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ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND PROPOSED WORK PROGRAMME

Item 1. Opening of the session

1. Pursuant to paragraph 2 of Governing Council decision 17/30 of 21 May 1993, the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) is convening the first session of the Intergovernmental Committee on the Convention on Biological Diversity in Geneva from 11 to 15 October 1993. Registration of participants will take place at the Geneva Conference Centre from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday, 10 October 1993 and from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. on Monday, 11 October 1993.

2. The session will be opened at 9.30 a.m. by the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme, who will make an opening statement.

Item 2. Organizational matters

(a) Election of officers

3. The Executive Director will act as presiding officer as the Committee elects its Chairperson, who will take over as the Committee proceeds to decide on the structure and membership of the rest of the Bureau.

4. Should the Committee decide to establish two working groups, as the Executive Director is suggesting, it may wish to consider having each of them co-chaired by two vice-chairpersons. Each working group would elect its own rapporteurs.

(b) Adoption of the agenda, procedural matters and organization of work

5. The provisional agenda (UNEP/CBD/IC/1/1) has been prepared by the UNEP secretariat on the basis of Governing Council decision 17/30. It contains only one substantive item ("Preparation for the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity in accordance with the resolutions of the Nairobi Final Act of the Conference for the Adoption of the Agreed Text of the Convention on Biological Diversity").

6. *Rules of procedure.* The Committee will have before it for its consideration and approval draft rules of procedure for its deliberations (UNEP/CBD/IC/1/2) prepared by the secretariat on the basis of the rules of procedure of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC) for a Convention on Biological Diversity (UNEP/Bio.Div/WG.2/2/5, annex).

7. *Organization of the work of the session.* The Executive Director is proposing that, after the first meeting of the session, the Committee should split into two working groups, one (Working Group I) to consider those aspects of its mandate under resolution 2 of the Nairobi Final Act relating to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity (resolution 2, paras. 2 (a), (b) and (g)) (see paras. 13-14 below) and the other (Working Group II) to consider aspects of its mandate relating to financial resources, technology transfer and benefit-sharing (resolution 2, paras. 2 (c), (d), (e) and (f)) (see paras. 15 (a)-(f) below). Working Group II would also consider, in accordance with paragraph 2 (i) of resolution 2, principles for inclusion in the draft rules of procedure for meetings of the Conference of the Parties (see para. 17 (a) below).

8. The Working Groups would meet simultaneously in the afternoon of Monday, 11 October, and in the morning and afternoon of Tuesday, 12 October, to consider the issues allocated to them. They would report back to plenary in the morning of Wednesday, 13 October, when action would be taken on their recommendations. Having completed its consideration of the Working Group's recommendations, plenary would hear a statement by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in connection with resolution 3 of the Nairobi Final Act, which would be followed by statements by Governments and organizations wishing to make brief presentations to the Committee on their activities related to biological diversity pursuant to paragraphs 7 and 8 of resolution 2 of the Nairobi Final Act (see para. 16 below).

9. The Working Groups would reconvene in the afternoon of 13 October to continue their work on the issues allocated to them, bearing in mind the decisions emerging from the plenary meeting in the morning. They would each hold a further two meetings on Thursday, 14 October, and adopt their reports in the morning of Friday, 15 October. Plenary would reconvene that afternoon to consider outstanding matters under item 3 of the provisional agenda, as well as any other business that might be raised, and to adopt the report of the Committee on the work of the session (see paras. 17 (b) and (c), 18 and 19 below). The session would end by 5 p.m. on Friday, 15 October.

10. The proposed work programme for the session is set out in detail in the annex to the present annotations.

Item 3. *Preparation for the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity in accordance with the resolutions of the Nairobi Final Act of the Conference for the Adoption of the Agreed Text of the Convention on Biological Diversity*

Documentation

11. Under item 3 of the provisional agenda, the Committee will have before it the following documentation:

(a) A note by the Executive Director on the issues before the Committee (UNEP/CBD/IC/1/3), which sets out the background for the session, traces relevant developments since the adoption of the Convention on Biological Diversity, discusses the main areas on which the Committee is expected to focus as it prepares for the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties, and presents a number of proposals for the Committee's consideration;

(b) Highlights of the reports of the expert panels, prepared by the secretariat (UNEP/CBD/IC/1/4);

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(c) A note by the secretariat on the development of legal regimes under multilateral treaties (UNEP/CBD/IC/1/5);

(d) Draft rules of procedure for meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention (UNEP/CBD/IC/1/6).

