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Kuala Lumpur, 9-20 and 27 February 2004
Item 3 of the provisional agenda*

REVISED ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Note by the Executive Secretary

INTRODUCTION

1. In accordance with decision IV/16, the first version of the annotations to the provisional agenda for the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/1/Add.1) was prepared six months in advance of the meeting. Since a number of important preparatory meetings and other events have taken place since the document was first issued, the Executive Secretary prepared the present revision.
2. The Executive Secretary has also prepared a compilation of the various elements of draft decisions that have been proposed by the inter-sessional meetings for the consideration of the Conference of the Parties (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/1/Add.2).
3. In accordance with paragraph 2 of decision V/20 and the guidance of the Bureau, the Executive Secretary has organized the items on the provisional agenda for the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties into four sections: organizational matters; reports; review of implementation of the programme of work; and priority issues for review and guidance. Annex I provides a list of the documents for the meeting.

I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

4. Section I of the provisional agenda comprises those items that are procedural in nature. They include matters relating to the organization, operation and protocol of the meeting, rather than substantive issues.

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ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

5. Following the invitation of the Government of Malaysia, which was welcomed and accepted by the Conference of the Parties in its decision VI/31, the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties will be held in Kuala Lumpur, from 9 to 20 February 2004, at which time it will adopt its decisions and its report except for matters relating to the Cartagena Protocol. The meeting will be adjourned to allow the Conference of the Parties to hold its first meeting serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, from 23 to 27 February. After the closure of that meeting, the Conference of the Parties will reconvene and conclude its work on 27 February 2004.

6. The meeting will be held at the Putra World Trade Centre, Kuala Lumpur.

7. The meeting will be opened in the morning of Monday, 9 February 2004. Registration of participants will commence at the venue of the meeting at 10 a.m. on Saturday, 7 February 2004.

8. Meeting rooms will be made available on the morning of Sunday, 8 February, for informal consultations within the five regional groups.

9. In accordance with rule 6 of the rules of procedure for meetings of the Conference of the Parties, the Secretariat will notify the United Nations, its specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency as well as any State not party to the Convention, of this meeting so that they may be represented as observers.

10. In accordance with rule 7 of the rules of procedure, the Secretariat will also notify any body or agency, whether governmental or non-governmental, qualified in fields relating to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, which has informed the Secretariat of its wish to be represented at the meeting, so that they may be represented as observers. Such bodies or agencies that wish to be represented but have not already informed the Secretariat are requested to do so.

11. The President of the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, from the Netherlands, or his representative will open the meeting.

12. It is expected that, at the opening session, the Conference will hear one or more addresses of welcome by representatives of the Government of Malaysia.

13. Also at the opening session, the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme will make a statement.

14. The Executive Secretary of the Convention will highlight the main issues before the Conference of the Parties.

ITEM 2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Election of the President

15. In accordance with past practice, it is expected that, at the opening session, the President of the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties will call for the election of a representative of the host country as President of the seventh meeting. The term of office of the President will begin immediately with his or her election at the seventh meeting and end with the election of a successor at the eighth meeting.

Election of officers other than the President

16. In accordance with rule 21 of the rules of procedure (as amended by decision V/20), in addition to the President, ten Vice-Presidents, one of whom acts as Rapporteur, are to be elected from among the representatives of the Parties present at the meeting. The term of office of the Vice-Presidents will commence upon the closure of this meeting of the Conference of the Parties and end at the closure of the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. It will be recalled that, at its sixth meeting, the Conference of the Parties elected ten Vice-Presidents from the following countries for a term that will end at the closure of the seventh meeting: Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Bangladesh, Belgium, Burkina Faso, Colombia, Egypt, India, Slovenia, Russian Federation.

Election of officers of subsidiary bodies and other meetings

17. Rule 26 of the rules of procedure, provides that the chairperson of any subsidiary body shall be elected by the Conference of the Parties, while the election of other officers is the responsibility of the body itself. At this meeting, the Conference of the Parties will therefore need to elect the chair of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) for its eleventh and twelfth meetings. Previously elected chairs of SBSTTA have come from following regional groups: first meeting – Africa; second meeting – Western European and Others; third and fourth meetings – Asia and the Pacific; fifth and sixth meetings – Latin America and the Caribbean; seventh and eight meetings - the Central and Eastern European Group; ninth and tenth meetings - Africa.

18. In accordance with rule 26, paragraph 3 of the rules of procedure, the Conference of the Parties may also wish to elect the chair of any other working groups, committees or other bodies it has established or will establish at this meeting, such as the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8 (j) and Related Provisions and the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing.

ITEM 3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

19. The provisional agenda (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/1) has been prepared by the Executive Secretary in accordance with rule 8 of the rules of procedure for meetings of the Conference of the Parties, taking into account the programme of work contained in annex II to decision IV/16 and other relevant decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties, as well as the recommendations of the Inter-sessional Meeting on the Multi-year Programme of Work of the Conference of the Parties up to 2010. In preparing the provisional agenda, the Executive Secretary has benefited from guidance of the Bureau.

ITEM 4. ORGANIZATION OF WORK

20. In light of the number and complexity of the matters to be addressed at the seventh meeting, the Conference of the Parties may wish to establish two working groups. A proposed timetable and division of responsibilities between the plenary and the two working groups is contained in annex II below.

21. Interpretation will be available for two working groups for morning and afternoon sessions. Interpretation will not, however, be available for evening sessions, should these be necessary.

22. In light of the entry into force of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety on 11 September 2003, the Conference of the Parties will hold its first meeting serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Biosafety Protocol in conjunction with its seventh ordinary meeting, from 23 to 27 February 2004. Since the ultimate authority with regard to providing guidance to the financial mechanism and for deciding on budgetary arrangements for those costs of Secretariat services that are not distinct from the costs for the Convention lies with the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, it is proposed that the latter suspend

its seventh meeting following adoption of its report on Friday 20 February 2004, and reconvene in the afternoon of Friday, 27 February 2004 to consider the recommendations on budgetary matters and guidance to the financial mechanism adopted by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol.

ITEM 5. REPORT ON THE CREDENTIALS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE SEVENTH MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

23. Rule 18 of the rules of procedure for meetings of the Conference of the Parties states that:

"The credentials of representatives and the names of alternate representatives and advisers shall be submitted to the Executive Secretary of the Conference of the Parties or the representative of the Executive Secretary not later than twenty four hours after the opening of the meeting. Any later change in the composition of the delegation shall also be submitted to the Executive Secretary or his representative. The credentials shall be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or, in the case of a regional economic integration organization, by the competent authority of that organization".

24. Rule 19 provides that "the Bureau of any meeting shall examine the credentials and submit its report to the Conference of the Parties for decision".

25. In order to assist Parties in fulfilling the requirements of rule 18, the Executive Secretary has prepared a sample format of appropriate credentials for distribution to national focal points with the letter of invitation to the meeting.

26. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider and adopt the report on credentials submitted to it by the Bureau.

ITEM 6. PENDING ISSUES

27. At its first meeting, the Conference of the Parties adopted the rules of procedure for its meetings in decision I/1, with the exception of paragraph 1 of rule 40, relating to the taking of substantive decisions. The Conference of the Parties has considered this outstanding matter at its subsequent meetings but without resolving it conclusively. At the third meeting, consensus was reached concerning some, but not all, of the text in brackets.

28. By decision I/6, the Conference of the Parties adopted the financial rules for the administration of the Trust Fund for the Convention on Biological Diversity. Paragraphs 4 and 16 of these rules contain bracketed text. Paragraph 4 deals with scale of assessments for the apportionment of contributions by Parties to the Trust Fund. Paragraph 16 deals with adopting decisions regarding the Trust Fund. The paragraphs have been considered at subsequent meetings of the Conference of the Parties, but without any agreement. The text therefore remains bracketed.

29. The informal consultations envisaged at the fifth and sixth meetings of the Conference of the Parties (see UNEP/CBD/COP/5/23, para. 45, and UNEP/CBD/COP/6/20, para. 32) have not resolved the outstanding issues. The President, after consultation with the Bureau, is of the view that it will not be possible to conclude consideration of the pending matters at the outset of this meeting. Accordingly, he recommends that Parties be invited again to pursue informal consultations on the pending issues during this meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

ITEM 7. DATE AND VENUE OF THE EIGHTH MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

30. In accordance with paragraph 2 of rule 4 of its rules of procedure, the Conference of the Parties is to decide on the date and duration of its next ordinary meeting.

31. At its fifth meeting the Conference decided to amend rule 4 of its rules of procedure so that ordinary meetings of the Conference of the Parties shall be held every two years. The eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties should therefore take place in 2006.

32. With respect to the venue of the next meeting of the Conference of the Parties, rule 3 of the rules of procedure states that meetings of the Conference of the Parties shall take place at the seat of the Secretariat, unless the Conference of the Parties decides otherwise or other appropriate arrangements are made by the Secretariat in consultation with the Parties. The Executive Secretary has not received any offers or expressions of interest regarding the hosting of the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

33. Under this item, a decision regarding the date and venue of the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties will be required.

34. The agenda for the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties will be determined by the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting under agenda item 26, bearing in mind the recommendations of the Inter-Sessional Meeting on the Multi-Year Programme of Work of the Conference of the Parties up to 2010 (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/5, annex).

II. ADOPTION OF REPORTS

35. Section II of the provisional agenda provides for the presentation of the reports of:

(a) The regional preparatory meetings for the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties;

(b) The Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice on the work of its eighth and ninth meetings (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/3 and 4);

(c) The President of the Conference of the Parties on the outcome of the World Summit on Sustainable Development;

(d) The Open-ended Inter-Sessional Meeting on the Multi-Year Programme of Work of the Conference of the Parties up to 2010 (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/5);

(e) The Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-Sharing (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/6);

(f) The Open-ended Ad Hoc Inter-Sessional Working Group on the Implementation of Article 8(j) and Related Provisions (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/7);

(g) The Executive Secretary, on the status of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/8);

(h) The Global Environment Facility (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/9); and

(i) The Executive Secretary, on the administration of the Convention and the budget for the Trust Fund of the Convention (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/10).

36. The Conference of the Parties is invited to take note of the reports submitted, on the understanding that the substantive issues arising therein will be taken up under the appropriate agenda item, as indicated below. The recommendations contained in the reports are reflected in the compilation of draft decisions (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/1/Add.2) prepared by the Executive Secretary.

ITEM 8. REPORTS OF THE REGIONAL PREPARATORY MEETINGS

37. Under this item, an opportunity will be provided for the chairs of the regional meetings held to prepare for the Conference of the Parties to introduce the reports of these meetings. The reports of the regional meetings will be available as information documents.

38. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to take note of and to incorporate, as appropriate, the conclusions of the regional meetings into its consideration of relevant items of the provisional agenda.

ITEM 9: REPORTS OF THE SUBSIDIARY BODY ON SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE

Report of the eighth meeting of SBSTTA

39. The report of the eighth meeting of SBSTTA, held in Montreal from 10 to 14 March 2003 (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/3), will be introduced by the Chair of that meeting or by the Rapporteur on his behalf.

