

### **Decision 8/CP.3**

#### **Development of observational networks of the climate system**

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Recalling* Article 4.1(g) and Article 5 of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change,

*Noting* the importance of the observations, analysis and research relevant to the various components of the climate system,

1. *Expresses* appreciation of the work carried out by the relevant intergovernmental organizations, particularly the development of such observational programmes as the Global Climate Observing System, the Global Ocean Observing System and the Global Terrestrial Observing System;
2. *Recognizes* the concerns raised by the relevant intergovernmental organizations with regard to the long-term sustainability of these observational systems;
3. *Urges* Parties to provide the necessary resources to reverse the decline in the existing observational networks and to support the regional and global observational systems being developed under the Global Climate Observing System, the Global Ocean Observing System and the Global Terrestrial Observing System, through appropriate funding mechanisms;
4. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice, with the assistance of the secretariat and in consultation with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, to consider the adequacy of these observational systems and to report on its conclusions to the Conference of the Parties at its fourth session.

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