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CONFERENCE FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE  
CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY  
Nairobi, 20-21 May 1992\*

## ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

### *Item 1 (Opening of the Conference)*

The Conference will be opened at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 20 May, or at the same time on Thursday, 21 May 1992, at UNEP headquarters, in Nairobi. The opening date will depend upon the date of the conclusion of the final session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Convention on Biological Diversity, which immediately precedes the Conference. Registration of delegates will start at 8 a.m. on the opening day. The opening ceremony will include addresses by a representative of the Government of Kenya and by the Executive Director of UNEP. Details of the ceremony will be decided in agreement with the Government of Kenya.

### *Item 2 (Bureau of the Conference)*

The Conference may wish to decide - in accordance with precedents set during previous UNEP-organized negotiations for global conventions and protocols - that the Bureau of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Convention on Biological Diversity should continue as the Bureau of the Conference.

### *Item 3 (Adoption of the agenda)*

The provisional agenda for the Conference, as suggested by the secretariat, is being circulated as document UNEP/Bio.Div/CONF/1.

### *Item 4 (Organization of the work of the Conference)*

It is proposed that the work of the Conference should be conducted in plenary meeting. The Conference may, however, establish any subsidiary body it considers necessary.

The working languages of the Conference will be Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Spanish and Russian.

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\* Or 21-22 May 1992, should the final session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Convention on Biological Diversity be extended to 20 May.

*Item 5 (Credentials of representatives)*

(a) *Appointment of the Credentials Committee*

The Conference may wish to decide that the Bureau of the Conference should perform the functions of the Credentials Committee.

(b) *Report of the Credentials Committee*

Following its examination of the credentials of representatives, the Credentials Committee will submit its report to the Conference, which shall adopt a decision thereon.

*Item 6 (Adoption of the Convention)*

The Conference will have before it a draft Convention, as agreed upon at the final negotiating session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Convention on Biological Diversity. The draft is to be adopted article by article. (By the time the Conference meets, the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee will have held five sessions/seven negotiating sessions: Nairobi, 19-23 November 1990; Nairobi, 25 February - 6 March 1991; Madrid, 24 June - 3 July 1991; Nairobi, 23 September - 2 October 1991; Geneva, 25 November - 4 December 1991; Nairobi, 6 - 15 February 1992; and Nairobi, 11-19 or 20 May 1992.)

*Item 7 (Adoption of resolutions)*

Under item 7, the Conference will consider and, as appropriate, adopt the text of any draft resolutions submitted by delegations. The text of adopted resolutions will be attached to the Final Act of the Conference.

*Item 8 (Adoption of the Final Act of the Conference)*

Upon the conclusion of its work, the Conference will have before it for adoption a draft Final Act containing, as has customarily been the case, a record of the proceedings of the Conference, including such matters as dates and venue, participation, Bureau, agenda, organization of work, documentation and action taken by the Conference.

*Item 9 (Signature of Final Act)*

Arrangements for the signature of the Final Act will be determined by the Bureau of the Conference in consultation with the Executive Director.

*Item 10 (Closure of the Conference)*

The Conference is expected to conclude its work on Thursday, 21 May 1992, or Friday, 22 May 1992.

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