

Decision 13/CP.8

Cooperation with other conventions

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development,

Recalling the objective and the relevant provisions of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change,

Recalling its decision 1/CP.7, in particular paragraph 3,

Recognizing the need for cooperation between the three Rio conventions,

Noting the need for the Joint Liaison Group to invite the secretariat of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands to share information and to participate in the meetings of the Joint Liaison Group as appropriate,

Taking note of the progress report of the Joint Liaison Group of the secretariats of the three conventions,

1. *Affirms* that there is a need for enhanced cooperation between the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Convention on Biological Diversity, and the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, with the aim of ensuring the environmental integrity of the conventions and promoting synergies under the common objective of sustainable development, in order to avoid duplication of efforts, strengthen joint efforts and use available resources more efficiently;

2. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice to continue and enhance cooperation with the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Committee on Science and Technology of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification;

3. *Supports* the mandate of the Joint Liaison Group;¹

4. *Urges* the Joint Liaison Group to continue its efforts to enhance coordination between the three conventions and their secretariats in accordance with its mandate.

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1 November 2002*

¹ See document FCCC/SBSTA/2001/2, paragraph 42 (d).