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

#### *IX/33. International Year of Biodiversity*

##### *The Conference of the Parties*

1. *Takes note* of the draft strategy for the International Year of Biodiversity as submitted by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/COP/9/25/Add.1) and *calls on* donors to provide financial support for the recommended activities;
2. *Encourages* all Parties to create national committees, including representatives of indigenous and local communities, to celebrate the Year and *invites* all international organizations to mark this event;
3. *Decides* to transmit to the United Nations General Assembly for its consideration and adoption at its sixty-third ordinary session the draft resolution on the International Year of Biodiversity (IYB) in 2010 contained in the annex to the present decision.

##### *Annex*

### DRAFT RESOLUTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF BIODIVERSITY (IYB)

##### *The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* the commitment of the World Summit on Sustainable Development to a more effective and coherent implementation of the three objectives of the Convention, and the target to achieve by 2010 a significant reduction in the current rate of loss of biodiversity,

*Deeply concerned* at the social, economic, environmental and cultural implications of the loss of biodiversity, compounded by the negative impact of climate change,

*Conscious* of the need for effective education to raise public awareness for achieving the three objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the target of achieving by 2010 a significant reduction in the current rate of loss of biodiversity,

*Recalling* its resolution 61/203 of 20 December 2006, on the International Year of Biodiversity, as well as the reference to the International Year contained in paragraph 12 of its resolution 62/194 of 19 December 2007, on the Convention on Biological Diversity,

1. *Invites* the Secretary-General to consider appointing an Honorary Ambassador for the International Year of Biodiversity before 2010, who would have a mandate to call for practical actions and solutions towards meeting the objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity;

2. *Decides*, as a contribution to the International Year of Biodiversity, to convene at its sixty-fifth session, in 2010, a one-day high-level segment of the General Assembly, with participation of Heads of State, Governments and delegations.

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