40. The Conference of the Parties is invited to take note of the report of the eighth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice as presented under this item and to address the substantive recommendations of the Subsidiary Body contained in its report under the corresponding substantive item of the agenda, as follows:

| <i>Recommendation</i> | <i>Subject matter of SBSTTA recommendation</i> | <i>Substantive agenda item</i> |
|-----------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| VIII/1 A | Programme of work on mountain biodiversity | 23 |
| VIII/1 B | Indicative list of technologies | 25 |
| VIII/2 | Inland water ecosystems: review, further elaboration and refinement of the programme of work | 18.1 |
| VIII/3 A-D | Marine and coastal biodiversity | 18.2 |
| VIII/4 | Dry and sub-humid lands biodiversity: matters requested by the Conference of the Parties in paragraphs 5 and 6 of its decision V/23 and decision VI/4 | 17 |
| VIII/5 | Biological diversity and tourism: draft guidelines for activities related to sustainable tourism development and biological diversity and case-studies on the implementation of the guidelines | 19.7 |

| <i>Recommendation</i> | <i>Subject matter of SBSTTA recommendation</i> | <i>Substantive agenda item</i> |
|-----------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| VIII/6 | Operational plan of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and assessment of recommendations made to the Conference of the Parties by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice | 26 |
| VIII/7 | Multi-year programme of work of the Conference of the Parties up to 2010 | 26 |

Report of the ninth meeting of SBSTTA

41. The ninth meeting of SBSTTA was held in Montreal, from 10 to 14 November 2003. The report of the meeting (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/4) will be introduced by the Chair of the Subsidiary Body at its ninth meeting or by the Rapporteur on his behalf.

42. The Subsidiary Body made recommendations on the following topics at its ninth meeting and the Conference of the Parties is invited to take them up in the context of the agenda items indicated:

| <i>Recommendation</i> | <i>Subject matter of SBSTTA recommendation</i> | <i>Substantive agenda item</i> |
|-----------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| IX/1 | Progress reports on implementation | 17; 21; |
| IX/2 | Genetic use restriction technologies | 17 |
| IX/3 | Global Taxonomy Initiative | 19 |
| IX/4 | Protected areas | 24 |
| IX/5 | Transfer of technology and technology cooperation | 25 |
| IX/6 | Ecosystem approach | 19.4 |
| IX/7 | Sustainable use: draft Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines for the Sustainable Use of Biodiversity | 19.5 |
| IX/8 | Management of forest biodiversity, sustainable use to derive products and services and benefit-sharing | 19.5 |
| IX/9 | Incentive measures | 19.10 |
| IX/10 | Monitoring and indicators | 19.1 |
| IX/11 | Biodiversity and climate change | 19.12 |
| IX/12 | Mountain ecosystems | 23 |
| IX/13 | Integration of outcome-oriented targets into the programmes of work of the Convention | 26 |
| IX/14 | Global Strategy for Plant Conservation | 19.3 |
| IX/15 | Invasive alien species | 19.6 |

43. At its ninth meeting, the Subsidiary Body approved draft provisional agendas for its tenth and eleventh meetings (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/4, annex II). Since these agendas are related to the future programme of work of the Conference of the Parties, the Conference of the Parties may wish to consider them as part of the discussion on multi-year programme of work of the Conference of the Parties up to 2010 under item 26 below.

44. It is also suggested that the Chairs of the respective meetings of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice or their representatives should be invited to introduce the individual recommendations of the Subsidiary Body as and when they are taken up under the substantive agenda items.

**ITEM 10. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES
AT ITS SIXTH MEETING ON THE OUTCOME OF THE WORLD SUMMIT
ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

45. In its decision VI/21, the Conference of the Parties requested the President of the Conference of the Parties, in close cooperation with the Bureau and the Executive Secretary, to analyse the outcome of the World Summit on Sustainable Development as it relates to the Convention process and to report thereon to the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting.

46. The report will be presented by the President of the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties or his representative.

47. Under this item, the Conference of the Parties is invited to take note of the report.

**ITEM 11. REPORT OF THE INTER-SESSIONAL MEETING ON THE MULTI-YEAR
PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES UP
TO 2010**

48. In its decision VI/28, the Conference of the Parties decided to hold an open-ended inter-sessional meeting to consider the multi-year programme of work for the Conference of the Parties up to 2010. The Meeting was held in Montreal, from 17 to 20 March 2003. The Meeting also considered the results of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and how it relates to the work of the Convention, including the negotiation of an international regime for access and benefit-sharing, as well as information for future evaluation of progress in the implementation of the Convention and the Strategic Plan, and technology transfer and cooperation.

49. The report of the meeting (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/5) will be introduced by the President of the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, or his representative, who also served as Chair of the Meeting.

50. Under this item, the Conference of the Parties is invited to take note of the report on the understanding that the substantive recommendations and advice of the Meeting will be taken up under relevant agenda items, as indicated below:

| <i>Recommendation</i> | <i>Subject matter of MYPOW recommendation</i> | <i>Substantive agenda item</i> |
|-----------------------|--|--|
| 1 A-B | Analysis of the outcome of the World Summit on Sustainable Development as it relates to the Convention process | 26 and 21 (for the Global Partnership) |

| <i>Recommendation</i> | <i>Subject matter of MYPOW recommendation</i> | <i>Substantive agenda item</i> |
|-----------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| 2 | Implementation of the Convention and the Strategic Plan: information for the future evaluation of progress | 26 |
| 3 | Multi-year programme of work for the Conference of the Parties up to 2010 | 26 |
| 4 | Legal and socio-economic aspects of technology transfer and cooperation | 25 |
| 5 | International regime on access and benefit-sharing | 19.11 |

ITEM 12. REPORT OF THE AD HOC OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP ON ACCESS AND BENEFIT-SHARING

51. In accordance with decision VI/24 A, the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-Sharing held its second meeting in Montreal, from 1 to 5 December 2003 to advise the Conference of the Parties on:

- (a) Use of terms, definitions and/or glossary, as appropriate with regard to the Bonn Guidelines on access to genetic resources and fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising out of their utilization;
- (b) Other approaches as set out in decision VI/24 B;
- (c) Measures, including consideration of their feasibility, practicality and costs, to support compliance with prior informed consent of the Contracting Party providing such resources and mutually agreed terms on which access was granted in Contracting Parties with users of genetic resources under their jurisdiction;
- (d) Its consideration of any available reports or progress reports arising from the decision VI/24 A;
- (e) Needs for capacity-building identified by countries to implement the Bonn Guidelines.

52. Further to recommendation 5 of the Inter-Sessional Meeting of the Multi-Year Programme of Work of the Convention up to 2010, the Working Group, in its consideration of other approaches in accordance with its mandate, also considered the process, nature, scope, elements and modalities of an international regime on access to genetic resources and benefit-sharing.

53. The recommendations of the Working Group on each of these items are contained in the annex to the report of the meeting. The report (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/6) will be introduced by the President of the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, or his representative, who also served as Chair of the meeting.

54. Under this item, the Conference of the Parties is invited to take note of the report of the second meeting of the Working Group, on the understanding that the substantive recommendations and advice of the Group will be taken up under agenda item 19.11.

**ITEM 13. REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
ARTICLE 8(j) AND RELATED PROVISIONS**

55. In its decision IV/9, the Conference of the Parties established and approved the mandate of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Inter-Sessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions. In accordance with decision VI/10, the Working Group held its third meeting, in Montreal from 8 to 12 December 2003. The report of the meeting (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/7) will be introduced by the President of the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, or his representative, who also served as Chair of the meeting.

56. Under this item, the Conference of the Parties is invited to take note of the report of the meeting, on the understanding that the substantive recommendations and advice of the Group will be taken up under agenda item 19.8.

**ITEM 14. REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON
BIOSAFETY**

57. In its decision EM-I/3, the Conference of the Parties adopted the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and established an open-ended ad hoc Intergovernmental Committee for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (ICCP) to undertake the preparations necessary for the first meeting of the Parties to the Protocol.

58. By decision V/1, the Conference of the Parties endorsed a work plan for the ICCP, which held three meetings. At its sixth meeting, the Conference of the Parties considered the reports of the first two meetings of the ICCP. The report of the third meeting of the ICCP will be before the Conference of the Parties (UNEP/CBD/COP-MOP/1/3/Add.3). With the entry into force of the Cartagena Protocol on 11 September 2003, the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol will be held from 23 to 27 February 2004. That meeting will consider the report and recommendations of ICCP, which will cease to exist on Monday, 23 February, in accordance with decision EM-I/3, paragraph 5, adopted of the Conference of the Parties at its first extraordinary meeting..

59. Accordingly, under this item, the Conference of the Parties is invited to take note of the report of the third meeting of the ICCP and of the report of the Executive Secretary on the status of the Cartagena Protocol and activities undertaken in preparation for the entry into force of the Protocol and the convening of the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/8).

ITEM 15. REPORT OF THE GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY

60. Pursuant to Article 21 of the Convention on Biological Diversity and paragraph 3.1 of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Conference of the Parties and the Council of the Global Environment Facility (GEF), the Conference of the Parties will have before it the report of GEF (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/9). This report has been transmitted by the Executive Secretary to the Conference of the Parties as received from GEF. In accordance with past practice, the report is made available in the languages in which it was submitted by the GEF Secretariat.

61. Under this item, the Conference of the Parties is invited to take note of the report of GEF and to consider the information contained therein when deciding upon the need for further guidance to the financial mechanism under item 20.1 and other items of relevance.

**ITEM 16. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY ON THE
ADMINISTRATION OF THE CONVENTION AND THE
BUDGET FOR THE TRUST FUND OF THE CONVENTION**

62. Under this item, the Conference of the Parties will have before it the report of the Executive Secretary on the administration of the Convention and the budget for the trust funds of the Convention (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/10).

63. The Conference of the Parties is invited to take note of the report and to take up the information contained therein in its consideration of agenda item 22 on the budget for the programme of work for the biennium 2005-2006.

III. REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME OF WORK

**ITEM 17. THEMATIC PROGRAMMES OF WORK: PROGRESS REPORTS ON
IMPLEMENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS FOR
FUTURE ACTION: FOREST BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY; BIOLOGICAL
DIVERSITY OF DRY AND SUB-HUMID LANDS; AND AGRICULTURAL
BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY**

64. Under this item, the Conference of the Parties will consider progress made in the implementation of the programmes of work on forest biological diversity; biological diversity of dry and sub-humid lands; and agricultural biological diversity on the basis of a progress report by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/11). These programmes will be the subject of in-depth review, elaboration and refinement at subsequent meetings of the Conference of the Parties. There are, however, also a number of specific matters that will require the attention of the Conference of the Parties at the current meeting as a result of various requests made by the Conference of the Parties in decisions taken at previous meetings.

65. Accordingly, with regard to **forest biological diversity**, the Conference of the Parties is expected to consider and take action, as appropriate, on:

(a) Recommendation IX/1 of SBSTTA adopted at its ninth meeting (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/4, annex I) as it concerns the collaborative activities called for by the Conference of the Parties in paragraph 19, 43 and 44 of decision VI/22, and, more specifically, the assessment of the relationship of the IPF/IFF proposals for action of the United Nations Forum on Forests and the activities in the expanded programme of work on forest biological diversity, the integration of non-timber forest resources in the forest inventory and management; and the development of elements for a possible joint work programme on fire prevention and management with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Tropical Timber Organization, the Global Fire Monitoring Center and other relevant organizations. It should be noted that recommendation IX/6 on the application of the ecosystem approach to sustainable forest management and IX/8 on sustainable use of forest biological diversity will be considered under item 19.5;

(b) A synthesis of the voluntary thematic reports on the implementation of the expanded programme of work on forest biological diversity submitted in accordance with paragraph 27 of decision VI/22 (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/INF/7).

