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INTRODUCTION

1. Article 25 of the Convention on Biological Diversity establishes a Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA), to provide both the Conference of the Parties and, as appropriate, its other subsidiary bodies with timely advice relating to the implementation of the Convention.
2. To date, the Subsidiary Body has held nine meetings. The first took place at the headquarters of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), in Paris, from 4 to 8 September 1995. The other eight meetings were held in Montreal, from 2 to 6 September 1996, 1 to 5 September 1997, 21 to 25 June 1999, 31 January to 4 February 2000, 12 to 16 March and 12 to 16 November 2001, 10 to 14 March and 10 to 14 November 2003. The reports of these meetings have been circulated as documents UNEP/CBD/COP/2/5, UNEP/CBD/COP/3/3, UNEP/CBD/COP/4/2, UNEP/CBD/COP/5/2, UNEP/CBD/COP/5/3, UNEP/CBD/COP/6/3, UNEP/CBD/COP/6/4, UNEP/CBD/COP/7/3 and UNEP/CBD/COP/7/4, respectively.
3. The tenth meeting of SBSTTA will take place in Bangkok, from 7 to 11 February 2005. Registration of participants will commence at 10 a.m on Sunday, 6 February 2005.

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

4. The meeting will be opened at 10 a.m., on 7 February 2005.

ITEM 2. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

Item 2.1. Election of officers

5. Pursuant to rule 26, paragraph 3, of its rules of procedure, by which the Conference of the Parties elects the chairperson of each of its subsidiary bodies, the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting, held in the Netherlands in April 2002, elected Mr. Alfred A. Oteng-Yeboah (Ghana) as the Chair of

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SBSTTA for a term of office commencing at the end of the eighth meeting of SBSTTA and expiring at the end of the tenth meeting (UNEP/CBD/COP/6/20, para. 18).

6. In accordance with paragraph 5 of its *modus operandi*, as contained in annex I to decision IV/16 of the Conference of the Parties, and in order to achieve staggered terms of office within the Bureau, SBSTTA normally elects, at each of its meetings, five new Bureau members for a two-meeting term to replace the outgoing members. In accordance with the decisions taken by the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting, and by the Subsidiary Body at its eighth and ninth meetings, the Bureau of the tenth meeting of SBSTTA will comprise the following members, in addition to its Chair: Mr. Boumediene Mahi (Algeria), Mr. Asghar Mohammadi Fazel (Islamic Republic of Iran), Ms. Theresa Mundita Lim (Philippines), Mr. Bozena Haczek (Poland), Mr. Yaroslav Movchan (Ukraine), Mr. Hadil Fontes da Rocha Vianna (Brazil), Mr. Brian James (Saint Lucia), Mr. Christian Prip (Denmark) and Mr. Robert Lamb (Switzerland).

7. At its seventh meeting, held in Kuala Lumpur, in February 2004, the Conference of the Parties elected Mr. Christian Prip, as Chair of the Subsidiary Body for its eleventh and twelfth meetings (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/21, para. 31). In addition, at the current meeting, the Subsidiary Body will elect new members to serve on the Bureau for a two-meeting term, commencing at the end of the tenth meeting, to replace the members from Ghana or Algeria, Philippines, Ukraine, Brazil and Switzerland.

Item 2.2. Adoption of the agenda

8. The provisional agendas for the tenth and eleventh meetings of SBSTTA were approved at its ninth meeting (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/4, para.162 and annex II). In order to include the additional requests made by the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting in February 2004, for activities to be implemented and advice to be provided prior to its eighth meeting, the Executive Secretary, in consultation with the Bureau of SBSTTA, revised the provisional agendas accordingly.

9. The Subsidiary Body will be invited to consider the provisional agenda (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/1) for adoption. The provisional agenda of the eleventh meeting (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/19) will be considered under agenda item 7 for the current meeting.

