

**WORKSHOP ON NAP ALIGNMENT  
AND UNCCD FINANCING  
IN  
CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE (CEE)  
PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC  
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**FINAL REPORT**

## **Summary**

As part of the regional initiative for Central and Eastern European countries, the Global Mechanism (GM) and the secretariat of the UNCCD and the Czech Republic convened a joint capacity building and knowledge exchange workshop on alignment of national action programmes (NAP) with 5 operational objectives of The Strategy and financial resource mobilization to strengthening the implementation of the Convention in Central and Eastern Europe. The Workshop took place in Prague 7 - 10 June 2010 and was the first meeting specifically geared to knowledge exchange and practical skills enhancement in NAP development/alignment, including the financing options available for the UNCCD implementation.

The countries of Central and Eastern Europe (CEE), Annex V of the UNCCD, are in a phase of current NAP revision or are drafting their first NAPs. The Czech Republic's initiative of organizing this workshop in cooperation with the UNCCD secretariat and GM was therefore greatly welcomed. The workshop addressed practical aspects of successfully designing and financing a NAP, such as the importance of raising the political profile of SLM at the country level, key elements to be included in an aligned NAP including an integrated financing strategy (IFS) and concrete actions for successfully engaging with donors.

The European Commission, the GEF secretariat and the Czech Development Agency provided invaluable insight into their strategic priorities for the region and offered tips on how to write successful proposals.

Belarus made a substantial contribution by sharing its draft NAP with the countries so that discussions could centre on a real-life example of a strategic programme document. This proved instrumental for the development of the action plans outlining the next steps in NAP development / alignment that each of the eleven countries achieved by the end of the workshop.

## **Issues discussed**

The workshop started with an official opening by Mr. Jiri Hlavacek (Czech Republic), Mr. Richard Byron-Cox (UNCCD Secretariat) and Ms. Elisabeth Barsk-Rundquist (GM). Thereafter a tour the table took place with a presentation of participants (see annex 1).

J. Hlavacek made a review of the outcomes from the workshop on Financial Resource Mobilization for Strengthening Regional Cooperation in Central and Eastern Europe held in Brno, Czech Republic, in September 2008. This workshop focused on developing integrated financing strategies (DIFS), and brought together stakeholders from eleven of CEE countries, including all the National Focal Points and representatives from the Ministries of Finance and Planning.

J. Hlavacek highlighted the importance of making linkages between the UNCCD and other processes, including the other Rio conventions, the UNFCCC and CBD, and encouraged the participants to look for opportunities to include the CCD principles into these conventions, as well as into other related thematic areas and sectoral policies (water, forestry, agriculture etc).

A UN Conference on Sustainable Development, so called "Rio + 20", will be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in May 2012 where green economy, poverty eradication and sustainable development will be on the agenda. There are suggestions on the table to organise a joint Conference of the Parties (COP) to the UNCCD, UNFCCC and CBD ("super COP") during this meeting. The aim of the event would be to establish a more efficient framework for sustainable development.

Ms. Ivana Bikova (UNCCD Secretariat) presented the agenda (see annex 2) and the objective of the workshop. I. Bikova also pointed out that this was the first meeting of Annex V in its new setup. Based on regional consultations held prior to and in the margin of the Ninth Conference of the Parties of the UNCCD (COP-9) in Buenos Aires on the issue of double membership, Albania, Croatia, Slovenia expressed the preference to affiliate to Annex IV and Montenegro and Serbia to Annex V. Current list of Annex IV and Annex V country Parties is attached to the report (see annex 5). Furthermore, she stressed out that the workshop is the first regional meeting taking place after the COP-9 - after the adoption of the NAP alignment guidelines. The CEE workshop might, therefore, serve as a good example for other regions. She also emphasized that the results of this workshop could very much contribute to the global programme on NAP alignment to be developed in cooperation with the UNDP and other partners.

### ***Session 1- NAP alignment***

The National Action Plans of country Parties to the UNCCD are the guiding documents for countries' implementation of the Convention. The Ten Year Strategic Plan and Framework to Enhance the Implementation of the Convention (2008-2018, The Strategy), adopted at the Eighth Session of the Conference of the Parties (COP-8)

redefined the expected form and content of the NAPs, while country Parties were invited to align them with The Strategy.