66. With regard to the prevention of losses caused by unsustainable harvesting of timber and non-timber forest resources, it had been expected that SBSTTA would prepare recommendations on the basis of the work of the liaison group on non-timber forest resources established pursuant to paragraph 42 of decision VI/22. However, at its ninth meeting, SBSTTA did not have an opportunity of considering the

results of the first round of discussions conducted by the liaison group by electronic mail (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/9/Add.2);

67. The Conference of the Parties may also wish to take note of the interim report of the ad hoc technical expert group established pursuant to decision VI/22, paragraph 26, to provide advice to the Executive Secretary and to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice in the review of the implementation of the programme of work on forest biological diversity (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/INF/20). The ad hoc technical expert group held its first meeting from 24 to 27 November 2003, in Montpellier, France, with the sponsorship of the Government of France. More specifically, the Conference of the Parties is invited to consider recommendations derived from the report of the meeting of the expert group (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/17/Add.7, annex) and which include:

(a) A proposal on how to review implementation of the expanded programme of work as part of the third national report; and

(b) An invitation to international organizations to provide information on their contribution to the implementation of the expanded programme of work on forest biological diversity at the national, regional, and global levels.

68. With regard to **the biological diversity of dry and sub-humid lands**, the Conference of the Parties is invited to consider recommendation VIII/4 of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/3, annex I), concerning:

(a) Proposals for the refinement of the programme of work;

(b) Proposals on potential mechanisms for the periodic assessment of the status and trends of the biodiversity of dry and sub-humid lands;

(c) Proposals for the development of a mechanism to coordinate activities with the UNCCD, including through the development of a joint work programme between the two conventions, and for integration of the national biodiversity strategies and action plans under the Convention on Biological Diversity and the national action programmes under the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD); and

(d) Information on further progress in implementation of the programme of work contained in document UNEP/CBD/COP/7/11.

69. The Conference of the Parties will also have before it, as information documents: (i) the joint work programme with the Convention to Combat Desertification (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/INF/28); (ii) proposals and progress report of the Global Land Degradation Assessment (LADA) of FAO on how it considers integrating, in the context of its mandate, the needs for information on status and trends of dry and sub-humid land biodiversity, and ways to strengthen national efforts to conduct assessments (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/INF/29); and (iii) proposals prepared by UNEP-WCMC of specific areas within dry and sub-humid lands of particular value for biological diversity and/or under particular threat (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/INF/30).

70. With regard to **agriculture biological diversity**, the Conference of the Parties is invited to consider the proposal put forward by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/11, para. 66), taking into account the recommendations of partner organizations and the recommendations of the proposed multi-year programme of work until 2010, by which the in-depth review of the programme of work on agricultural biological diversity would take place at the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties,

that the preparation of the final report on the World's Assessment on Agricultural Biological Diversity and related milestones should be postponed by two years.

71. The Conference of the Parties is also invited to consider and take appropriate action on recommendation IX/2 adopted of SBSTTA on the report of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on the Potential Impacts of Genetic Use Restriction Technologies on Smallholder Farmers, Indigenous and Local Communities and Farmers' Rights, established in paragraph 21 of decision VI/5, which met in Montreal from 19 to 21 February 2003.

72. The Conference of the Parties will also have before it, as information documents, two studies prepared pursuant to paragraph 17 of decision VI/5, in which the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to study further the impacts of trade liberalization on agricultural biodiversity, in cooperation with UNEP, FAO, WTO and other relevant organizations. The first study (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/INF/14) concerns domestic support measures and the incentive effects for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, and the second (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/INF/15) synthesizes assessment methodologies for the impacts on trade liberalization on agricultural biodiversity. The Conference of the Parties is invited to take note of the progress made in the implementation of this decision and to provide further guidance as it may deem appropriate.

73. The Conference of the Parties will also have before it another information document on the potential impacts of genetic use restriction technologies (GURTs) on agricultural biodiversity and agricultural production systems (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/INF/31), prepared by FAO in response to paragraphs 20 and 21 of decision V/5.

74. On a related matter, the Conference of the Parties will have before it, for consideration under agenda item 20.4, on national reporting, formats for the sections on the implementation of the programme of work on agricultural biological diversity in the third national reports, developed in accordance with paragraph 5 of decision VI/5. The draft format is included in the note by the Executive Secretary on guidelines and format for the third national reports (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/17/Add.2).

**ITEM 18. THEMATIC PROGRAMMES OF WORK—REVIEW, FURTHER
ELABORATION AND REFINEMENT: BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY
OF INLAND WATER ECOSYSTEMS AND MARINE AND COASTAL
BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY**

75. Under this item, the Conference of the Parties is invited to review, further elaborate and refine the programmes of work on biological diversity of inland water ecosystems and marine and coastal biological diversity, which were both initially adopted at the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, in 1998: In doing so, it will have before it a note by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/12), the recommendations of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at its eighth and ninth meeting, and draft decisions formulated on the basis of those recommendations and other developments (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/1/Add.2).

18.1 Biological diversity of inland water ecosystems

76. The programme of work on biological diversity of inland water ecosystems was adopted pursuant to decision IV/4 of the Conference of the Parties. Pursuant to decision VI/2 of the Conference of the Parties, SBSTTA at its eighth meeting considered a revised programme of work on inland water biological diversity. SBSTTA recommended that the Conference of the Parties adopt the revised programme of work (recommendation VIII/2, paragraph 2 (a)) and requested the Executive Secretary to prepare, for consideration by the national focal points and then the Subsidiary Body on Scientific,

Technical and Technological Advice prior to the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties, a schedule of outcome oriented targets and deadlines for implementation of the programme of work (paragraph 4 (b)). Pursuant to this request, the Executive Secretary prepared a schedule of targets and deadlines for implementation of the programme of work that was considered by the SBSTTA at its ninth meeting.

77. The Subsidiary Body developed recommendation IX/13 on integration of outcome-oriented targets into the programmes of work of the Convention (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/4). This recommendation requested the Executive Secretary *inter alia* to revise the outcome-oriented targets for the programme of work on inland water ecosystem biological diversity and present them to the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The Executive Secretary has prepared revised targets accordingly (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/20/Add.4). These targets also relate to the targets developed for the Strategic Plan of the Convention (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/20/Add.3) and, as such, it is proposed that they be considered under agenda item 26.

78. Under this item, the Conference of the Parties is invited to consider the recommendations of SBSTTA at its eighth and ninth meetings and relevant information provided by the Executive Secretary and to provide guidance on the implementation of the revised programme of work.

18.2 Marine and coastal biological diversity

79. The programme of work on marine and coastal biological diversity was approved by the Conference of the Parties in its decision IV/5, and further elaborated in decisions V/3 and VI/3. At its eighth meeting, SBSTTA reviewed the implementation of the programme of work with a view to making proposals for its future elaboration. SBSTTA also considered the results of the ad hoc technical expert groups on marine and coastal protected areas and on mariculture (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/8/9/Add.1 and 2), and the results of a joint study by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the United Nations Department of Ocean Affairs and Law of the Sea on the relationship between the Convention on Biological Diversity and the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/8/9/Add.3). The resulting recommendations address the review of the programme of work (recommendation VIII/3 A); marine and coastal protected areas (recommendation VIII/3 B), mariculture (recommendation VIII/3 C), and conservation and sustainable use of deep seabed genetic resources beyond national jurisdiction: study of the relationship between the Convention on Biological Diversity and the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (recommendation VIII/3 D).

80. Under this item, the Conference of the Parties is invited to consider the recommendations of SBSTTA and relevant information provided by the Executive Secretary with a view to providing guidance on how to further refine and elaborate the programme of work on marine and coastal biological diversity, and to improve its future implementation. To this end, the Executive Secretary has prepared a note (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/12/Add.2), which presents the draft elaborated programme of work on marine and coastal biological diversity. Progress in implementation of the programme of work is reported on in a note by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/12), and the Conference of the Parties may also wish to take note of the progress made. Targets have been proposed for incorporation into the programme of work, as requested by SBSTTA in its recommendations VIII/3 A and IX/13 (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/20/Add.5). They relate to the targets developed for the Strategic Plan of the Convention (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/20/Add.3) and as such it is proposed that they be considered under agenda item 26.

**ITEM 19. CROSS-CUTTING ISSUES: PROGRESS REPORTS ON
IMPLEMENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF
PROPOSALS FOR FUTURE ACTION**

81. Under this item, the Executive Secretary has prepared a note (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/13) outlining developments related to the various cross-cutting issues under the Convention and identifying, on the basis of the recommendations of the relevant bodies of the Convention and other organizations, matters that require the attention of the Conference of the Parties. Further details on the background to, and contents of, the note by the Executive Secretary are provided under the individual sub-items below. Draft elements of decisions for the consideration of the Conference of the Parties will be contained in the compilation of draft decisions prepared by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/1/Add.2).

19.1. Identification, monitoring, indicators and assessments (Article 7)

82. In accordance with decision VI/7 A, the Executive Secretary invited Parties to submit case-studies on experiences in environmental impact assessment and strategic environmental assessment procedures that incorporate biodiversity-related issues and prepared, in collaboration with relevant organizations, in particular the International Association for Impact Assessment, proposals for further development and refinement of the guidelines,

83. Pursuant to this decision, SBSTTA reviewed the information and conclusions drawn from these case-studies at its ninth meeting and agreed to consider this matter at a later time when there is more experience with implementation (recommendation IX/1).

84. In this recommendation, SBSTTA agreed to continue receiving reports from relevant assessments, and, recommended that the Conference of the Parties urge Parties and Governments to participate in the review processes of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment and the Forest Resources Assessment.

85. In decision VI/7 B, the Executive Secretary was requested to report on the development and use of indicators in all the thematic areas and cross cutting issues to the SBSTTA. The Executive Secretary was also requested to convene and report to the SBSTTA on a meeting of an expert group that should further develop the ongoing work on indicators on principles for developing national-level monitoring and indicators, a set of standard questions for developing national-level indicators and a list of available and potential indicators based on a conceptual framework that has qualitative and quantitative approach.

86. The Executive Secretary prepared a note (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/10) on the development and use of indicators in all the thematic areas and cross cutting issues and on the meeting of the expert group on indicators and national-level monitoring that was considered by the ninth meeting of the SBSTTA.

87. In decision VI/7 C, the Conference of the Parties requested the SBSTTA to review the findings of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment and provide recommendations based on the review. In the same decision the Executive Secretary was encouraged to facilitate, in close collaboration with the World Conservation Monitoring Centre of the United Nations Environment Programme and IUCN, the development and implementation of this assessment. The Executive Secretary prepared a progress report on the findings of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment. The Executive Secretary also reported on the Secretariat's contribution to the development and implementation of this assessment.

88. At its ninth meeting, SBSTTA reviewed the information contained in these documents and adopted recommendation IX/10 on "Monitoring and indicators: designing national-level monitoring programmes and indicators". Recommendation IX/13, which will be considered under item 26 in

connection with outcome-oriented targets in the Convention programmes of work, contains reference to global indicators.

