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AD HOC TECHNICAL EXPERT GROUP ON REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME OF WORK ON FOREST BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

Third meeting

Bonn, 25-29 July 2005

Item 2.1 of the provisional agenda*

ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Annotations to the provisional agenda

INTRODUCTION

1. The purpose of the third meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group (AHTEG) on Review of the Implementation of the Programme of Work on Forest Biological Diversity is to complete the work started at its earlier meetings and to make recommendations on concrete actions that will assist the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) and the Executive Secretary in the preparations for the review of implementation of the expanded programme of work on forest biological diversity. The report of the meeting of the Group will be submitted to the eleventh meeting of SBSTTA in November/December 2005, together with a substantive document containing recommendations for the review process, based on the Group's mandate as contained in paragraph 26 of decision VI/22.

2. The meeting is being convened with the financial support of the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany and will take place at the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety of the Government of Germany, Robert-Schuman-Platz 3, Bonn. Registration of participants will commence at 9 a.m. on Monday, 25 July 2005.

3. A list of documents for the meeting is attached as annex I.

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

4. One of the Co-Chairs of the Group will open the meeting at 9.30 a.m. on Monday, 25 July 2005. The Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, or his representative, as well as a representative of the Government of Germany, will welcome the participants.

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ITEM 2. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

2.1. Adoption of the agenda

5. The provisional agenda prepared by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/AHTEG-FBD.REV/3/1) will be before the Group for consideration and adoption.

2.2. Organization of work

6. The Group is invited to consider the proposed organization of work for the meeting in annex II below.

7. The Group may wish to start its work in plenary, and then break into working groups if necessary. Whenever appropriate, the Group may wish to re-convene in plenary.

ITEM 3. FINALIZATION OF MATTERS CONSIDERED IN THE FIRST MEETING AND DEVELOPMENT OF RECOMMENDATIONS

8. A representative of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity will introduce this item by presenting the objectives of the meeting, and reviewing the Group's mandate and main outputs of the first and the inter-sessional (second) meetings, held in November 2003 and March 2005, respectively. ^{1/}

3.1. Provision of advice on the way in which the review of the implementation of the programme of work would be undertaken

9. At its first meeting, the Group developed the format of the forest biodiversity section of the third national report to be submitted under Article 26 of the Convention. The format was later adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting, in 2004. Parties are expected to submit their reports by mid-2005. The format was developed around the structure of the forest programme and seeks information on actions taken towards the conservation, sustainable use and monitoring of forest biological diversity, successes achieved by Parties and the effectiveness of the actions taken, and Parties' needs and obstacles encountered. Parties were also asked to further identify priority activities under each programme objective.

10. At its first meeting, the Group also prepared a short questionnaire to international organizations and members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF), requesting information on their contribution to the implementation of the forest biodiversity work programme at the international level. The Secretariat sent the questionnaire in March 2004. Four CPF members have replied to date.

11. The Group further identified a suite of forest-related information sources at the global and international level from different processes and instruments. These are detailed in section 3.1 of the report of the first meeting of the Group (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/INF/20).

12. The Group may wish to single out any other relevant sources of information and/or recommend any additional actions that could further contribute to the review of the implementation of the forest work programme.

3.2. Provision of technical input to the review of implementation of the programme of work

13. Also at its first meeting, the Group agreed that the type of technical input to be provided to the review of implementation would depend on the nature and scope of the information provided by Parties in

^{1/} Available at <http://www.biodiv.org/doc/meetings/cop/cop-07/information/cop-07-inf-20-en.doc>.

their third national reports, as well as that contained in the voluntary thematic reports on successes, challenges, and obstacles, submitted to the Secretariat in 2003 (UNEP/CBD/AHTEG-FBD.REV/3/2).

14. Under this item, and taking into account the information derived from the forest biodiversity section within the third national reports, the synthesis of information in the above-mentioned voluntary thematic reports, as well as any other sources described under item 3.1, the Group is expected to develop a proposal on how the information should be analysed before the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

3.3. *Provision of scientific and technical information on successes, challenges, and obstacles to implementation of the programme of work*

15. At its first meeting, the Group was not able, because of lack of time, to discuss the synthesis of information derived from country reports on successes, challenges, and obstacles to implementation of the programme of work on forest biodiversity. At its third meeting, the Group will have before it a summary of the main successes, challenges, and obstacles to the implementation of the programme of work, at both regional and national levels, structured around the goals and objectives of the programme of work (UNEP/CBD/AHTEG-FBD.REV/3/2). The synthesis contains the views of a few additional countries whose contributions were received after the Group's first meeting, in November 2003. The Group may wish to consider ways and means by which this information can be used to complement the review of the implementation of the forest work programme (item 3.2 above), and how it can be also used to feed into the discussions under item 3.4.

