taken to assist the preparation and implementation of action programmes of affected African country Parties, including information on financial resources they have provided, or are providing, under the Convention. A synthesis and preliminary analysis of these reports, prepared by the secretariat in accordance with decision 1/COP.5, is contained in ICCD/CRIC(3)/3/Add.1.

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