Item 2.3. Organization of work

10. In accordance with its *modus operandi*, SBSTTA may wish to establish two sessional working groups. Following consultations with the Bureau, the following allocation of tasks between the plenary and the two working groups is proposed:

- (a) The following items would be considered in plenary at the beginning of the meeting:
 - 1. Opening of the meeting.
 - 2. Organizational matters:
 - 2.1. Election of officers;
 - 2.2. Adoption of the agenda;
 - 2.3. Organization of work.
 - 3. Progress report on the implementation of the programmes of work of the Convention; and
 - 5.1. Review of the Operational Plan of the SBSTTA, including the review of methods and modalities for pilot assessments initiated in paragraph 6 of SBSTTA recommendation VI/5;
 - 5.2. Millennium Ecosystem Assessment: review of the draft reports, in particular the

draft synthesis report prepared for the Convention on Biological Diversity.

- (b) Working Group I would consider the following substantive items:
 - 4. Island biodiversity, the new thematic area for in-depth discussion at the meeting;
 - 6.2. Agricultural biodiversity: (a) Options for a cross-cutting initiative on biodiversity for food and nutrition; (b) Further development of the International Initiative for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Soil Biodiversity; and (c) Advice on the report of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Genetic Use Restriction Technologies;
 - 6.3. Global Taxonomy Initiative; and
 - 6.4. Climate change: terms of reference for an ad hoc technical expert group to develop advice or guidance for promoting synergy among activities addressing conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, desertification, land degradation and climate change at the national, regional and international level.
 - (c) Working Group II would consider the following substantive items:
 - 5.3. Further development of goals and sub-targets to facilitate coherence among the programmes of work, and to provide a flexible framework for national targets;
 - 5.4. Indicators for assessing progress towards the 2010 target, including the review of a draft of the second Global Biodiversity Outlook;
 - 5.5. Role of the clearing-house mechanism in promoting technical cooperation to achieve the 2010 targets and facilitating information exchange on progress made; and
 - 6.1. Incentive measures: further refinement and consideration of the proposals for the application of ways and means to remove or mitigate perverse incentives;
 - (d) The following items would be taken up in plenary towards the end of the meeting:
 - 7. Preparation for the eleventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice:
 - 7.1. Provisional agenda;
 - 7.2. Date and venue.
 - 8. Other matters.
 - 9. Adoption of the report.
 - 10. Closure of the meeting.
11. There will be no more than two meetings convened at the same time, each with simultaneous interpretation. A provisional organization of work is contained in annex I below.
12. It is also envisaged that the Secretariat, in consultation with the Bureau, would:
- (a) Invite a keynote speaker to provide the plenary with scientific background on the new thematic area (island biodiversity); and
 - (b) Organize a poster session during the period of the meeting on the following theme: “Working together for biodiversity: Regional and international initiatives contributing to achieving and measuring progress towards the 2010 target”.
13. A list of pre-session documents prepared for the meeting is provided in annex II below.

ITEM 3. PROGRESS REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMMES OF WORK OF THE CONVENTION

14. Brief reports covering the period from March to September 2004 will be provided on all thematic programmes of work (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/2) and work on cross-cutting issues (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/3) relating to scientific, technical and technological matters of the Convention. The Subsidiary Body may wish to take note of these reports.

ITEM 4. NEW THEMATIC AREA: ISLAND BIODIVERSITY

15. At its seventh meeting, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity adopted its multi-year programme of work up to 2010 in decision VII/31. Island biodiversity was identified as the new thematic area to be developed under the Convention and as the item for in-depth consideration at the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, to be held in Brazil in the first half of 2006. To this end, in paragraph 8 of decision VII/31, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to develop a preparatory process for the work of SBSTTA on island biodiversity which should include, *inter alia*, electronic forums, a meeting of an Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group (AHTEG) in mid-2004, and a liaison group to be held immediately after the International Meeting for the Review of the Barbados Programme of Action (BPoA), which will take place in January 2005.

