

Revised Recommended Council Decision on Agenda Item 7

The Council, having reviewed the *Note on the Proposed Designation of Land Degradation as a GEF Focal Area*, GEF/C.18/4, agrees to consider at its next meeting proposed amendments to the Instrument to designate land degradation, primarily desertification and deforestation, as a GEF focal area, as a means of enhancing GEF support for the successful implementation of the UN Convention to Combat Desertification. In this regard, the Secretariat, in consultation with the Implementing Agencies and the Trustee, is invited to prepare proposed textual amendments to the Instrument for consideration by the Council at its next meeting with a view to the Council recommending approval of such amendments by the Assembly at its meeting in October 2002.

The Secretariat, in consultation with the Implementing Agencies, appropriate executing agencies and the CCD Secretariat, is invited to prepare a draft Operational Program on land degradation, primarily desertification and deforestation, pending approval of the focal area by the Assembly.