R. Byron-Cox from the UNCCD Secretariat presented the reasoning for NAP alignment, the guidelines that have been developed for country parties to align their NAPs with The Strategy and he explained and stressed the importance of the performance and impact indicators for measuring the effects of the activities and objectives.

He also presented the global programme for NAP alignment that is currently being developed by the UNCCD secretariat, the GM, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Global Environment Facility (GEF). A questionnaire for countries on NAP and the alignment process will be circulated to affected Parties in order to ensure a bottom up approach, where every one participates. Initially up to 14 countries could be supported during the kick-off phase of the alignment process in 2010.

A key message from R. Byron-Cox was that this is a common effort by the countries, donors, secretariat and the GM.

The countries represented at the workshop presented the NAP status of their respective countries, their experiences of NAP alignment, development and implementation and what mechanisms they have in place.

Ms. Camilla Nordheim-Larsen (GM) presented the role of the integrated financing strategy (IFS) in the NAP and the importance of an integrated approach to resource mobilisation for NAP implementation. She highlighted some of the challenges for sustainable land management (SLM)/UNCCD finance and how the IFS and integrated investment framework (IIF) can contribute to remove these obstacles. She also discussed the complementarities of the NAP and IFS and how the IFS should be an integrated part of the NAP, and also can be developed without a NAP.

The key IFS elements to be included in the aligned NAP, includes financial diagnostic, analysing barriers and solutions to these, identification of sources of finance (domestic, external, and innovative) and how to handle this information and come up with key implementations.

Belarus is in the process of aligning their NAP to The Strategy and made a presentation on the process and status of developing the aligned NAP. The NAP in Belarus is based on 3 main pillars; the UNCCD; national strategies; and exiting and new programmes and initiatives. A working group of scientists, NGOs, government officials has developed the aligned NAP and consultations have been held at regional and national level and the final draft will be published at the Ministry of Environment's website in order to receive feed back from the larger society. Financing the NAP will probably take years. The available money can only be allocated in one year from now and there is not a comprehensive overview of

available resources. Therefore, yearly planning cycles will include planning on how to mobilise financing for the NAP activities. 20 new projects are planned.

The presentation triggered an interesting debate and questions from all the participants that was followed up with some recommendations for how to further improve the NAP from the Secretariat and the GM, including how to incorporate investment strategies and indicators to measure the effect of the plan.

The first session concluded with the participants going in two working groups where specific actions for aligning or developing the NAPs in the respective countries were discussed.

### ***Session 2-Putting SLM on the National Agenda***

The key message coming out of the session was the importance of getting SLM and UNCCD issues on the national agenda in order to ensure political priority, support and finance from Government budgets as well as donor funds.

The session was introduced by Ms. Siv Oystese's (GM) presentation on principles and methodologies for mainstreaming SLM/UNCCD into national processes and finding the right entry points. C. Nordheim-Larsen continued with a presentation on economic valuation of land and how this can be used to develop solid arguments for sustaining and protecting the land resources.

The participants discussed concrete activities they can take on in order to mainstream SLM/UNCCD issues in their home countries. Some of the actions suggested in the groups included:

- Define partners at local, regional and level
- Using education as awareness raising
- Potential sector policies SLM/UNCCD can be linked to includes eco tourism, landscape beauty, link to biodiversity
- Work to affect farmers to work in an environmental friendly way and change attitude to land use
- Creation of financial mechanism for collecting from land tax should be returned to land management

### ***Session 3 – Strategic resource mobilisation***

The third session started with a presentation by Mr. Mohamed Bakarr, the GEF secretariat, on GEF 5<sup>th</sup> replenishment (GEF-5) and what this means in terms of funding opportunities for SLM. M. Bakarr presented GEF-5 Policy and Programming Reforms, including the System for Transparent Allocation of Resources (STAR).

Furthermore, he emphasized 3 goals of the GEF-5 Strategy for Land Degradation Focal Area (LDFA), namely: address 3 main drivers of ecosystem degradation (land use change, natural resources consumption and climate change), address role of agriculture, rangeland and forest management in climate change mitigation through

SLM and support to the UNCCD and its Strategy. The GEF is, therefore, becoming the financial mechanism of the UNCCD. M. Bakarr also presented project support options for five GEF-5 objectives in LDFA.