89. Under this item, the Conference of the Parties is invited to consider the relevant parts of SBSTTA recommendation IX/1 and recommendation IX/10 annexed to the report of the ninth meeting of the Subsidiary Body (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/4, annex I).

19.2. Global Taxonomy Initiative

90. In decision VI/8, the Conference of the Parties adopted a work programme for the Global Taxonomy Initiative. Progress in the implementation of the work programme has been reported to SBSTTA at its eighth and ninth meetings. The Coordination Mechanism of the GTI also met on the margins of the ninth meeting of SBSTTA. After considering notes by the Executive Secretary on progress in the implementation of the programme of work on the Global Taxonomy Initiative (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/INF/16), the preliminary report of the first Global Taxonomy Initiative workshop in Asia (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/INF/17), SBSTTA adopted recommendation IX/3.

91. Under this item, the Conference of the Parties is invited to consider the recommendation of SBSTTA.

19.3. Global Strategy for Plant Conservation

92. In its decision VI/9, the Conference of the Parties adopted the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation, including 16 outcome-oriented global targets for 2010. In the same decision, the Conference of the Parties decided to review, at its eighth and tenth meetings, the progress made in reaching the global targets, and provide additional guidance in light of those reviews, including, as necessary, refinement of the targets. It further decided to consider the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation as a pilot approach for the use of outcome targets under the Convention within the context of the Strategic Plan, and also consider the wider application of this approach to other areas under the Convention, including other taxonomic groups.

93. The Executive Secretary reported to SBSTTA at its ninth meeting on the progress in implementation and development, together with proposals for the refinement, monitoring and assessing the implementation of the Strategy. The Subsidiary Body adopted recommendation IX/14 on the subject contained in the report on the meeting (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/4). The note by the Executive Secretary submitted under this item (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/13) also contains a report on progress made.

94. Under this item, the Conference of the Parties is invited to consider SBSTTA recommendation IX/14, as well as any other relevant information.

19.4. Ecosystem approach

95. In its decision V/6, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to collect, analyse, and compare identified case-studies and pilot projects on the ecosystem approach, and requested SBSTTA to review the principles and guidelines of the ecosystem approach, and prepare guidelines for its implementation based on case studies and lessons learned. In its decision VI/12, paragraph 2 (c), the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to develop proposals for the refinement of the principles and operational guidance of the ecosystem approach on the basis of case-studies and lessons learned, including indicators and strategies for the integration of the ecosystem approach into the programmes of work of the Convention, taking into account regional differences. In paragraph 2 (b) of the same decision, and in decision VI/22, paragraph 19 (a), the Conference of the Parties further requested

the Executive Secretary to carry out a comparative study to clarify the conceptual basis of the ecosystem approach in relation to the concept of sustainable forest management.

96. In response to these requests, and based on the results of an expert meeting on the ecosystem approach convened from 7 to 11 July 2003 in Montreal, Canada, with financial support from the Government of the Netherlands, the Executive Secretary prepared document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/8 on further elaboration and guidelines for implementation of the ecosystem approach, as well as the full report of the expert meeting (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/INF/4). As a result, SBSTTA adopted recommendation IX/6 for consideration by the Conference of the Parties. To facilitate the work of the Conference of the Parties, additional information on this topic is provided in the relevant section of the progress report by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/13).

97. Based on the work undertaken by SBSTTA, the Conference of the Parties-is invited to consider SBSTTA recommendation IX/6 on "Ecosystem approach: further elaboration, guidelines for implementation and relationship with sustainable forest management.", in which SBSTTA recommended, *inter alia*, that the Conference of the Parties should: (i) endorse the implementation guidelines and annotations to the rationale of the ecosystem approach; (ii) note that sustainable forest management can be considered as a means of applying the ecosystem approach to forests; and (iii) recommend that Parties and other Governments continue or start implementation of the ecosystem approach, specifying targeted actions.

19.5. Sustainable use (Article 10)

98. In decision VI/13, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to organize a fourth open-ended workshop on the sustainable use of biological diversity to synthesize the outcome of the previous three workshops, organized in 2001 and 2002 in Mozambique, Viet Nam and Ecuador, in order to integrate different views and regional differences and develop a final set of practical principles and operational guidelines for the sustainable use of biological diversity. The Conference of the Parties further requested the Executive Secretary to submit the final set of guidelines to the SBSTTA for its consideration prior to the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

99. In response to these requests, the Executive Secretary convened a fourth open-ended workshop on the sustainable use of biological diversity, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 5 to 8 May 2003, with the support of the Governments of Norway and the Netherlands. The workshop formulated the draft Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines for the Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity, a set of principles and practical implementation guidelines which provide a framework of key factors or conditions which Government, resource managers and other interested stakeholders should consider to optimize the sustainability of uses of biological diversity. The report of the meeting was submitted to SBSTTA at its ninth meeting. SBSTTA endorsed the Principles and Guidelines, as annexed to its recommendation IX/7, recommended that the Conference of the Parties adopt them.

100. Under this item, the Conference of the Parties is invited to consider SBSTTA recommendation IX/7 on the draft Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines for the Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity and on future work to be undertaken on this issue.

19.6. *Alien species that threaten ecosystems, habitats or species (Article 8 (h))*

101. In decision VI/23, the Conference of the Parties adopted the Guiding Principles for the Prevention, Introduction and Mitigation of Impacts of Invasive Alien Species.* In the same decision, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to, *inter alia*, support the development and dissemination of technical tools and related information, integrate invasive alien species considerations into thematic work programmes of the Convention, explore means to facilitate capacity enhancement for eradication work on alien species on continents and islands, and identify mechanism(s) for providing Parties with access to financial support in cooperation with the Global Invasive Species Programme (GISP) and other relevant organizations. A report on progress of the implementation of these items was presented to the ninth meeting of SBSTTA in document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/3. In addition, SBSTTA considered a note by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/15) on identification of specific gaps and inconsistencies in the international regulatory framework. The Subsidiary Body adopted recommendation IX/15 on invasive alien species.

102. Under this item, the Conference of the Parties is invited to consider the SBSTTA recommendation. Also under this item, the Chairman has conducted consultations on how to resolve the issue addressed in the footnote in paragraph 103 above.

19.7. *Biological diversity and tourism*

103. In its decision VI/14, the Conference of the Parties welcomed the joint efforts of the Convention on Biological Diversity, UNEP, the Commission on Sustainable Development and the World Tourism Organization, took note of the progress made in the development of the draft guidelines for sustainable tourism in vulnerable ecosystems, and requested the Executive Secretary to review the draft guidelines following consultation and to transmit the reviewed draft to the SBSTTA for its consideration prior to the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

104. Accordingly, at its eighth meeting, SBSTTA reviewed the draft Guidelines on Biodiversity and Tourism Development and made recommendations for future action.

105. Under this item, the Conference of the Parties is invited to consider SBSTTA recommendation VIII/5 with regard to adoption of the draft Guidelines on Biodiversity and Tourism Development, as well as proposals by the Executive Secretary on future action in light of the SBSTTA recommendations and other relevant information contained in the progress report of the Executive Secretary under this item (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/13).

19.8. *Article 8(j) and related provisions*

106. In its decision VI/10, the Conference of the Parties decided to reconvene the Ad Hoc Open-ended Inter-Sessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions prior to its seventh meeting to ensure further advancement of the work programme on Article 8(j) and related provisions. In the same decision, the Conference of the Parties also decided to launch the first phase of the composite report on the status and trends regarding the knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities relevant to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity.

* One representative entered a formal objection during the process leading to the adoption of this decision and underlined that he did not believe that the Conference of the Parties could legitimately adopt a motion or a text with a formal objection in place. A few representatives expressed reservations regarding the procedure leading to the adoption of the decision. See UNEP/CBD/COP/6/20, paras. 294-324.

107. The Working Group on Article 8(j) held its third meeting, in Montreal from 8 to 12 December 2003. The Working Group reviewed progress in the priority tasks of the work programme and their integration into the thematic programmes. It also considered the report on the first phase of the composite report, as well as recommendations on guidelines for the conduct of cultural, environmental and social impact assessments regarding developments proposed to take place on, or which are likely to impact on, sacred sites and on lands and waters traditionally occupied or used by indigenous and local communities.

108. The Working Group also considered further work *inter alia* on: (i) participatory mechanisms for indigenous and local communities in the implementation of the Convention; (ii) the report of a technical expert group on the roles and responsibilities of a thematic focal point within the clearing house mechanism of the Convention and on the further development of communications networks for use by indigenous and local communities; and (iii) on the assessment of the effectiveness of strategies to protect traditional knowledge, innovations and practices based on a combination of appropriate approaches.

109. In addition, consistent with decision VI/10, paragraph 1, the Executive Secretary examined, in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the implication of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture on the issues under Article 8(j) and related provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity. The results of this examination are available as an information document (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/INF/18).

110. Under this item, the Conference of the Parties is invited to consider the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Inter-Sessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions arising out of its consideration of the above-mentioned matters (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/7, annex)

19.9. Liability and redress (Article 14, paragraph 2)

111. In its decision VI/11, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to convene a group of legal and technical experts and observers with the mandate to review information gathered by the Executive Secretary and to conduct further analysis of pertinent issues relating to liability and redress in the context of Article 14, paragraph 2, of the Convention. However, the meeting of the group of legal and technical experts could not be held because of lack of funds.

112. Under this item, the Conference of the Parties may wish to decide on a future course of action.

19.10. Incentive measures (Article 11)

113. In decision VI/15, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary, “in collaboration with relevant organizations, to elaborate proposals for the application of ways and means to remove or mitigate perverse incentives.” To this end, the Executive Secretary convened a workshop on incentive measures for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity in Montreal, Canada, from 3 to 5 June 2003, with financial support from the Government of the Netherlands. The conclusions of the Workshop and a background note prepared by the Executive Secretary were considered by SBSTTA at its ninth meeting. The recommendations of SBSTTA on this issue is included in the report of the ninth meeting of SBSTTA (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/4).

114. In decision VI/15, the Executive Secretary was also requested to “continue compiling and disseminating the information on incentive measures submitted by Parties and organizations, through the clearing-house mechanism and other means”. A synthesis of this information has been made available to the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting.

115. Under this item, the Conference of the Parties is invited to consider the recommendations of SBSTTA and other relevant information.

19.11. Access and benefit-sharing as related to genetic resources (Article 15)

116. The Open-ended Working Group on Access to Genetic Resources and Benefit-sharing held its second meeting in Montreal, Canada, from 1 to 5 December 2003 to address outstanding issues, in accordance with decision VI/24A of the Conference of the Parties. The meeting also considered the role of intellectual property rights in the implementation of access and benefit-sharing arrangements, in accordance with decision VI/24C and in light of the draft technical study prepared by WIPO and other relevant information.

117. In addition, following a recommendation by the Inter-sessional meeting of the Multi-Year Programme of Work of the Convention up to 2010, the Working Group also considered the process, nature, scope, elements and modalities of an international regime on access to genetic resources and benefit-sharing.

118. In response to the invitation to carry out a technical study on specific issues related to the disclosure of origin of genetic resources and related traditional knowledge in patent applications, as set out in paragraph 4 of decision VI/24 C, WIPO reported its findings to the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/INF/17). The report of the Working Group (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/6) has also been submitted to the Conference of the Parties for its consideration.

