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DECISION ADOPTED BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY AT ITS TENTH MEETING

X/11. Science-policy interface on biodiversity, ecosystem services and human well-being and consideration of the outcome of the intergovernmental meetings

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling its decisions VIII/9 and IX/15, and in particular, *reaffirming* that a regular assessment is needed to provide decision-makers with the necessary information base for adaptive management and to promote the necessary political will for action in addressing biodiversity loss and the degradation of ecosystems and ecosystem services and their implications for human well-being,

Recalling the functions of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, as set out in Article 25 of the Convention and as further elaborated in its consolidated *modus operandi*,¹ which is to provide the Conference of the Parties and, as appropriate, its other subsidiary bodies, with timely advice relating to the implementation of the Convention, *inter alia* by providing assessments of the status of biological diversity and of the types of measures taken in accordance with the provisions of the Convention,

Reaffirming the need to strengthen the role of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice in this regard,

1. *Welcomes* the outcome of the third ad hoc intergovernmental and multi-stakeholder meeting on an intergovernmental science-policy platform on biodiversity and ecosystem services, held in Busan, Republic of Korea, from 7 to 11 June 2010,² and its conclusion that an intergovernmental science-policy platform on biodiversity and ecosystem services should be established;

2. *Noting* that 2010 is the International Year of Biodiversity, *encourages* the United Nations General Assembly at its sixty-fifth session to consider the establishment of the intergovernmental science-policy platform at the earliest opportunity;

3. *Emphasizes* the need for the proposed intergovernmental platform to follow the guidance provided by Governments in the outcome of the Busan meeting and be responsive to, *inter alia*, the needs

¹ Decision VIII/10.

² IPBES/3/3, annex.

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of the Convention, and to thereby strengthen the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice in the delivery of its mandate;

4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with the Bureau of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, to consider, once the arrangements and modalities for the intergovernmental platform are decided, how the Convention could make full and effective use of the platform, seeking complementarity and avoiding duplication between the work of the Convention, in particular the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, and the proposed platform, and to report thereon to a meeting of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice before the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