3.4. *Provision of information on the effects of the types of scientific and technical measures taken and tools used in implementing the programme of work*

16. At its first meeting, the Group agreed that information on the effects of the types of scientific and technical measures taken and tools used in implementing the programme of work would be provided by Parties as part of the third national reports, and that only after this information was received, could the Group provide recommendations on this specific issue. In light of the limited number of reports received by the Secretariat to date, the Group may instead wish to outline a strategy on how this information can be effectively extracted and analysed at a later stage.

ITEM 4. MATTERS REQUESTED BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES IN PARAGRAPH 7 OF DECISION VII/1 RELATED TO INTEGRATION OF OUTCOME ORIENTED TARGETS INTO THE FOREST WORK PROGRAMME

17. At its inter-sessional (second) meeting in March 2005, the Group developed a proposal on the incorporation of outcome-oriented targets into the expanded programme of work on forest biological diversity pursuant to decision VII/30 on the Strategic Plan of the Convention and in response to paragraph 7 of decision VII/1. The Group then agreed to post, for wider review, the draft forest targets and their technical rationales, and requested proposals on indicators to assess progress in achieving the targets. The Group will have before it a synthesis of the views provided inter-sessionally during the review period (UNEP/CBD/AHTEG-FBD.REV/3/3). The Group may wish to discuss the inputs provided and decide on the most appropriate indicator(s) for each target.

ITEM 5. OTHER MATTERS

18. Under this item, participants will be invited to raise any other matters related to the subject-matter of the meeting.

ITEM 6. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

19. The Group will consider and adopt its report, on the basis of a draft to be presented by the Co-Chairs with the support of the Secretariat.

ITEM 7. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

20. The meeting is expected to be closed at 5 p.m. on Friday, 29 July 2005.

Annex I

**LIST OF DOCUMENTS FOR THE THIRD MEETING OF THE AD HOC TECHNICAL
EXPERT GROUP ON REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME OF WORK
ON FOREST BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY**

Working documents

UNEP/CBD/AHTEG-FBD.REV/3/1	Provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/AHTEG-FBD.REV/3/1/Add.1	Annotations to the provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/AHTEG-FBD.REV/3/2	Synthesis of thematic national reports on successes, challenges, and obstacles to the implementation of the programme of work
UNEP/CBD/AHTEG-FBD.REV/3/3	Synthesis of views regarding incorporation of indicators for assessing progress in implementing the outcome oriented targets of the forest work programme.

Background documentation

Decision VI/22 on forest biological diversity.

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/20).

Report of the inter-sessional (second) meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on the Review of Implementation of the Programme of Work on Forest Biological Diversity (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/INF/2)

Elaboration of elements for an expanded work programme on forest biological diversity-potential actors, suggested timeframes and performance measures of proposed activities (UNEP/CBD/COP/6/INF/9).

SBSTTA recommendation X/5 on indicators for assessing progress towards, and communicating the 2010 targets at the global level.

Other documents

-Information for participants

Annex II

**PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK FOR THE THIRD MEETING OF THE AD HOC
TECHNICAL EXPERT GROUP ON REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
PROGRAMME OF WORK ON FOREST BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY**

Monday, 25 July 2005

9.30 a.m. *Item 1:* Opening of the meeting

Morning *Item 2:* Organizational matters

Afternoon *Item 3.1:* Provision of advice on the way in which the review of the
implementation of the programme of work would be undertaken

Item 3.2: Provision of technical input to the review of implementation of the
programme of work

Tuesday, 26 July 2005

Morning *Item 3.3:* Provision of scientific and technical information on successes,
challenges, and obstacles to implementation of the programme of work

Afternoon *Item 3.4:* Provision of information on the effects of the types of scientific
and technical measures taken and tools used in implementing the programme
of work

Wednesday, 27 July 2005

Morning *Item 4:* Matters requested by the Conference of the Parties in paragraph 7 of
decision VII/1 related to integration of outcome oriented targets into the
programme of work on forest biological diversity

Afternoon *Item 4:* Matters requested by the Conference of the Parties in paragraph 7 of
decision VII/1 related to integration of outcome oriented targets into the
programme of work on forest biological diversity (*continued*)

Thursday, 28 July 2005

Morning *Item 4:* Matters requested by the Conference of the Parties in paragraph 7 of
decision VII/1 related to integration of outcome oriented targets into the
programme of work on forest biological diversity (*continued*)

Afternoon *Item 4:* Matters requested by the Conference of the Parties in paragraph 7 of
decision VII/1 related to integration of outcome oriented targets into the
programme of work on forest biological diversity (*continued*)

Friday, 29 July 2005

Morning *Item 5:* Other matters

Afternoon *Item 6:* Adoption of the report

5 p.m. *Item 7:* Closure of the meeting