119. As requested in decision VI/24 B, an Open-ended Expert Workshop on Capacity-building for Access to genetic resources and Benefit-sharing was held in Montreal, from 2 to 4 December 2002, to further develop the draft elements for an Action Plan on Capacity-building for Access and Benefit-sharing. The draft Action Plan (UNEP/CBD/EW-CB/1/3, annex I) is submitted for consideration by the Conference of the Parties.

120. Under this item, the Conference of the Parties is invited to consider the recommendations of the Open-ended Working Group on Access to Genetic Resources and Benefit-sharing annexed to the report of its second meeting (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/6), as well as the above-mentioned draft Action Plan.

19.12. Biodiversity and climate change

121. Under this item, the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Biological Diversity and Climate Change produced a report published as CBD Technical Series report No. 10 on "Interlinkages Between Biological Diversity and Climate Change" in response to requests of the Conference of the Parties at its fifth meeting (decision V/4, paras. 11 and 16-20), and also in response to paragraphs 12 and 13 of decision VI/20, and paragraph 9 of decision VI/22 on inter-agency cooperation between the secretariats of the Rio conventions.

122. The Subsidiary Body considered the interlinkages between biodiversity and climate change at its ninth meeting. In its recommendation IX/11, SBSTTA welcomed the report of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Biodiversity and Climate Change (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/11 and UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/INF/12) and commended it to the Conference of the Parties as scientific advice provided in response to paragraphs 11 and 18 of decision V/4, as a basis for future work.

123. Noting that there were opportunities to implement climate change mitigation and adaptation activities in ways that are mutually beneficial and synergistic with the Convention objectives, SBSTTA requested the Executive Secretary to bring the report of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group to the attention of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) at its nineteenth session, in December 2003, in order that it may consider its contents. Accordingly, the Executive Secretary conveyed the report to

SBSTA at its nineteenth session. SBSTA welcomed the report and invited Parties to the UNFCCC to make use of it.

124. The Conference of the Parties is invited to consider and take action as appropriate, on recommendation IX/11 adopted by SBSTTA at its ninth meeting.

ITEM 20. MECHANISMS FOR IMPLEMENTATION

125. Under this item, the Executive Secretary has prepared a note (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/17 and Add. 1-7) outlining developments related to the various mechanisms for implementation under the Convention (i.e., the financial resources and the financial mechanism; scientific and technical cooperation and the clearing-house mechanism; communication, education and public awareness; and national reporting) and identifying, on the basis of the recommendations of the relevant bodies of the Convention and other organizations, matters that require the attention of the Conference of the Parties. Further details on the background to, and contents of, the note by the Executive Secretary are provided under the individual sub-items below. Draft elements of decisions for the consideration of the Conference of the Parties are contained in document UNEP/CBD/COP/7/1/Add.2.

20.1. Financial resources and mechanism (Articles 20 and 21)

Additional financial resources

126. In decision VI/16, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary:

- (a) To promote coordination, coherence, and synergies in financing for biological diversity among donors;
- (b) To make available, through the clearing-house mechanism, relevant funding;
- (c) To explore possible cooperation with relevant institutions to address the need for centralizing information on biodiversity related activities of funding institutions and other donors;
- (d) To explore with interested partners opportunities of developing a global initiative on banking, business and biodiversity, with a view to increasing funding for biodiversity and mainstreaming biodiversity into the financial sector;
- (e) To follow up on the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development that are relevant to additional financial resources;
- (f) To compile information concerning the impacts of external debts on the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, and examine the possibility of utilizing debt for nature initiatives for supporting the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity,;
- (g) To prepare a progress report for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting.

127. The work indicated in paragraphs 126 (a), (b) and (d) above was to be undertaken in collaboration with the Global Environment Facility.

128. Accordingly, the Executive Secretary has prepared a note on additional financial resources (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/15), which reports on implementation of decision VI/16, as well as previous

decisions, and contains a number of recommendations for the consideration of the Conference of the Parties.

129. Under this item, the Conference of the Parties is invited to consider the recommendations contained in the note by the Executive Secretary.

Review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism

130. At its sixth meeting, the Conference of the Parties adopted several measures to improve the effectiveness of the financial mechanism and requested the Executive Secretary and the Global Environment Facility to explore possible synergies between the review processes of the Convention and the Global Environment Facility, and make suggestions on the arrangements for the third review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism.

131. Accordingly, after consultation with the Global Environment Facility, the Executive Secretary has prepared a note on the arrangements for the third review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/17/Add.5).

132. Under this item, the Conference of the Parties is invited to consider the arrangements for the third review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism

Further guidance to the financial mechanism

133. Pursuant to Article 21 of the Convention, and in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding between the Conference of the Parties and the GEF Council, the Conference of the Parties is to communicate its guidance, and any revisions to previous guidance, to the GEF, as the institutional structure operating the financial mechanism under the Convention, on the following matters:

- (a) Policy and strategy;
- (b) Programme priorities;
- (c) Eligibility criteria;
- (d) An indicative list of incremental costs;
- (e) A list of developed country Parties and other Parties which voluntarily assume the obligations of developed country Parties; and
- (f) Any other matter relating to Article 21, including periodic determination of the amount of resources needed, as detailed in paragraph 5 of the Memorandum of Understanding.

134. In decision V/20, the Conference of the Parties decided that guidance to the financial mechanism should be incorporated in a single decision, including the identification of priority issues which will provide support for cross-cutting issues and capacity-building, especially for developing countries, in a manner that: (i) is transparent, (ii) allows participation, and (iii) allows full consideration of its other decisions. Previous guidance to the financial mechanism has already been presented in this manner in decisions III/5, IV/13, V/13 and VI/17.

135. Under this item, and on the basis of its consideration of the report of the GEF Council (item 15), and its consideration of the substantive items of the agenda, the Conference of the Parties may wish to

consider providing further guidance to GEF in accordance with Article 21 of the Convention and the Memorandum of Understanding or adjusting its existing guidance.

136. To assist the Conference of the Parties, following consultation with the GEF secretariat, the Executive Secretary has made available a compilation of past guidance to the financial mechanism by substantive item of the provisional agenda (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/INF/1).

20.2. Scientific and technical cooperation and the clearing-house mechanism (Article 18, paragraph 3)

137. In decision V/14, the Conference of the Parties also decided to review, at its seventh meeting, the continuation, mandate and operational procedures of the informal advisory committee of the clearing-house mechanism. The informal advisory committee drafted operational procedures at its meeting held on 9 March 2003. These draft procedures are annexed to the note by the Executive Secretary prepared for the consideration of the Conference of the Parties under this item (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/17/Add.6).

138. In its decision VI/18, the Conference of the Parties urged the Executive Secretary to update and further develop the clearing-house mechanism toolkit, to convene additional capacity-building workshops and to assist in the further development of communication networks, for use by indigenous and local communities. In response to that decision, regional meetings were held in Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Central and Eastern Europe, and a similar meeting is scheduled to be held in January 2004 for Asia and the Pacific. The reports of the regional meetings are available as information documents (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/INF/3-5). The report of the meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Traditional Knowledge and the Clearing-House Mechanism held in Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia, from 24 to 26 February 2003 was submitted to the consideration of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions. The clearing-house mechanism also co-organized with the Government of Belgium the meeting on the clearing-house mechanism: exchange of experiences on its implementation at national level and developing scientific and technical cooperation, held in Ouagadougou from 16 to 18 December 2003.

139. A new clearing-house mechanism toolkit had been completed and made available to Parties and Governments. This offers guidance in the use of formats, protocols and standards to assist Parties, Governments to develop new and enhance existing national clearing-house mechanisms. This guidance may also be used by indigenous and local communities to further enhance communication networks for their use.

140. The Conference of the Parties also has before it (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/INF/12) the results of the review commissioned in response to decision VI/18, paragraph 2, to assess the current and potential role of the clearing-house mechanism in promoting technical and scientific cooperation, including its role in facilitating the transfer of technology and know-how and capacity-building to support implementation of the Convention at the national level.

141. The Executive Secretary, in consultation with the informal advisory committee, has prepared a report (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/17/Add.1) on the inter-sessional operations of the clearing-house mechanism, which reviews the completion of its information exchange phase and gives focus to its efforts to more effectively promote and facilitate technical and scientific cooperation and capacity-building, particularly within the context of the Convention's programme areas and cross-cutting issues. Finally, the Executive Secretary has submitted a number of recommended adjustments to the operation of the clearing-house mechanism (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/17/Add.6).

142. The Conference of the Parties is invited to consider the recommendations in the relevant notes by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/17/Add.1 and Add.6).

20.3. Education and public awareness (Article 13)

143. In decision VI/19, the Conference of the Parties adopted a programme of work for the Global Initiative on Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA). In the same decision, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to: (a) monitor and evaluate the implementation of the Global Initiative as contained in the annex to decision VI/19; (b) review the CEPA dimensions of existing and new cross-cutting issues and thematic areas; (c) promote, in collaboration with the relevant agencies, the development and implementation of demonstration projects; (d) seek the submission of relevant case-studies on biodiversity communication, education and public awareness from relevant sources; (e) develop and implement a corporate communication strategy for the Secretariat.

144. Further to those requests:

(a) The Executive Secretary organized a meeting of the Consultative Working Group on Communication, Education and Public Awareness from 27 to 29 October 2003 to discuss ways and means to monitor and evaluate the implementation of the Global Initiative, and promote the development and implementation of demonstration projects in the field of CEPA. The recommendations from that meeting are contained in the report of the meeting (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/INF/10) and are reflected in the note by the Executive Secretary on CEPA activities (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/17/Add.4);

(b) The draft corporate communication strategy for the Secretariat is described in paragraph 55 of the note by the Executive Secretary on mechanisms for implementation (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/17);

(c) The review of the CEPA dimensions of the existing and new cross-cutting issues and thematic areas, particularly those goals and actions established in the Strategic Plan for the Convention is contained in the report on CEPA activities (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/17/Add.4), together with a summary of case-studies.

145. The Conference of the Parties is invited to consider recommendations contained in the above-mentioned documentation.

20.4 National reporting

146. In accordance with decision VI/25, the Conference of the Parties will have before it under this item draft formats for the third national reports prepared by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/17/Add.2, annex)

147. Also in response to decision VI/25, the Executive Secretary has prepared an analysis of the information contained in the second national reports (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/17/Add.3). More detailed information is available as an information document (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/INF/2).

148. The Conference of the Parties is invited to consider the draft format for the third national reports, as well as the analysis of the information contained in the second national reports. With regard to the format for reporting on forest biological diversity, a proposed amended questionnaire is contained in annex I to the note by the Executive Secretary on proposals for the review of the expanded programme of work on forest biological diversity (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/17/Add.7). These proposals were prepared in the light of the outcome of the first meeting of the ad hoc technical expert group established to provide advice on ways to undertake the review of the expanded programme of work, which was held in Montpellier, France, in November 2003.

149. The Inter-Sessional Meeting on the Multi-Year Programme of Work of the Conference of the Parties up to 2010 recommended that the formats for the third national reports be revised to address all four goals of the strategic plan and to allow incorporation of indicators and data on outcomes. Additionally, in recommendation IX/13, SBSTTA recommended that the targets of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation be incorporated into the reporting format for the third national reports. Accordingly, as further set out in document UNEP/CBD/COP/7/20/Add.3, alternative provisional reporting formats have been developed as an information document.