Issues

12. The basis of the Committee's work under this item is resolution 2 of the Nairobi Final Act, which, as indicated above under item 2, may be conveniently divided into four broad categories: conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity (resolution 2, paragraphs 2 (a), (b) and (g), to be discussed in Working Group I); financial resources, technology transfer and benefit-sharing (paragraphs 2 (c), (d), (e) and (f), to be discussed in Working Group II); Government and agency presentations (paragraphs 7 and 8); and, other questions relating to the preparations for the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties (paragraphs 2 (h) and (i)).

13. With regard to the issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity (resolution 2, paras. 2 (a), (b) and (g)), the Committee may wish to focus its discussions on the following questions:

(a) What range of activities should be supported?

(b) What principles should guide decisions on who is eligible for financial assistance?

(c) What factors will determine the priority of activities for funding?

(d) What is meant, and what is not meant, by incremental costs?

(e) If an interim scientific and technical advisory committee (ISTAC) is established, what should its tasks be?

(f) What should be the membership and composition of ISTAC?

To assist the Committee in its deliberations, the secretariat will provide it with the eligibility criteria used by a variety of international organizations. In addition, in accordance with resolution 2, paragraph 8, of the Nairobi Final Act, various agencies will be given an opportunity to describe the type of projects and activities they are currently funding.

14. The background to the above-mentioned issues related to conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity is presented in detail in the Executive Director's note (UNEP/CBD/IC/1/3, paras. 13-32).

15. The issues relating to financial resources, technology transfer and benefit-sharing, which are discussed in detail in paragraphs 33-59 of the Executive Director's note, may be grouped as follows:

(a) Operation of the financial mechanism prior to entry into force of the Convention (resolution 1). Resolution 1 designates the Global Environment Facility (GEF) to operate the financial mechanism for the period between the opening of the Convention for signature and its entry into force. GEF will make a brief presentation on the structural changes being undertaken in response to the requirements stated in the Convention;

(b) Characteristics required of the institutional structure operating the financial mechanism (resolution 2, paragraph 2 (e) and (f)). In accordance with Article 21, paragraph 1, of the Convention, "the mechanism shall function under the authority and guidance of, and be

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accountable to, the Conference of the Parties ... [which shall] determine the policy, strategy, programme priorities and eligibility criteria relating to the access to and the utilization of such resources ... and shall operate within a democratic and transparent system of governance". To help develop an evaluation framework for use by the Conference of the Parties in selecting the institutional structure to operate the financial mechanism, the Committee may wish to describe in more detail the kinds of structures and procedures needed to meet the requirements of the Convention [see paragraph 35 of the Executive Director's note]. As suggested by the Executive Director in her note (para. 36), the Committee may wish to consider establishing a small subsidiary body on financial arrangements to take the characteristics identified by the Committee and incorporate them into an evaluation framework for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its first meeting;

(c) *Process to review the interim institutional structure* operating the financial mechanism upon the Convention's entry into force (resolution 2, paragraphs 2 (c) and (f)). A decision will need to be made on the operation of the financial mechanism after entry into force and prior to a decision by the Conference of the Parties. According to Article 39 of the Convention, "provided it has been fully restructured in accordance with the requirements of Article 21", GEF could continue to operate the mechanism between the entry into force of the Convention and the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties or until the Conference of the Parties decides which institutional structure will be designated in accordance with Article 21. As suggested by the Executive Director in her note (para. 39) the Committee may wish to consider delegating this decision to the Bureau or a small steering group;

(d) *Technology transfer and benefit-sharing: the clearing-house mechanism* (resolution 2, paragraph 2 (d)). Article 18, paragraph 3, of the Convention states that "the Conference of the Parties, at its first meeting, shall determine how to establish a clearing-house mechanism to promote and facilitate technical and scientific cooperation". Consideration needs to be given to the characteristics required by the clearing-house mechanism for it to be a useful tool in the transfer of technology and the establishment of benefit-sharing arrangements. Possible items for discussion include the subject-matter to be covered and the location of the clearing-house. The issues involved are explored in more depth in paragraphs 50-52 of the Executive Director's note;

(e) *Benefit-sharing arrangements* (resolution 2, paragraph 2 (d)). An important feature of the Convention is the bargain implicit between Article 15, which requires countries to facilitate access to genetic resources for environmentally sound uses, and Article 16, which provides for transfer of relevant technologies, in particular to countries providing genetic resources. The question is how this bargain should be made operational. In her note, the Executive Director sets forth a forward agenda concerning these articles (paras. 40-49) and, in this connection, the Committee's deliberations might focus on the need for:

