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DECISION ADOPTED BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

XII/15. Global Strategy for Plant Conservation 2011-2020

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling paragraph 5 of decision X/17, in which Parties, other Governments, the financial mechanism, and funding organizations were invited to provide adequate, timely and sustainable support to the implementation of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation 2011-2020, especially to developing country Parties, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States, as well as Parties with economies in transition,

Also recalling paragraph 6 (a) of decision X/17 in which Parties and other Governments were invited to develop or update national and regional targets, as appropriate, and, where appropriate, to incorporate them into relevant plans, programmes and initiatives, including national biodiversity strategies and action plans, and to align the further implementation of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation with national and/or regional efforts to implement the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020,

1. *Welcomes* the initial progress made towards the achievement of some of the targets of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation 2011-2020, and *recognizes* the contribution this makes to the achievement of the corresponding Aichi Biodiversity Targets of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020,¹ but *notes with concern* that most of the targets may not be achieved on the basis of current progress, and therefore *urges* Parties, and *invites* other Governments and relevant organizations, to undertake actions to enhance the implementation of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation, especially towards meeting targets for which there is currently more limited progress;

2. *Noting* the limited progress on Target 15, *requests* the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of resources and in collaboration with relevant organizations, to compile relevant information on opportunities to promote capacity-building activities on botany and other related disciplines and activities to support implementation of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation and to prepare a synthesis for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at a meeting prior to the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;

¹ As reflected in the note by the Executive Secretary on progress in achieving the targets of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation 2011-2020 (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/18/3) and the technical background document in support of the mid-term review of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/18/INF/10).

3. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with Botanic Gardens Conservation International, members of the Global Partnership for Plant Conservation and other partners, subject to the availability of resources:

- (a) To continue supporting capacity-building activities on plant conservation;
- (b) To facilitate technical and scientific cooperation and to promote collaborative research as appropriate;
- (c) Where feasible, to catalyse and promote cross-sectoral linkages among agricultural, health, food and environmental agencies with regard to plant conservation.

4. *Acknowledges* that a range of approaches might be effective in helping to accelerate progress towards the targets of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation depending on the stakeholders, dedicated institutions or champions involved as well as national circumstances;

5. *Urges* Parties and *invites* other Governments, members of the Global Partnership for Plant Conservation and other stakeholders to enhance their efforts to implement the Strategy by promoting and facilitating communication, coordination and partnerships between all relevant sectors, including through improved use of the clearing-house mechanism, as well as the following:

(a) For those targets of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation where many of the key stakeholders, dedicated institutions or champions are outside the plant conservation community (notably targets 6, 10, 13 and 14), by pursuing and supporting activities critical for the achievement of the corresponding Aichi Biodiversity Targets of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, and as identified through the mid-term review of the Strategy and the fourth edition of *Global Biodiversity Outlook*;

(b) For those targets of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation where progress is primarily driven by actors from within the plant conservation community (notably targets 1 to 5, 7, 8, 9, 12, 15 and 16), through the provision of political, institutional and financial support, as appropriate, and by giving recognition to their efforts, including through official communications and reports;

6. *Notes* that target 11 of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation on flora endangered by international trade is aligned with the objectives and activities of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) and therefore encourages Parties, as appropriate, to recognize the Plants Committee of CITES and relevant national CITES authorities as lead entities for the implementation of this target, bearing in mind CITES resolution 16.5;

7. *Encourages* Parties and *invites* other Governments to further engage with partner organizations, including members of the Global Partnership for Plant Conservation, and to facilitate and support the development of national plant conservation partnerships with the participation of indigenous and local communities and the widest range of stakeholders, recognizing the important role of women, in order to enhance the implementation of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation;

8. *Encourages* Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to continue sharing relevant examples and case studies, including those made available by Parties through their fifth national reports, through the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation toolkit (www.plants2020.net) and the clearing-house mechanism of the Convention and to draw on the available tools and guidance when planning and implementing plant conservation, as appropriate.