ITEM 21. COOPERATION WITH OTHER CONVENTIONS AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND INITIATIVES

150. At its first meeting, the Conference of the Parties decided to consider as a standing item on its agenda the relationship of the Convention with the Commission on Sustainable Development and biodiversity-related conventions, other international agreements, institutions and processes of relevance. Since then, the Conference of the Parties has consistently recognized the importance of, and called for, cooperation and synergy with other conventions and organizations.

151. Many of the relevant activities are described in the context of specific areas of work and, as such, are addressed in other items of the provisional agenda for this meeting. In his note under this item (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/19), the Executive Secretary reports on the status of a number of activities, including developments with regard to collaboration with other Conventions and organizations.

152. In this connection, the Inter-Sessional Meeting on the Multi-Year Programme of Work of the Conference of the Parties up to 2010 recommended that, at its seventh meeting, the Conference of the Parties request to Executive Secretary to develop a global partnership on biodiversity comprising the major international biodiversity related organizations, with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity facilitating the process in order to enhance synergies, avoid duplication of efforts and improve implementation of biodiversity-related agreements. In his note under this item (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/19), the Executive Secretary examines a number of questions that need to be addressed by the Conference of the Parties in order to make progress in the development of a global partnership.

153. The Conference of the Parties is invited to consider the report of the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/19), to adopt the recommendation of the Open-ended Inter-Sessional Meeting on the Multi-Year Programme of Work of the Conference of the Parties up to 2010 regarding the establishment of a global partnership on biodiversity and to define the mandate and institutional nature of such a partnership.

ITEM 22. BUDGET FOR THE PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR THE BIENNIUM 2005-2006

154. Under this item, the Conference of the Parties is invited to adopt a programme budget for the biennium 2005-2006 to meet the core administrative costs of the Conference of the Parties, SBSTTA, other meetings and the Secretariat.

155. The Conference of the Parties has before it, for consideration and approval, a proposed budget for the BY, BE and BZ Trust Funds for the Convention on Biological Diversity for 2005-2006 (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/2). As in the past, the levels of contributions to the budget by individual Parties, which are set out in annex I of the document, have been based on the United Nations scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the Organization.

156. The proposed programme budget builds upon the existing programmes and subprogrammes. It also anticipates likely developments arising from the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties. Detailed information on activities and resource needs by programme and sub-programme are explained in the note by the Executive Secretary on detailed subprogramme activities and resources required (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/2/Add.1).

157. The Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety provides that, “[t]o the extent that they are distinct, the costs of the Secretariat services for the Protocol shall be met by the Parties hereto”. In light of the entry into force of the Protocol, in 2003, and of the holding of the first meeting of the Parties to the Convention serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol back-to-back with the seventh meeting of the Parties to the Convention, there is a need to identify those Secretariat costs that are distinct to the Protocol and those that are common to the Convention and the Protocol. Therefore, the decision on budget will be formally adopted by the Conference of the Parties when it reconvenes, on 27 February, following the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol, which will formulate recommendations in this regard.

IV. PRIORITY ISSUES FOR REVIEW AND GUIDANCE

158. Section IV of the provisional agenda includes those items that the Conference of the Parties, in its decision IV/16, singled out for in-depth consideration at its seventh meeting.

159. For each item in this section, the Conference of the Parties will have before it detailed advice from SBSTTA and, where appropriate, other bodies. The notes from the Executive Secretary submitted under each item provide complementary information.

ITEM 23. MOUNTAIN BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

160. In its decision IV/16, the Conference of the Parties decided to consider mountain ecosystems at its seventh meeting. SBSTTA considered this thematic area in-depth at its eighth meeting and adopted recommendation VIII/1 A including the structure, elements and goals of the proposed programme of work on mountain biological diversity. The Subsidiary Body established, with financial support from the Government of Italy, an Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group to review actions contained within the elements and goals of the programme of work on mountain biological diversity and for including new actions based on the results of a consultation by Governments and relevant institutions (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/3). The Expert Group met in Rome from 1 to 3 July 2003.

161. At its ninth meeting, SBSTTA considered the report of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group, and a note prepared by the Executive Secretary containing the proposed programme of work on mountain biological diversity and adopted recommendation IX/12. More detailed background information is contained in the note by the Executive Secretary prepared under this item (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/14).

162. Under this item, the Conference of the Parties is invited to consider SBSTTA recommendations VIII/I and IX/12 on mountain biodiversity, bearing in mind the other relevant recommendations, in particular those on cross-cutting issues such as indicators and the ecosystem approach, developed by SBSTTA at its eighth and ninth meetings.

ITEM 24. PROTECTED AREAS (ARTICLES 8 (a)-(e))

163. In decision IV/16, paragraph 16, the Conference of the Parties decided to consider protected areas as an issue for in-depth consideration at its seventh meeting. The preparatory process undertaken by the Executive Secretary has included the work of an Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group, which met in Tjärnö,

Sweden, from 10 to 14 June 2003, with the support of the Government of Sweden. In response to decision VI/30, input from the Vth IUCN World Parks Congress (WPC) was also incorporated into the preparatory process. The recommendations of the Open-ended Inter-Sessional Meeting on the Multi-Year Programme of Work of the Conference of the Parties up to 2010 concerning the outcome of the World Summit on Sustainable Development relating to hotspots, ecological networks and corridors and other areas essential for biodiversity, as well as the recommendations of the International Workshop on Protected Forest Areas held in Montreal, from 6 to 8 November 2003, have also been taken into account.

164. SBSTTA, at its ninth meeting, considered the question of protected areas and adopted recommendation IX/4 containing programme elements, goals and targets of a proposed programme of work on protected areas. SBSTTA requested the Executive Secretary to incorporate the submissions made by Parties at its ninth meeting into the activities in proposed programme of work to be forwarded to the Conference of Parties (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/4). To facilitate the work of the Conference of the Parties, the Executive Secretary prepared note (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/15) which contains the proposed programme of work on protected areas incorporating the submissions made by Parties in bracketed italicized text.

165. Under this item, the Conference of the Parties is invited to consider the review of status and trends in protected areas and recommendation IX/4 of the SBSTTA on this topic, together with the proposed programme of work contained in the note by the Executive Secretary submitted under this item (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/15).

ITEM 25. TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY AND TECHNOLOGY COOPERATION (ARTICLES 16 AND 18)

166. At its fourth meeting, in decision IV/16, the Conference of the Parties decided that transfer of technology and technology cooperation would be an issue for in depth consideration at its seventh meeting. At its sixth meeting, the Conference of the Parties endorsed the proposals by the Executive Secretary regarding preparatory work on this issue (UNEP/CBD/COP/6/2), namely, that SBSTTA would consider technology transfer and cooperation at its ninth meeting and adopt a recommendation for the consideration of the Conference of the Parties. That recommendation would include elements for a programme of work on technology transfer.

167. Subsequently, the SBSTTA Bureau decided that SBSTTA was not well placed to address the legal and socio-economic aspects of technology transfer and that it would confine itself to the technical and scientific aspects of this issue. The SBSTTA Bureau further requested that the legal and socio-economic aspects of this issue be included as part of the agenda of the Open-ended Inter-sessional Meeting on the Multi-year Programme of Work of the Conference of the Parties up to 2010. The Bureau of the Conference of the Parties agreed to that request, while expressing the view that the SBSTTA mandate covers advice on legal and socio-economic issues.

168. The Open-ended Inter-Sessional Meeting on the Multi-Year Programme of Work of the Conference of the Parties up to 2010 considered the legal and socio-economic aspects of technology transfer, based on a note prepared by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/MYPOW/5), and prepared a number of recommendations for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/5, annex, recommendation 4).

169. SBSTTA considered the issue of technology transfer and cooperation at its ninth meeting based on a note prepared by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/11). The Subsidiary Body adopted recommendation IX/5 containing the elements of a work programme in the area of technology transfer and technology cooperation, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties.

170. In addition, this issue was also considered by the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and related provisions, as it relates to the knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities relevant to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity. The Working Group adopted recommendation III/8 contained in the annex to its report (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/7).

171. More detailed background information is provided by the Executive Secretary in a note prepared under this item (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/16).

172. Under this item, the Conference of the Parties is invited to consider the recommendations of SBSTTA, of the Open-ended Inter-Sessional Meeting on the Multi-year Programme of Work, and of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions.

ITEM 26. FOLLOW UP TO THE WORLD SUMMIT ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, MULTI-YEAR PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES UP TO 2010, STRATEGIC PLAN AND OPERATIONS OF THE CONVENTION

173. Under this item, the Conference of the Parties is invited to take up a number of related matters, all of which were considered by the Open-ended Inter-Sessional Meeting on the Multi-Year Programme of Work of the Conference of the Parties up to 2010. The recommendations of the Inter-Sessional Meeting are contained in the annex to its report (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/5). The Conference of the Parties also has before it several notes by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/20 and Add.1-5), the report of the London meeting on “2010 - The Global Biodiversity Challenge” organized by the Executive Secretary jointly with UNEP-WCMC and UNDP, held in London from 21 to 23 May 2003 (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/INF/22), as well as a number of draft decisions based on the outcome of inter-sessional activities.

Follow-up to the World Summit on Sustainable Development

174. By decision VI/21, the Conference of the Parties adopted its contribution to the World Summit on Sustainable Development and requested the President of the Conference of the Parties to transmit this contribution from the Conference of the Parties to the World Summit on Sustainable Development. The contribution was transmitted by the President of the Conference of the Parties to the fourth session of the preparatory committee for the Summit, held in Bali, Indonesia, from 27 May to 7 June 2002 and to the Summit, which was held in Johannesburg, from 26 August to 4 September 2002.

175. By paragraph 6 of the same decision, the Conference of the Parties further requested the President, in close cooperation with the Bureau and the Executive Secretary, to analyse the outcome of the World Summit on Sustainable Development as it relates to the Convention process and to report thereon to the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting. At its meeting held in Montreal, on 23 September 2002, the Bureau decided that, due to the significance of this issue to both the Strategic Plan of the Convention and the multi-year programme of work, an item on the outcome of the World Summit be included in the agenda of the Open-ended Inter-Sessional Meeting on the Multi-Year Programme of Work of the Conference of the Parties up to 2010. The Open-ended Inter-Sessional Meeting reviewed the outcome of the World Summit as it relates to the Convention on Biological Diversity and made a number of recommendations regarding the follow-up to the World Summit for the consideration of the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting.

176. As part of its examination of the outcome of the World Summit, the Inter-Sessional Meeting also examined and made recommendations concerning the negotiation of an international regime on access and benefit-sharing. This matter is addressed under agenda item 19.11.

177. Likewise, the Inter-Sessional Meeting considered the outcome of the World Summit on Sustainable Development relating to hotspots, ecological networks and corridors and other areas essential for biodiversity and recommended that the Conference of the Parties consider the matter at its seventh meeting in the context of the work on protected areas, taking into account other relevant thematic programmes and cross-cutting issues, in the context of national strategies and action plans, and focusing on biodiversity loss. According, it is suggested that this matter should be addressed under agenda item 24.