16. In response to this request, the Executive Secretary:

(a) Has launched the Island Biodiversity Electronic Forum (IBEF), at the beginning of March 2004 and deactivated it at the end of April 2004. Through the electronic forum, the Secretariat gathered information on the status and trends of, and threats to, island biodiversity and on the main issues to be addressed in the programme of work on island biodiversity. Information received was included in the relevant documents the Secretariat has prepared on the aforementioned issues and submitted to the meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Island Biodiversity for its consideration;

(b) With the support of the Government of Spain, is convening, a meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Island Biodiversity, to be held in the Canary Islands in December 2004. The mandate of the Expert Group is contained in the annex to decision VII/31, and

(c) Will convene a liaison group meeting during the International Meeting for the Review of the Barbados Programme of Action in January 2005 in Mauritius, in order to gather further comments and suggestions on the proposed programme of work.

17. Under this agenda item, SBSTTA will have before it the following documents:

(a) A note by the Executive Secretary containing the elements for a programme of work on island biodiversity drawn on the report of the AHTEG (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/4);

(b) The report of the AHTEG on island biodiversity, containing a proposed programme of work on island biodiversity (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/INF/1);

(c) A note by the Executive Secretary on the outcome of the liaison group meeting to be held during the International Meeting for the Review of the Barbados Programme of Action in January 2005 in Mauritius (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/INF/2).

18. The Subsidiary Body may wish to note the status and trends of, and major threats to, island biodiversity, and approved a proposed programme of work on island biodiversity for consideration by the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

ITEM 5. STRATEGIC ISSUES FOR EVALUATING PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN, INCLUDING THE 2010 BIODIVERSITY TARGET, AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Item 5.1. Review of the Operational Plan of SBSTTA, including the review of methods and modalities for pilot assessments initiated in paragraph 6 of SBSTTA recommendation VI/5

Review of the Operational Plan of the SBSTTA

19. In paragraph 1 of recommendation VIII/6, SBSTTA requested its Bureau to review the strategic plan of the Subsidiary Body (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/8/12), to be referred to as the “Operational Plan of the SBSTTA”, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body at its tenth meeting. The review should take into account, *inter alia*, 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; decisions of the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting relevant to scientific, technical and technological matters; and comments made by Parties at this meeting, in particular, on the importance of using a holistic approach to matters addressed by the Subsidiary Body, the need for promoting synergy between the Convention and other relevant conventions and agreements, the need for improving the efficiency of focal points for the Subsidiary Body in their national environment and the participation of the scientific community in the implementation of the Convention, and the need for timely and adequate financial resources to implement the Plan.

20. The Bureau of SBSTTA prepared a revised draft of the Operational Plan of the SBSTTA (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/5). The Subsidiary Body may wish to consider the revised Operational Plan for adoption and recommend it to the Conference of the Parties.

Review of methods and modalities for pilot assessments initiated by SBSTTA in paragraph 6 of its recommendation VI/5

21. In paragraph 6 of recommendation VI/5, SBSTTA decided to test a range of methods and modalities for assessments and initiated pilot assessments on a number of issues. In the same recommendation, SBSTTA specified ways to improve scientific-assessment processes under the Convention (paragraph 9), requested the Executive Secretary to identify ways and means to strengthen the assessment capacities of developing countries (paragraph 10) and to develop and maintain a list of ongoing and proposed assessments within the various thematic programmes and cross-cutting areas of the Convention (paragraph 11). In paragraph 13 of this recommendation, SBSTTA agreed to review assessment methodologies in light of the experience.

22. In the revised programme of work on inland water biological diversity (decision VII/4, annex), the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with the Global Invasive Species Programme (GISP), to implement the project on assessment of impacts of invasive alien species in inland waters and make proposals on future assessments for consideration by SBSTTA.

23. In response to SBSTTA recommendation VI/5 and decision VII/4 of the Conference of the Parties, the Executive Secretary has prepared the following documents:

(a) Scientific assessments: Review of methods and modalities for pilot assessments initiated by SBSTTA (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/7). This document contains a proposal on future assessments for consideration by SBSTTA;

(b) Update list of ongoing and proposed assessments within the various thematic programmes and cross-cutting areas of the Convention (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/INF/3);

(c) Ecological and socio-economic impacts of invasive alien species on inland water ecosystems (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/INF/4), prepared in collaboration with the Global Invasive Species Programme and the Nature Conservancy.