The GM by S. Oystese thereafter held an introduction on opportunities for ODA in the region and emphasised the importance of ensuring that SLM is a national priority in order to access ODA since the donors are following the national priorities. She also highlighted that private sector as a potential source of funding and investments into SLM.

The Czech Republic presented its strategies and priorities for support to the CEE region and globally. Mr. Frantisek Zouhar informed the participants on the transformation of Czech system of bilateral ODA clarifying the responsibilities of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Czech Development Agency.

Mr. Etienne Coyette from the European Commission (EC) presented its strategies and priorities in the region. Given the heterogeneity of the region E. Coyette presented programmes and instruments to support:

- EU members (e.g. Common Agricultural Policy, Regional cohesion funds, Natura 2000 and LIFE+)
- as well as (potential) candidate (Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance)
- and neighbouring countries (European Neighbourhood Policy).

The last part of the session was dedicated to practical presentations by GM, EC and GEF on how to mobilise resources strategically and effectively and gave practical advice on how to approach donors/funders and how to write a good project proposal generally, as well as more specific advices on how to access EC and GEF funds.

E. Coyette from the EC stressed that the EU support depends on the country priorities. Proposals on projects and sectors to be supported come from partner countries and are discussed in policy dialogues. He stressed that the national ministries, therefore, need to be informed about the land issues in order to ensure EC funding. There is a shift from project support towards budget support. The support is increasingly going to selected sectors, e.g. environment sector in Ukraine and water sector in Moldova. It is generally easier to get support for sectors like environment and agriculture than SLM/land. EC has, for example, the Environment and Natural Resource Thematic Programme, under which the envelopes are organized by topic and desertification represents one of them, with 65 million EUR through call for proposals. Other potential entry points are climate change and food security and other channels of funds go to research (universities and research institutes receive funds) and NGOs.

The participants identified in their working groups potential funders and donors they would target in order to increase the financial resources for SLM/UNCCD in their countries. Line ministries, private sector and state owned companies as well as donors (EC, GEF, Czech Republic, Sweden, Norway) were mentioned.

#### ***Session 4 – Strategic resource mobilisation***

The last session focused on planning next steps for national work on NAP alignment and financial resource mobilisation for NAP implementation and SLM. The participants developed country specific action points for what they would do up to the Tenth Conference of the Parties of the UNCCD (COP-10) in 2011 and beyond (see annex 3). Finally a resolution was developed and agreed upon, outlining some of the findings and the next steps (see annex 4).

#### **Outcomes and next steps**

Commitment by the countries to aligning at least two NAPs in the biennium 2010 – 2011 figured amongst the important outcomes of the workshop. Importantly, the countries also formally recognized the importance of the Integrated Investment Framework to operationalize the NAP and welcomed and encouraged cooperation between the UNCCD secretariat and the GM in this process.

It was agreed to organize a follow up meeting to monitor the progress in implementing the country action plans at the margins of the COP-10 to be held in fall 2011 in the Republic of Korea.

**Annex 1**  
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## Annex 2

### Agenda

DAY 1	
SESSION 0: OPENING AND INTRODUCTION TO WORKSHOP	
08:30 – 09:30	Registration of Participants
09:30 – 10:00	Official Opening
10:00 – 10:50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Presentation of Participants</li> <li>▪ Review of the main outcomes from Brno Workshop</li> </ul> Presentation of the agenda and objectives
10:50 – 11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
SESSION 1: NAP ALIGNMENT	
11:00 – 12:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Why alignment of NAPs</li> </ul> Guidelines for NAP alignment – objectives and structure
12:15 – 13:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ NAP alignment and the performance and impact indicators</li> </ul> Coherence with the UNCCD reporting guidelines
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch break
14:00 – 15:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The role of the IFS in NAP alignment</li> <li>▪ Importance of an integrated approach to resource mobilization</li> </ul> Example of key elements to be included in an aligned NAP
15:00 – 15:20	Coffee break
15:20 – 16:30	Presentation of a draft NAP of Belarus
16:30 – 17:00	Evaluation of Day 1
19:00 - 20:30	Cocktails for all participants