- (i) Model legislation;
- (ii) Bilateral pilot projects for cooperative arrangements;
- (iii) Information-gathering and primary research on the role and potential of intellectual property rights in benefit-sharing arrangements, looking in particular at how they fit in with other components of benefit-sharing;
- (iv) Active involvement of local communities and industry;

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(f) *Biosafety* (resolution 2, paragraph 2 (c)) under Article 19, paragraph 3, of the Convention, the Parties are "to consider the need for and modalities of a protocol setting out appropriate procedures, including in particular, advance informed agreement, in the field of safe transfer, handling and use of any living modified organism" resulting from biotechnology ...". In this light, the Committee's discussion on biosafety might focus on what process should be set in motion to enhance the safety of the transfer of biotechnology, in particular the transfer of genetic material. The Committee may wish to consider the two-track approach outlined in the Executive Director's note (paras. 56-59), by which track 1 would consist of immediate action through existing programmes, while track 2 could involve the establishment of an international biosafety instrument.

16. *Government and agency presentations.* By paragraph 7 of resolution 2 of the Nairobi Final Act, Governments were invited "to inform the meeting of national action taken for the conservation of biological diversity and the sustainable use of its components consistent with the provisions of the Convention and pending its entry into force". Similarly, by paragraph 8 of the resolution, international organizations were invited to provide information to the Committee on their activities. Provision has therefore been made in the proposed work programme for Governments and agencies to make brief statements on the subject in plenary. In view of the short time available to the Committee, a limit may have to be placed on the length of such statements.

17. *Other questions relating to the preparations for the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties* (resolution 2, paragraphs 2 (h) and (i)), including:

(a) *Rules of procedure of the Conference of the Parties.* In accordance with Article 23, paragraph 3, of the Convention, the Conference of the Parties at its first meeting is to adopt rules of procedure for itself and any subsidiary bodies that it might establish. At the session, ICCBD will have before it draft rules of procedure for the Conference of the Parties prepared by the secretariat on the basis of, *inter alia*, the rules of procedure used in meetings of the parties to other major environmental treaties. As suggested in the note of the Executive Director (para. 11), Governments might wish to identify principles they find missing from the draft rather than negotiating detailed language. The secretariat could then be given a task of putting the agreed additional principles into legal language for incorporation into a revised draft of the rules;

(b) *Future work of the Committee.* The Committee will have to decide on the need for a second session of the Committee and the most suitable time to convene the Conference of the Parties. The Executive Director intends to consult with delegations on the subject and report to the plenary thereon;

(c) *Resources to support the Interim Secretariat and meetings of ICCBD and its subsidiary bodies.* In accordance with resolution 2, paragraph 2 (h), the Executive Director will report on the status of resources available for the operation of the Interim Secretariat and meetings of the Intergovernmental Committee and any subsidiary bodies it may establish.

Item 4. *Other matters*

18. The proposed work programme provides for matters other than those directly covered by resolution 2 of the Nairobi Final Action to be raised and discussed briefly.

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Item 5. Adoption of the report

19. The Committee is expected to adopt its report at the final meeting of the session, in the afternoon of Friday, 15 October. At the same meeting, it would also take note of the reports adopted in the working groups that it may establish.

Item 6. Closure of the session

20. It is expected that the Committee will conclude its work by 5 p.m. on Friday, 15 October.

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PROPOSED WORK PROGRAMME OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