24. The Subsidiary Body may also wish to refer to the following documents:

(a) Report of the expert meeting on methods and guidelines for the rapid assessment of biological diversity of inland water ecosystems (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/8/INF/5);

(b) Rapid assessment of marine and coastal biological diversity: a progress report on the development of methods and guidance (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/8/INF/13);

(c) Methods for rapid assessment of marine and coastal biological diversity (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/INF/25);

(d) Pilot assessments: the ecological and socio-economic impact of invasive alien species on island ecosystems (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/INF/33);

(e) CBD Technical Series no. 7 (*Review of the Status and Trends of, and Major Threats to, Forest Biological Diversity*) and No. 10 (*Interlinkages between Biological Diversity and Climate Change*).

25. The Subsidiary Body may wish to consider the review of the methods and modalities for the pilot assessments and decide on future needs and ways to further strengthen the effectiveness of its assessments, for possible inclusion in its Operational Plan. The Subsidiary Body may wish in particular to decide on how it will consider the outcomes of its pilot assessments whether for noting only, endorsement and/or recommendation to the Conference of the Parties.

Item 5.2. Millennium Ecosystem Assessment: review of the draft reports, in particular the draft synthesis report prepared for the Convention on Biological Diversity

26. In paragraph 4 of decision VII/6, the Conference of the Parties requested the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice to review the findings of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment including the synthesis report on biodiversity to develop advice to be taken into account by the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment in finalizing its reports; and to prepare recommendations to the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

27. The Subsidiary Body will have before it a note introducing the reports of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/6), and the draft Millennium Ecosystem Assessment biodiversity synthesis report, prepared for the Convention (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/INF/5) and other draft reports that would be circulated for the information of participants.

28. The Subsidiary Body may wish to review the draft biodiversity synthesis report, and transmit its comments to the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment. The final reports of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment, including the final biodiversity synthesis report will be available for consideration by the eleventh meeting of SBSTTA and SBSTTA will then be invited to draw its conclusions from the findings of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment.

Item 5.3. Further development of goals and sub-targets to facilitate coherence among the programmes of work, and to provide a flexible framework for national targets

29. In paragraph 12 (c) of decision VII/30, the Conference of the Parties decided that the outcome-oriented targets are a key priority for SBSTTA. In paragraph 12 (d) of the same decision, the Conference of the Parties requested SBSTTA, when the programmes of work of the Convention are reviewed according to the multi-year programme of work of the Conference of the Parties, to develop recommendations for the integration of outcome-oriented targets into each of the thematic programmes of work, according to the framework in annex II to that decision and using the approach set out in annex III, identifying more precise targets, including, as appropriate, quantitative elements.

30. In order to assist SBSTTA in this task, the Executive Secretary organized a consultative process, including an electronic discussion forum from 15 July to 15 October 2004 and a meeting of an Expert Group on Outcome-Oriented Targets for the Programmes of Work on the Biodiversity of Inland Water Ecosystems and Marine and Coastal Ecosystems, which was held in Montreal from 25 to 27 October 2004 with the generous funding from the Governments of the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. The report of the Expert Group will be made available to SBSTTA as an information document (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/INF/6).

31. Following this consultative process, the Executive Secretary has prepared a note on draft global outcome-oriented targets for the implementation of the programmes of work on the biological diversity of inland water ecosystems and marine and coastal biodiversity (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/8). He has also prepared two other notes focusing in more detail on, respectively, marine and coastal biodiversity (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/8/Add.1) and on inland water ecosystems (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/8/Add.2) (see paras. 32-37 below).

Marine and coastal biological diversity

32. In its decision VII/5, annex I, paragraph 3, the Conference of the Parties requested SBSTTA at its tenth or eleventh meeting to further refine the proposal for integration of outcome-oriented targets into the programme of work on marine and coastal biological diversity.