Day 2	
SESSION 1 (continued)	
09:00 - 09:15	Recap of Day 1
09:15 – 10:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Analysis of the draft NAP of Belarus</li> </ul> Lessons learned
10:45 – 11:00	Coffee break
11 :00 – 11:45	Working group Session (including introduction): Development of next steps for the NAP alignment process at country level
11 :45 – 12:30	Reporting back from working groups
12:30 - 13:15	Lunch break
SESSION 2: PUTTING SLM ON THE NATIONAL AGENDA	
13:15 – 14:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Introduction and examples of mainstreaming SLM/UNCCD</li> </ul>

	Demonstrating the socio-economic cost of inaction
14:00 – 15:30	Working group Session (including introduction): Elaboration of a list of actions for raising the profile of SLM, including: budget cycles; policy processes; and communications and media awareness
15:30 - 16:15	Reporting back from working groups
16:15 – 16:35	<i>Coffee break</i>
<b>SESSION 3: STRATEGIC RESOURCE MOBILIZATION</b>	
16:35 – 17:30	The GEF 5 <sup>th</sup> Replenishment: how to mobilize resources for SLM
17:30 – 17:45	Evaluation of Day 2

<b>Day 3</b>	
<b>SESSION 3 (continued)</b>	
09:00 – 09:15	Recap of Day 2
09:15 – 10:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ ODA and private funding opportunities: exploring a range of financing options</li> </ul> EC strategies and priorities in the CEE region, Czech Republic's priorities for ODA
10:00 - 10:30	Knowledge exchange on ongoing and potential engagement of multilateral, bilateral donors and private sector in the CEE (sub)region(s)
10.30- 10:50	<i>Coffee break</i>
10:50 – 11:50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ How to mobilise resources strategically and effectively</li> </ul> How to write a successful project proposal (including a concrete example from EC and GEF)
11:50 – 13:00	Working group session: Developing concrete actions for successfully engaging with funders and resource mobilisation
13:00 – 14:00	<i>Lunch break</i>
<b>SESSION 4: ACTION PLANNING</b>	
14:00 – 14:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Country-specific action plans: an overview of factors to consider when planning ahead</li> </ul>
14:15– 16:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Development of country-specific action plans</li> </ul> <i>(Including coffee break)</i>
16:00 – 17:00	Presentation of selected action plans
17:00 – 17:30	Conclusions of the meeting
17:30	Closure of the workshop
<b>Day 4</b>	
Field trip to visit an area of revitalization on a former coal-mining site	

### Annex 3

#### Country specific action plans

Affected country Party	Action to be taken as agreed at the workshop
<b>Armenia</b>	NAP approved in 2002 is outdated and needs to be revised. Draft a new one to be aligned with The Strategy - probably in 2011 or 2012 to be submitted to the Parliament for adoption.
<b>Azerbaijan</b>	NAP preparation in a process, should be finalized in 2010 or 2011. Presidency decree on improvement of pasture in mountainous regions – relevant project being implemented. Financing for NAP implementation has been identified – basis for establishing an investment framework.
<b>Belarus</b>	Zero draft exists. Served as a case study during the regional workshop on NAP alignment. Suggested to select Belarus for the kick-off phase on NAP alignment global process in 2010. NAP should be finalized by summer 2010, submitted to the Government in fall, adopted in winter.
<b>BaH</b>	No NAP – plan to start now, first draft to be prepared in 2011, finalize by 2012. National team of experts to be established (approx.12 persons) to prepare a first draft. Complicated political system might slow down the process.
<b>FYROM</b>	Zero draft exists. Start with the alignment in summer 2010, finalize by 2011. The National Coordination Body (NCB) exists but needs to be re-activated. Include representatives of MoF in the NCB activities.
<b>Georgia</b>	Adopted in 2003. Implementation hampered due to lack of financial resources. Working group created in order to prepare a brand new NAP aligned with The Strategy (intension to start from scratch), to be finalized in 2012. Financial resource mobilization has started. Will explore opportunities for finance from the Czech Republic.
<b>Montenegro</b>	No NAP. NCB exists, but lacks scientific experts. Plan to organize public discussions. First draft to be prepared by the end of 2010 and adopted at the end of 2011.
<b>Serbia</b>	No NAP. National desertification centre establish. Build expertise/evidence and then start with the NAP preparation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phase 1: Establish international center for desertification</li> <li>• Phase 2: Form national coordination bodies</li> <li>• Phase 3: Mobilisation of financial resources</li> <li>• Phase 4: Collection and analysis of existing data</li> <li>• Phase 5: Team of experts will prepare draft NAP (end of 2010) to be finalised by end 2011</li> <li>• Phase 6: Broad stakeholder consultation on NAP, SLM issues</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Phase 7: Preparation of final NAP until October 2011</li> </ul>
<b>Slovak Rep.</b>	Zero draft exists. Lack of political support to adopt such document.
<b>Ukraine</b>	<p>Draft exists.  Plan to adopt it by 2012.  Further development of political priorities for SLM, mainstream SLM into plan for land uses.</p>