Annex

	PLENARY	WORKING GROUP I	WORKING GROUP II
<p><u>Monday 11 October 1992</u></p> <p>9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.</p>	<p>OPENING OF THE SESSION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Opening statement of the Executive Director of UNEP (40 minutes)</u> <p>ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) ELECTION OF OFFICERS (1 hour, 25 minutes): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Election of Chairperson</u> - <u>Decision on the structure of the Bureau and election of officers required</u> (b) ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA, PROCEDURAL MATTERS AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK (55 minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Adoption of the agenda</u> - <u>Adoption of the rules of procedure</u> - <u>Organization of the work of the session</u> 	<p>ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS</p> <p><u>Election of rapporteurs (15 minutes)</u></p> <p>PREPARATION FOR THE FIRST MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE NAIROBI FINAL ACT OF THE CONFERENCE FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE AGREED TEXT OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY</p> <p><u>introductory statement by co-chairpersons (15 minutes)</u></p> <p><u>Conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity (pursuant to paragraphs 2 (a), (b) and (e) of resolution 2 of the Nairobi Final Act):</u></p> <p><u>Range of activities to be supported under the Convention (1½ minutes)</u></p>	<p>ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS</p> <p><u>Election of rapporteurs (15 minutes)</u></p> <p>PREPARATION FOR THE MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE NAIROBI FINAL ACT OF THE CONFERENCE FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE AGREED TEXT OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY</p> <p><u>Introductory statement by co-chairpersons (15 minutes)</u></p> <p><u>Operation of the financial mechanism prior to entry into force of the Convention (pursuant to resolution 1 of the Nairobi Final Act): presentation by GEF on structural changes being undertaken in response to requirements stated in the Convention (20 minutes)</u></p> <p><u>Characteristics required of the institutional structure operating the financial mechanism (pursuant to paragraphs 2 (e) and (f) of resolution 2): description of kinds of structures and procedures needed to meet the requirements of the Convention (2 hours, 10 minutes)</u></p>
<p>2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS</p> <p><u>Election of rapporteurs (15 minutes)</u></p> <p>PREPARATION FOR THE FIRST MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE NAIROBI FINAL ACT OF THE CONFERENCE FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE AGREED TEXT OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY</p> <p><u>introductory statement by co-chairpersons (15 minutes)</u></p> <p><u>Conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity (pursuant to paragraphs 2 (a), (b) and (e) of resolution 2 of the Nairobi Final Act):</u></p> <p><u>Range of activities to be supported under the Convention (1½ minutes)</u></p>	<p>ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS</p> <p><u>Election of rapporteurs (15 minutes)</u></p> <p>PREPARATION FOR THE MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE NAIROBI FINAL ACT OF THE CONFERENCE FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE AGREED TEXT OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY</p> <p><u>Introductory statement by co-chairpersons (15 minutes)</u></p> <p><u>Operation of the financial mechanism prior to entry into force of the Convention (pursuant to resolution 1 of the Nairobi Final Act): presentation by GEF on structural changes being undertaken in response to requirements stated in the Convention (20 minutes)</u></p> <p><u>Characteristics required of the institutional structure operating the financial mechanism (pursuant to paragraphs 2 (e) and (f) of resolution 2): description of kinds of structures and procedures needed to meet the requirements of the Convention (2 hours, 10 minutes)</u></p>	<p>ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS</p> <p><u>Election of rapporteurs (15 minutes)</u></p> <p>PREPARATION FOR THE MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE NAIROBI FINAL ACT OF THE CONFERENCE FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE AGREED TEXT OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY</p> <p><u>Introductory statement by co-chairpersons (15 minutes)</u></p> <p><u>Operation of the financial mechanism prior to entry into force of the Convention (pursuant to resolution 1 of the Nairobi Final Act): presentation by GEF on structural changes being undertaken in response to requirements stated in the Convention (20 minutes)</u></p> <p><u>Characteristics required of the institutional structure operating the financial mechanism (pursuant to paragraphs 2 (e) and (f) of resolution 2): description of kinds of structures and procedures needed to meet the requirements of the Convention (2 hours, 10 minutes)</u></p>

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<p><u>Monday, 11 October 1993</u></p> <p>2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. (continued)</p>		<p>Agency presentations (pursuant to paragraph 8 of resolution 2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentations by UNDP, World Bank and UNEP on biological diversity activities they are currently funding (10 minutes each) - Feedback from the Working Group on agency presentations (30 minutes) 	
<p><u>Tuesday, 12 October 1993</u></p> <p>9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.</p>		<p><u>Conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity</u> (continued):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Principles to guide decisions on eligibility for financial support (1½ hours) - Factors to determine the priority of activities for funding (1½ hours) 	<p><u>Characteristics required of the institutional structure operating the financial mechanism</u> (continued), including the need for and nature of a subsidiary body on financial arrangements to develop characteristics identified into an evaluation framework to assist the Conference of the Parties in selecting the institutional structure in accordance with Article 21 (3 hours)</p>

