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Addendum

RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUBSIDIARY BODY ON SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE CONCERNING THE MULTI-YEAR PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES UP TO 2010

Note by the Executive Secretary

The Executive Secretary is circulating herewith, as an addendum to his note on the multi-year programme of work of the Conference of the Parties up to 2010 (UNEP/CBD/MYPOW/4), recommendation VIII/7 of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, which addresses the issue. The recommendation was adopted by the Subsidiary Body at its eighth meeting, held from 10 to 14 March 2003.

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Annex

SBSTTA RECOMMENDATION VIII/7, ON THE MULTI-YEAR PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES UP TO 2010

VIII/7. Multi-year programme of work of the Conference of the Parties up to 2010

The Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice

1. *Recommends* that the Strategic Plan, and its target of 2010 for significantly reducing the rate of biodiversity loss, should guide the implementation of the multi-year programme of work;

2. *Also recommends* that in light of the current heavy workload of the Convention, the addition of new items for in-depth consideration is not desirable until after 2010, with the exception of in-depth consideration of island biodiversity;

3. *Further recommends* that if a limited number of new items are to be added, they should be prioritized and clearly further the implementation of the Strategic Plan, taking into consideration its 2010 target;

4. *Agrees* that the in-depth review of existing areas of work should be treated as a priority, with special emphasis on assessing progress in implementation, concentrating on key issues that are affecting implementation of the Convention;

5. *Recommends* that, in setting the agendas of future meetings of the Conference of the Parties, issues relating to each of the three objectives of the Convention should be addressed in a balanced way. The number of items for in-depth review should be limited to a maximum of three;

6. *Also recommends* that the focus should be on implementation of the programmes of work by Parties, corresponding to national priorities as set forward in national biodiversity strategies and action plans. Development of strategies for implementation should include an analysis of obstacles, and ways to overcome those obstacles, and should concentrate on practical action, such as multi-Party collaborative initiatives. Building of national capacity, with special emphasis on technology transfer and scientific research, should also be addressed;

7. *Recognizing* the need to consider means and mechanism of improving implementation support for the Convention, *recommends* that the clearing-house mechanism should further contribute to the practical implementation of the programmes of work, through facilitating the exchange of information, transfer of technology, sharing of expertise, capacity-building, and best practices, as an important element of any implementation support mechanism;

8. *Recommends* that, at each of its meetings until 2010, the Conference of the Parties, including its Ministerial Segment, should assess, as an explicit agenda item, the state of progress in achieving the goals of the Strategic Plan and progress towards achievement of its 2010 targets;

9. *Notes* that some Parties recommend that the in-depth review of the implementation of the expanded programme of work on forest biological diversity be advanced from the ninth to the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, while others recommend that it should be postponed until the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties or later.