Multi-year programme of work of the Conference of the Parties up to 2010

178. In its decision IV/16, the Conference of the Parties adopted a medium-term programme of work to cover the period from the fifth until the seventh meeting, identifying for each meeting three items for in-depth consideration, consisting of one thematic area and two cross-cutting issues. To facilitate the preparation of a new multi-year programme of work, SBSTTA at its seventh meeting, proposed, in recommendation VII/12, a number of topics as potential themes for in-depth discussion at the eighth and subsequent meetings of the Conference of the Parties. In paragraph 4 of its recommendation 1, the Open-ended Inter-Sessional Meeting on the Strategic Plan, National Reports and Implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity (MSP), held in Montreal in November 2001, requested the Executive Secretary to prepare a multi-year programme of work for the Conference of the Parties up to 2010, on the basis of decision IV/16, suggestions by Parties received by 1 March 2002 and taking into account recommendation VII/12 of SBSTTA on topics for future work. In this regard, the Executive Secretary prepared a note (UNEP/CBD/COP/6/5/Add.2/Rev.1), containing a draft multi-year programme of work, which formed the basis for discussions on this issue at the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

179. By decision VI/28, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary, on the basis of the draft multi-year programme of work, to prepare a multi-year programme of work for the Conference of the Parties up to 2010, taking fully into consideration the Strategic Plan of the Convention and based upon submissions by Parties and the views of the Bureau of SBSTTA. The Conference of the Parties also decided to hold an open-ended inter-sessional meeting to consider the multi-year programme of work of the Conference of the Parties up to 2010 and to report thereon to the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting.

180. Under this item, the Conference of the Parties is invited to consider the recommendations of the Open-ended Inter-Sessional Meeting on the Multi-year Programme of Work contained in its report and to establish an ad hoc technical expert group to assist in the preparation of a programme of work on island biodiversity, should the Conference of the Parties decide to take up this issue for in-depth consideration at its eighth meeting as suggested by the Inter-Sessional Meeting and SBSTTA.

Strategic Plan: future evaluation of progress

181. In decision VI/26, the Conference of the Parties adopted the Strategic Plan for the Convention on Biological Diversity contained in the annex to that decision. By the same decision, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to provide appropriate information to the Parties at an inter-sessional meeting for consideration of the future evaluation of progress in the implementation of the Convention and the Strategic Plan, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Convention.

182. The Open-ended Inter-Sessional Meeting on the Multi-Year Programme of Work considered a number of proposals prepared by the Executive Secretary and developed recommendations on this issue,

which are before the Conference of the Parties for its consideration under this item (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/5, annex recommendation 2).

Strategic Plan: The programme of work of the Convention and the Millennium Development Goals

183. The Strategic Plan for the Convention including a target “to achieve by 2010 a significant reduction of the current rate of biodiversity loss at the global, regional and national levels as a contribution to poverty alleviation and to the benefit of all life on Earth”. The target was endorsed by the World Summit, which also recognized the key role played by biodiversity in poverty eradication.

184. The Inter-Sessional Meeting on the Multi-Year Programme of Work in recommendation 1 B, “recognizing that the Convention on biological diversity is the key instrument for the integration of biodiversity-related issues into the Millennium Development Agenda,” requested the Executive Secretary: to prepare a report on the relevance of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) for the programmes of work under the Convention and to explore and articulate in each programme of work of the Convention the links between biodiversity and the Millennium Development Goals in order to identify and highlight the ways that biodiversity conservation and sustainable use can facilitate their achievement; and, to identify modalities to ensure that the achievement of the MDGs is consistent with the objectives of the Convention. At its ninth meeting, SBSTTA also made recommendations concerning the linkages between the 2010 target under the Convention and the MDGs (recommendation IX/13).

185. In response to the request of the Inter-Sessional Meeting, and of the SBSTTA, the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with UNDP, has prepared a note on the relationships between the Convention on Biological Diversity, its programmes of work and the Millennium Development Goals (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/20/Add.1).

186. Under this item, the Conference of the Parties is invited to consider the recommendations of the Executive Secretary contained in that document.

Integration of outcome-oriented targets in the Convention programmes of work and evaluation of progress towards the 2010 biodiversity target

187. In its decision VI/26, the Conference of Parties adopted a Strategic Plan for the Convention including a target “to achieve by 2010 a significant reduction of the current rate of biodiversity loss at the global, regional and national level as a contribution to poverty alleviation and to the benefit of all life on Earth”. The target was endorsed by the World Summit on Sustainable Development. The Conference of the Parties also adopted, in decision VI/9, a Global Strategy for Plant Conservation containing 16 outcome-oriented global targets. The Strategic Plan specified that better methods should be developed to objectively evaluate progress in the implementation of the Convention and of the Strategic Plan. The Inter-Sessional Meeting on the Multi-Year Programme of Work of the Convention and the eighth and ninth meetings of SBSTTA also adopted a number of recommendations relevant to this matter.

188. In its recommendation IX/13, paragraphs 2 and 3, SBSTTA recommended that the Conference of the Parties considers the establishment of a small number of global goals, each with one or two targets, in order to assess progress towards the 2010 target, recommended a number of indicators for immediate testing or further development, and requested the Executive Secretary to assist the Conference of the Parties in addressing the aforementioned need by preparing a background paper on these matters. In paragraph 5 of the same recommendation, the Subsidiary Body also requested the Executive Secretary to further revise the outcome-oriented targets for the programmes of work on inland water ecosystem and marine and coastal biological diversity and present the revised targets to the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

189. Accordingly, the Executive Secretary has prepared a note on implementation of the Strategic Plan—evaluation of progress towards the 2010 biodiversity target: development of specific targets, indicators and a reporting framework (UNEP/CBD/COP/20/Add.3). The Executive Secretary also prepared revised draft targets for the programmes of work on inland water ecosystems and marine and coastal biodiversity (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/20/Add.4 and 5).

190. Under this item, the Conference of the Parties is invited to consider the draft targets for the implementation of the Strategic Plan contained in the note by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/20/Add.3) and their application to the programmes of work on the biological diversity of inland water ecosystems and marine and coastal ecosystems.

Operations of the Convention

191. In its decision VI/27 B, the Conference of the Parties addressed a number of issues relating to the operations of the Convention including the review of the status of implementation of the decisions of the Conference of the Parties, review of the recommendations of SBSTTA; regional and subregional mechanisms for implementation of the Convention as well as participation and procedures under the Convention.

192. In the same decision, the Conference of the Parties decided to review, on the basis of proposals by the Executive Secretary, the status of implementation of all its decisions at its seventh meeting with a view to adopting a consolidated body of decisions and to inform decision-making on the long-term work plan of the Convention. In addition, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to make proposals to its seventh meeting regarding, *inter alia*, the retirement of decisions taken at its third and fourth meetings and the consolidation of its decisions. In this regard, the Executive Secretary prepared proposals for the consideration of the Conference of the Parties (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/20/Add.2).

193. In decision VI/27 B, the Conference of the Parties also decided that, at its seventh meeting, it would assess the recommendations made to it by SBSTTA and requested the Executive Secretary to undertake, in consultation with the bureaux of SBSTTA and the Conference of the Parties, a review of the recommendations of SBSTTA and to report thereon to the ninth meeting of SBSTTA and the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The process by which this review was undertaken is reflected in paragraphs 40-45 of the note by the Executive Secretary prepared under this item (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/20). SBSTTA considered the matter at its eighth meeting and took note of the review in its recommendation VIII/6.

194. In decision VI/27 B, the Conference of the Parties also reiterated the important role of regional and subregional networks for the implementation of the Convention. It consequently requested the Executive Secretary, with the assistance of UNEP and in consultation with Parties, to identify, assess and report on the potential of existing regional and subregional instruments, institutions, networks and mechanisms in various regions as a basis for enhancing the implementation of the Convention. This matter is addressed in the note by the Executive Secretary prepared under this item (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/20, paras. 48-49) in order to assist the Conference of the Parties in its consideration of this issue.

195. Finally, in decision V/20, paragraph 6, the Conference of the Parties decided to review, at its seventh meeting, the effectiveness of the changes to the rules of procedure with regard to the term of office of Bureau members made by paragraph 5 of the same decision, whereby, with the exception of the President, the term of office of Bureau members commences at the closure of the meeting at which they are elected and ends at the end of the next ordinary meeting. The President of the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting will convey the views of the Bureau on this matter to the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting.

Expected decisions by the Conference of the Parties

196. Under this item, the Conference of the Parties is invited to consider the above-mentioned recommendations, as well as the recommendations on the operations of the Convention resulting from the Inter-Sessional Meeting on the Multi-Year Programme of Work of the Conference of the Parties up to 2010, the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, the Convention Secretariat and other relevant meetings referred to in the note by the Executive Secretary.

V. FINAL MATTERS

ITEM 27. OTHER MATTERS

197. The Conference of the Parties may wish to consider other matters raised and accepted for discussion in accordance with rule 12 of the rules of procedure and paragraph 7 of decision IV/16.

ITEM 28. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

198. The Conference of the Parties, at its seventh meeting, will consider and adopt its report. In accordance with established practice, the Conference of the Parties is invited to authorize the Rapporteur to complete the final report after the meeting, with the guidance of the President and assistance of the Secretariat.

ITEM 29. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

199. It is expected that the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties will be closed by its President on Friday, 27 February 2004, at approximately 6 p.m.

.Annex I

**PROVISIONAL LIST OF DOCUMENTS FOR THE SIXTH MEETING OF THE
CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL
DIVERSITY**

A. Working documents

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| UNEP/CBD/COP/7/1 and Corr.1 | Provisional agenda |
| UNEP/CBD/COP/7/1/Add.1/Rev.1 | Revised annotations to the provisional agenda |
| UNEP/CBD/COP/7/1/Add.2 | Draft decisions for the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties |
| UNEP/CBD/COP/7/2 | Proposed budget for the programme of work of the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety for the biennium 2005-2006 |
| UNEP/CBD/COP/7/2/Add.1 | Proposed budget of the programme of work: programme activities and resources required |
| UNEP/CBD/COP/7/3 | Report of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice on the work of its eighth meeting |
| UNEP/CBD/COP/7/4 | Report of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice on the work of its ninth meeting |
| UNEP/CBD/COP/7/5 | Report of the Inter-Sessional Meeting on the Multi-Year Programme of Work of the Conference of the Parties up to 2010 |
| UNEP/CBD/COP/7/6 | Report of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing on the work of its second meeting |
| UNEP/CBD/COP/7/7 | Report of the Open-ended Ad Hoc Inter-Sessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity on the work of its third meeting |
| UNEP/CBD/COP/7/8 | Report on the status of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety |
| UNEP/CBD/COP/7/9 | Report of the Global Environment Facility |
| UNEP/CBD/COP/7/10 | Report of the Executive Secretary on the financial and administrative performance of the Secretariat and the budget for the Trust Funds of the Convention |

