Decision 17/COP.8

Final report of the Group of Experts

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling its decisions 17/COP.5, 15/COP.6 and 15/COP.7,

Noting with appreciation the work of the Group of Experts,

Taking note of the final report of the Group of Experts contained in documents ICCD/COP(8)/CST/2/Add.1 to Add.9,

Bearing in mind the recommendations of the Bureau of the Committee on Science and Technology and the recommendations of the Group of Experts,

Encourages the country Parties to consider and use, as appropriate, the final report of the Group of Experts in the implementation of their national action programmes.

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