## **Annex 4**

### **RESOLUTION**

*Based on the outcomes of the workshop focused on*

#### **Alignment of national action programmes with 5 operational objectives of The Strategy and financial resource mobilization for strengthening the implementation of the UNCCD in Central and Eastern European Country Parties (Annex V)**

*7 – 10 June 2010, Prague, Czech Republic*

*The participants of the workshop, representatives of eleven country Parties of the Regional Implementation Annex V for Central and Eastern Europe of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification<sup>1</sup>,*

*Recognizing* that Parties have a primary responsibility in delivering the objectives of the Convention, including the preparation of NAP in their countries.

*Noting* that only 4 Parties out of 15 affected in the region have adopted the National Action Programme (NAP) to date and that all participating country Parties are in a phase of revision current NAPs or drafting their first NAPs in order to be aligned with The 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention (The Strategy).

*Welcoming and highly appreciating* the initiative of the Czech Republic, in cooperation with the UNCCD secretariat and Global Mechanism (GM), to host a joint regional workshop on NAP alignment and financing.

*Thanking* the Regional Contact Group (representatives of Belarus, Georgia, Bosnia and Herzegovina) for facilitation the preparation of the workshop.

*Welcoming* the resolutions of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) Assembly agreeing on the 5<sup>th</sup> replenishment (GEF-5) amount of 4.25 billion USD pledged by donor countries for the period of 2010 - 2014.

*Recognizing* the new System for Transparent Allocation of Resources (STAR) under the GEF-5 that determines the allocation of resources for the focal area of biodiversity, climate change and land degradation, namely allocating 150,000 USD per country for enabling activities that include activities related to reporting and NAP alignment.

*Recognizing also* the need for strengthening the relationships between the EU member states and Eastern European country Parties through inter alia the Eastern Partnership and its flagship initiative devoted to Environmental Governance.

*Noting* that the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) depends, inter alia, on the extent to which UNCCD implementation is integrated into the developing frameworks at the country level.

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<sup>1</sup> Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Czech Republic, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Georgia, Montenegro, Serbia, the Slovak Republic and Ukraine.

*Recalling* the UN Decade for Deserts and Fight against desertification (2010 – 2020) to forge a global partnership to reverse and prevent desertification/land degradation and to mitigate the effects of drought in affected areas in order to support poverty reduction and environmental sustainability.

*Recalling* the outcomes of the 17<sup>th</sup> session of the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development that acknowledged desertification and land degradation as global problems that should require a global response through concerted efforts as recognized in the UNCCD.

*Welcoming* the preparation of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development in Spring 2012 in Brazil (so called Rio + 20) with the objective to secure renewed political commitment for sustainable development including for implementation of the Rio conventions; the focus of the Conference will cover the issues of green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication and the institutional framework for sustainable development.

*Welcoming further* the 7th United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Ministerial Conference “Environment for Europe”, to be held in September 2011 in Astana, Kazakhstan, that will address two themes: the sustainable management of water and water-related ecosystems and greening the economy: mainstreaming the environment into economic development.