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| UNEP/CBD/COP/7/11 | Thematic programmes of work: progress reports on implementation and consideration of proposals for future action: forest biological diversity, biological diversity of dry and sub-humid lands, and agriculture biological diversity |
| UNEP/CBD/COP/7/12 | Progress in the implementation of the programmes of work on the biological diversity of inland water ecosystems and marine and coastal biological diversity |
| UNEP/CBD/COP/7/12/Add.1 | Revised programme of work on the biological diversity of inland water ecosystems |
| UNEP/CBD/COP/7/12/Add.2 | The elaborated programme of work on marine and coastal biological diversity |
| UNEP/CBD/COP/7/13 | Cross-cutting issues: progress reports on implementation |
| UNEP/CBD/COP/7/14 | Mountain biological diversity |
| UNEP/CBD/COP/7/15 | Protected areas |
| UNEP/CBD/COP/7/16 | Transfer of technology and technology cooperation (Articles 16 and 18) |
| UNEP/CBD/COP/7/17 | Progress report on the mechanisms for implementation |
| UNEP/CBD/COP/7/17/Add.1 | Clearing-house mechanism activities during the inter-sessional period |
| UNEP/CBD/COP/7/17/Add.2 | Guidelines for the third national report |
| UNEP/CBD/COP/7/17/Add.3 | Mechanisms for implementation: national reporting |
| UNEP/CBD/COP/7/17/Add.4 | Report on communication, education and public awareness (CEPA) activities during the inter-sessional period |
| UNEP/CBD/COP/7/17/Add.5 | Arrangements for the third review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism |
| UNEP/CBD/COP/7/17/Add.6 | Operational procedures for the informal advisory committee of the clearing-house mechanism |
| UNEP/CBD/COP/7/17/Add.7 | Proposals for the review of implementation of the expanded programme of work on forest biological diversity |
| UNEP/CBD/COP/7/18 | Additional financial resources |
| UNEP/CBD/COP/7/19 | Cooperation with other organizations, initiatives and conventions |

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| UNEP/CBD/COP/7/20 | Follow up to the World Summit on Sustainable Development, multi-year programme of work of the Conference of the Parties up to 2010, Strategic Plan and Operations of the Convention |
| UNEP/CBD/COP/7/20/Add.1 | The programme of work of the Convention and the Millennium Development Goals |
| UNEP/CBD/COP/7/20/Add.2 | Review and consolidation of the decisions of the Conference of the Parties: proposals by the Executive Secretary pursuant to decision VI/27 B on operations of the Convention |
| UNEP/CBD/COP/7/20/Add.3 | Implementation of the Strategic Plan: evaluation of progress towards the 2010 biodiversity target: development of specific targets, indicators and a reporting framework |
| UNEP/CBD/COP/7/20/Add.4 | Draft outcome-oriented targets for the implementation of the revised programme of work on inland water ecosystem biological diversity |
| UNEP/CBD/COP/7/20/Add.5 | Draft outcome-oriented targets for the implementation of the elaborated programme of work on marine and coastal biological diversity |

B. Information documents

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| UNEP/CBD/COP/7/INF/1 | Compilation of previous guidance to the financial mechanism by the Conference of the Parties |
| UNEP/CBD/COP/7/INF/2 | Analysis of information contained in the second national reports |
| UNEP/CBD/COP/7/INF/3 | Report of the Africa regional meeting on the Clearing-house Mechanism |
| UNEP/CBD/COP/7/INF/4 | Report of the joint Latin America and Caribbean regional meeting on the Clearing-house Mechanism and the inter-American Biodiversity information network: building partnerships through effective networking |
| UNEP/CBD/COP/7/INF/5 | Report of the Convention on Biological Diversity Clearing-house Mechanism and European Community Clearing-house Mechanism joint regional meeting for Central and Eastern Europe |
| UNEP/CBD/COP/7/INF/6 | Synthesis of the thematic reports on mountain ecosystems |

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| UNEP/CBD/COP/7/INF/7 | Synthesis of information contained in voluntary reports on implementation of expanded programme of work on forest biological diversity |
| UNEP/CBD/COP/7/INF/8 | Synthesis of information in thematic reports on protected areas |
| UNEP/CBD/COP/7/INF/9 | Synthesis of information contained in thematic reports on technology transfer and cooperation |
| UNEP/CBD/COP/7/INF/10 | Report of the fourth meeting of the consultative group of experts on Biological Diversity Education and Public Awareness |
| UNEP/CBD/COP/7/INF/11 | Usage analysis of Convention on Biological Diversity website |
| UNEP/CBD/COP/7/INF/12 | Results of the independent review of the Clearing-house Mechanism of the Convention on Biological Diversity |
| UNEP/CBD/COP/7/INF/13 | Synthesis report on information on incentive measures received from Parties and organizations |
| UNEP/CBD/COP/7/INF/14 | The impact of trade liberalization on agricultural biodiversity: domestic support measures and their effects on agricultural biological diversity |
| UNEP/CBD/COP/7/INF/15 | The impact of trade liberalization on agricultural biological diversity: a synthesis of assessment frameworks |
| UNEP/CBD/COP/7/INF/16 | Review and consolidation of the decisions of the Conference of the Parties: proposals by the Executive Secretary pursuant to decision VI/27B on the operations of the Convention |
| UNEP/CBD/COP/7/INF/17 | Technical study on disclosure requirements related to genetic resources and traditional knowledge |
| UNEP/CBD/COP/7/INF/18 | The implications of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture on the issues under Article 8(j) and related provisions |
| UNEP/CBD/COP/7/INF/19 | Report of the Executive Secretary on the financial and administrative performance of the Secretariat and the budget for the trust funds of the Convention |
| UNEP/CBD/COP/7/INF/20 | Report of the first meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on the Review of Implementation of the Programme of Work on Forest Biological Diversity |
| UNEP/CBD/COP/7/INF/21 | List of meetings and documents prepared by the Secretariat between the sixth and seventh meetings of the Conference of the Parties |

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| UNEP/CBD/COP/7/INF/22 | Consideration of the results of the meeting on “2010 – The Global Biodiversity Challenge” |
| UNEP/CBD/COP/7/INF/23 | The programme of work of the Convention and the Millennium Development Goals |
| UNEP/CBD/COP/7/INF/24 | The proposed Ballast Water Convention and its relevance to the Convention on Biological Diversity |
| UNEP/CBD/COP/7/INF/25 and Corr.1 | Management of risks to the biodiversity of seamounts and cold-water coral communities beyond national jurisdiction |
| UNEP/CBD/COP/7/INF/26 | The International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI) resolutions on small island developing States and coral reefs and cold-water coral reefs, and their relevance to the Convention on Biological Diversity |
| UNEP/CBD/COP/7/INF/27 | Progress report on the implementation of the third joint work plan (2002-2006) of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar, Iran, 1971) |
| UNEP/CBD/COP/7/INF/28 | Joint work programme on the biological diversity of dry and sub-humid lands between the Convention on Biological Diversity and the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification |
| UNEP/CBD/COP/7/INF/29 | Proposals and progress report of the Global Land Degradation Assessment (LADA) of FAO on how it considers integrating, in the context of its mandate, the needs for information on status and trends of dry and sub-humid land biodiversity, and ways to strengthen national efforts to conduct assessments |
| UNEP/CBD/COP/7/INF/30 | Proposals prepared by UNEP-WCMC on assessing areas within dry and sub-humid lands of particular value for biological diversity and/or under particular threat |
| UNEP/CBD/COP/7/INF/31 | Potential impacts of genetic use restriction technologies (GURTs) on agricultural biodiversity and agricultural production systems: report submitted by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations |

Annex II

**SUGGESTIONS FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF WORK AT THE SEVENTH MEETING OF THE
CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY**

| | PLENARY | WORKING GROUP I | WORKING GROUP II |
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| <p><i>Monday 9 February 2004</i></p> <p>10 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Opening of the meeting. 2. Election of officers. 3. Adoption of the agenda 4. Organizational matters. 6. Pending issues. 8. Reports of regional meetings. 9. Reports of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice. 10. Report of the President on the outcome of the World Summit on Sustainable Development 11. Report of the Inter-Sessional Meeting on the Multi-year programme of work of the Conference of the Parties up to 2010. 12. Report of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing. 13. Report of the Working Group on the Implementation of Article 8(j) and Related Provisions. 14. Report of the status of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. 15. Report of the Global Environment Facility. 16. Report of the Executive Secretary on the administration of the Convention and the budget for the Trust Fund of the Convention. 22. Budget for the programme of work for the biennium 2005-2006. | | |
| <p>3 p.m. - 6 p.m.</p> | | 23. Mountain biological diversity | 25. Technology transfer and technology cooperation |

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| <i>Tuesday, 10 February 2004</i> 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. | | 23. Mountain biological diversity (<i>continued</i>) | 25. Technology transfer and technology cooperation (<i>continued</i>) |
| 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. | | 24. Protected areas | 26. Follow-up to the World Summit on Sustainable Development, multi-year programme of work of the Conference of the Parties up to 2010, strategic plan and operations of the Convention, including integration of outcome-oriented targets in the programmes of work of the Convention |
| <i>Wednesday, 11 February 2004</i> 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. | | 24. Protected areas (<i>continued</i>) | 26. Follow-up to the World Summit on Sustainable Development, multi-year programme of work of the Conference of the Parties up to 2010, strategic plan and operations of the Convention, including integration of outcome-oriented targets in the programmes of work of the Convention (<i>continued</i>) |
| 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. | | 17. Thematic programmes of work—progress reports on implementation and consideration of proposals for future action: forest biological diversity; biological diversity of dry and sub-humid lands; and agricultural diversity | 19.11 Access and benefit-sharing as related to genetic resources |
| <i>Thursday, 12 February 2004</i> 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. | | 18.1. Thematic programmes of work – review further elaboration and refinement: biological diversity of inland water ecosystems 18.2. Thematic programmes of work – review, further elaboration and refinement: marine and coastal biological diversity | 19.8 Article 8(j) and related provisions |
| 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. | | 19.1. Identification, monitoring, indicators and assessments. 19.12 Biodiversity and climate change | 20.2 Scientific and technical cooperation and the clearing-house mechanism 20.3 Communication, education and public awareness. |
| <i>Friday, 13 February 2004</i> 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. | | 19.2. Global Taxonomy Initiative. 19.3. Global Strategy for Plant Conservation | 20.1 Financial resources and mechanism. 20.4 National reporting |
| 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. | Review of progress | | |

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| <i>Monday, 16 February 2004</i> 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. | | 19.4. Ecosystem approach; 19.5 Sustainable use | 19.9. Liability and redress (Article 14, paragraph 2). 19.10 Incentive measures (Article 11) |
| 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. | | 19.6 Alien species that threaten ecosystems, habitats and species; 19.7 Biological diversity and tourism | 21. Cooperation with other conventions and international organizations and initiatives. |
| <i>Tuesday, 17 February 2004</i> 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. | | <i>(Matters outstanding)</i> | <i>(Matters outstanding)</i> |
| 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. | | <i>(Matters outstanding)</i> | <i>(Matters outstanding)</i> |
| <i>Wednesday, 18 February 2004</i> 10:00 - 15:00 | | <i>(Matters outstanding)</i> | <i>(Matters outstanding)</i> |
| 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. | | <i>(Preparation of report)</i> | <i>(Preparation of report)</i> |
| <i>Thursday, 19 February 2004</i> 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. | | <i>(Approval of report)</i> | <i>(Approval of report)</i> |
| 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. | 5. Report on the credentials of representatives to the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties. 7. Date and venue of the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. 27 Other matters. | | |

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| <i>Friday, 20 February 2004</i> 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. | Adoption of the decisions of the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity | | |
| 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. | Adoption of the decisions of the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity and of the reports of the Working Groups (<i>continued as necessary</i>) Adjournment of the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity | | |
| <i>Monday to Friday, 23-27 February 2004</i> | First meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. | | |
| <i>Friday, 27 February 2004</i> 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. | Consideration of the recommendations of the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety 28. Adoption of the report of the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity. 29. Closure of the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity. | | |