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<p><u>Tuesday, 12 October 1993</u> (continued)</p> <p>2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.</p>		<p>Conservation and sustainable use of <u>biological diversity</u> (continued):</p> <p>What is meant and what is not meant by <u>incremental costs</u> (1½ hours)</p> <p>Break (30 minutes)</p> <p>Summary of discussion by co-chairpersons for presentation to plenary, and feedback from the Working Group (1 hour)</p>	<p>Process to review the <u>institutional structure operating the financial mechanism upon the Convention's entry into force</u> (pursuant to paras. 2 (e) and (f) of resolution 2) (1½ hours)</p> <p>Break (30 minutes)</p> <p>Summary of discussion by co-chairpersons for presentation to plenary, and feedback from the Working Group (1 hour)</p>
<p><u>Wednesday, 13 October 1993</u></p> <p>9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.</p>	<p>PREPARATION FOR THE FIRST MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES</p> <p>Presentation of <u>Working Group reports and recommendations</u> (40 minutes)</p> <p>Consideration of <u>Working Group recommendations</u> (50 minutes)</p> <p>Statement by <u>FAO</u> (pursuant to resolution 3 of the Nairobi Final Act) (10 minutes)</p> <p>Statements by <u>Governments and organizations</u> (pursuant to resolution 2, paras. 7 and 8, of the Nairobi Final Act) (1 hour, 20 minutes)</p>		

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<p><u>Wednesday, 13 October 1993</u> (continued)</p> <p>2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.</p>	<p><u>Conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity</u> (continued):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review by the Chairperson of the issues referred by the plenary to Working Group I (15 minutes) - Tasks of an interim scientific and technical advisory committee (ISTAC) if established (pursuant to para. 2 (b) of resolution 2); tasks ISTAC should undertake to facilitate the development of sound proposals for the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties (2 hours) <p>Break (15 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Summary by Chairperson of discussion and feedback from Working Group (30 minutes) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review by the Chairperson of the issues referred by the plenary to Working Group II (15 minutes) <p><u>Rules of procedure of the Conference of the Parties</u> (pursuant to para. 2 (f) of resolution 2); principles not contained, or not adequately reflected, in the draft rules submitted by the secretariat (1 hour)</p> <p><u>Technology transfer and benefit-sharing: clearing-house mechanism</u> (pursuant to para. 2 (d) of resolution 2), including characteristics required of the clearing-house mechanism to be a useful tool in the transfer of technology and for the establishment of benefit-sharing arrangements (1½ hours)</p>
<p><u>Thursday, 14 October 1993</u></p> <p>9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Membership and composition of ISTAC:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Number of members (1½ hours) - Fields of expertise of members (1½ hours) 	<p><u>Benefit-sharing arrangements</u> (pursuant to para. 2 (d) of resolution 2): ways to promote the fair and equitable sharing of benefits for example: model legislation regulating access to genetic resources; bilateral pilot projects developing cooperative arrangements between developed and developing countries; case studies based on existing information on the effect of intellectual property rights on technology transfer and on the role of indigenous communities; and, the active involvement of industry and local communities (3 hours)</p>

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<p><u>Thursday, 14 October 1993</u> (continued)</p> <p>2.30 p.m. :0 5.30 p.m.</p>		<p><u>Membership and composition of ISTAC</u> (continued): selection process for ISTAC members (1½ hours)</p> <p>Break (30 minutes)</p> <p>Summary by the Chair and feedback from Working Group (1 hour)</p>	<p><u>Biosafety</u> (pursuant to para. 2 (c) of resolution 2): consideration of two-track approach to enhance biosafety: (1) immediate action through existing programmes; (2) possible creation of an international instrument</p> <p>Break (30 minutes)</p> <p>Summary by the Chair and feedback from the Working Group (1 hour)</p>
<p><u>Friday, 15 October 1993</u></p> <p>9.30 a.m. :0 12.30 p.m.</p>		<p>Adoption of the report of the Working Group (3 hours)</p>	<p>Adoption of the report of the Working Group (3 hours)</p>
<p>2.30 p.m. :0 5 p.m.</p>	<p>Future work of the Committee (pursuant to para. 2 (i) of resolution 2): consideration of the need for a second session of the Committee and the most fruitful time to convene the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties (30 minutes)</p> <p>Resources to support the <u>Interim Secretariat and IECBD and its subsidiary bodies</u> (pursuant to para 2 (h) of resolution 2): report by the Executive Director on the status of resources available for the operation of the Interim Secretariat and meetings of the Intergovernmental Committee and any subsidiary bodies it may establish (10 minutes)</p> <p>OTHER MATTERS</p> <p>Break (20 minutes)</p> <p>ADOPTION OF THE REPORT (1 hour)</p> <p>CLOSURE OF THE SESSION (30 minutes)</p>		