1. *Stress* the need to consider sustainable land management (SLM) as a high national priority in order to ensure the full commitment of the governments through their national financial resource allocation mechanisms and through their national strategies for cooperation with the international donor community.
2. *Stress also* the need to demonstrate the economic value of land and benefits of SLM in order to increase public and private investments in SLM as well as attract financial assistance from external sources (international donor community).
3. *Stress further* the importance of the synergy between the UNFCCC, CBD and UNCCD, that presents an opportunity to establish comprehensive policy instruments as well as integrated financial and investment tools.
4. *Stress* the need of the preparation/revision/alignment of NAPs, Sub-regional Actions Programmes (SRAPs) and the Regional Action Programme (RAP) in compliance with the Convention and The Strategy, giving the priority to NAPs for the biennium 2010 - 2011.
5. *Recognize* that having a strong and effective mechanism for regional cooperation in place is crucial for successful NAP alignment process and financial resource mobilization and therefore *urge* the UNCCD secretariat and the GM to speed up the implementation of decision 3/COP9 on regional coordination mechanisms (RCM) for Annex V country Parties and to report to them through respective members of the Bureau of the 9<sup>th</sup> Session of Conference of the Parties before 30<sup>th</sup> September 2010.
6. *Decide* to include NAP alignment and financial resource mobilization for strengthening the regional cooperation among priorities of the region to be reflected in the regional work programmes to be prepared by the GM, in cooperation with the UNCCD secretariat, according to decision 6/COP9.

7. *Commit* themselves to strengthen the efforts in the preparation/revision/alignment of NAP aiming at achieving the Outcome Areas 2.2, 2.3, 5.1 and 5.4 of The Strategy and in cooperation with the UNCCD secretariat and the GM align at least 2 NAPs of the affected country Parties of the Regional Implementation Annex V in the biennium 2010 – 2011.
8. *Urge* the UNCCD Secretariat and the GM to provide advisory services to countries and develop capacity building initiatives for facilitation of NAP alignment efforts.
9. *Call upon* the UNCCD secretariat to develop without a delay, in cooperation with the GEF secretariat, the procedures to access allocation of 150,000 USD per country for enabling activities under the GEF-5 STAR.
10. *Welcome* the proposed cooperation between the UNDP, the UNCCD secretariat, the GM and other partners on the establishment of the global programme on NAP alignment and mainstreaming.
11. *Welcome also* the kick-off phase of the programme on NAP alignment involving selected countries and suggest selection of Belarus as one of the same.
12. *Recognize* that the Integrated Investment Framework (IIF) makes the NAP operationalized and therefore *welcome and encourage* the joint cooperation of the UNCCD secretariat and the GM in the NAP alignment process.
13. *Commit* to implement country-specific action plans on raising the profile of SLM at the national level and on engaging donors and attracting external funding as developed during the workshop.
14. *Acknowledge* the need for enhanced capacity to prepare proposals for financing in accordance with the eligibility criteria and procedures of the various bilateral and multilateral financial partners.
15. *Commit* themselves to put at disposal available facilities, expertise and resources for a successful NAP alignment process, including the development and implementation of Integrated Financial Strategy (IFS) leading to IIF to combat land degradation.
16. *Urge* the GM to provide institutional and knowledge support to Annex V country Parties with the aim to build the capacity and share knowledge for financial resource mobilization to strengthen the UNCCD implementation.
17. *Welcome* the financial contribution provided by the Czech Republic to support the follow-up activities related to NAP alignment and financial resource mobilization and *encourage* other bilateral and multilateral donors, including emerging donors from the Annex V, to increase external funding and establish partnerships in order to ensure more predictable flows of external funds and other forms of support for the NAP alignment and other SLM-related activities.
18. *Invite* the Czech Republic, other developed country Parties, as well as the UNCCD Secretariat, the GM and affected country Parties of the Annex V to support the organization of a follow up meeting of the Regional initiative on financial resource

mobilization for strengthening the implementation of the UNCCD in the regional implementation Annex V for Central and Eastern Europe in 2012.

*10 June 2010, Prague, Czech Republic*

## **Annex 5**

### Members of Annex IV and Annex V

#### **Annex IV (11)**

Albania  
Croatia  
Cyprus  
Greece  
Israel  
Italy  
Malta  
Portugal  
Slovenia  
Spain  
Turkey

#### **Annex V<sup>2</sup> (15)**

Armenia  
Azerbaijan  
Belarus  
Bosnia and Herzegovina  
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia  
Bulgaria  
Georgia  
Latvia  
Montenegro  
Republic of Moldova  
Romania  
Russian Federation  
Serbia  
Slovak Republic  
Ukraine

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<sup>2</sup> Hungary belongs among other affected country Parties