33. On the basis of the output of the above-mentioned Expert Group on Outcome-Oriented Targets for the Programmes of Work on the Biodiversity of Inland Water Ecosystems and Marine and Coastal Ecosystems, the Executive Secretary has prepared a note on outcome-oriented targets for the implementation of the elaborated programme of work on marine and coastal biological diversity (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/8/Add.1). The targets in this document originate from the document on outcome-oriented targets for the implementation of the elaborated programme of work on marine and coastal biological diversity (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/20/Add.5), which incorporated comments from Parties, received both during the ninth meeting of SBSTTA and, within two weeks thereafter, as well as the results of a scientific peer review. The targets in adhere to the framework adopted in annex II to decision VII/30, and have been finalized based on a second peer-review process, as well as the input provided by the Expert Group.

34. The Subsidiary Body may wish to consider and further refine the proposed targets for incorporation into the elaborated programme of work on marine and coastal biological diversity for submission to the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting.

Inland water ecosystems

35. In decision VII/30, paragraph 12 (c), the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to refine proposals for the integration of outcome-oriented targets into the programme of work on the biological diversity of inland water ecosystems, according to the framework in annex II of that decision, and using the approach set out in annex III, identifying more precise targets, including, as appropriate, quantitative elements and decided that outcome-oriented targets are a key priority for SBSTTA.

36. In response to this request, the Executive Secretary has prepared on the basis of the report of the above-mentioned Expert Group meeting, a note on outcome-oriented targets for the implementation of the programme of work on inland water ecosystems (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/8/Add.2). The targets in this document originate from the document on outcome-oriented targets for the implementation of the revised programme of work on inland water ecosystem biological diversity (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/20/Add.4), which incorporated comments from Parties, received both during the ninth meeting of SBSTTA and, within two weeks thereafter, as well as the results of a scientific peer review. The targets in adhere to the framework adopted in annex II to decision VII/30, and have been finalized based on a second peer-review process, as well as the input provided by the Expert Group.

37. The Subsidiary Body may wish to consider and further refine the proposed targets for incorporation into the elaborated programme of work on the biological diversity of inland water ecosystems for submission to the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting.

Item 5.4. Indicators for assessing progress towards the 2010 target, including the review of an outline of the second Global Biodiversity Outlook

38. In paragraph 6 of decision VII/30, the Conference of the Parties requested the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at its tenth or eleventh meetings, with the assistance of an ad hoc technical expert group, to review the use of those indicators for assessing progress towards, and communicating the 2010 target at the global level adopted for immediate testing and to identify or develop other indicators, which require further work.

39. In paragraph 5 of the same decision, the Conference of the Parties requested the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at its tenth or eleventh meetings to evaluate information on the changes in trends and status of biodiversity, particularly the current rate of biodiversity loss at the global level, *inter alia*, by reviewing a draft of the second Global Biodiversity Outlook.

40. In response to this decision, the Executive Secretary has established task forces to review, identify and develop the indicators for assessing progress and communicating the 2010 target at the global level, and has set up a liaison group to address gaps and ensure consistency. Parties were invited to participate in the review of the technical documents prepared by the task forces before they were considered by the liaison group, which met on 18 October 2004 in Montreal and the AHTEG meeting, held from 19 to 22 October 2004 in Montreal with financial support from the Governments of the Netherlands, the United Kingdom and the United States of America. The AHTEG also reviewed the information provided by the indicators to be considered for inclusion in the Second Global Biodiversity Outlook.

41. In addition, in decision VII/4, paragraph 14 (c), the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with relevant organizations and conventions, to develop cost-effective means to report on implementation of the programme of work on the biological diversity of inland water ecosystems as measured against the global targets defined in the Strategic Plan, in the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation, and in the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, essentially using indicators and assessments at the global level by international organizations, or existing data, and propose these to the Subsidiary Body prior to the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

42. The Subsidiary Body will have before it the following documents:

(a) Indicators for assessing progress towards and communicating the 2010 target at the global level (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/9);

(b) Draft outline of the second edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/10) that will contain an assessment of progress towards the 2010 biodiversity target at the global level and communicate trends in biodiversity related to the three objectives of the Convention, based on the focal areas listed in paragraph 1 of decision VII/30; and

(c) The report of the AHTEG on indicators for assessing progress towards and communicating the 2010 target at the global level (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/INF/7).

43. In addition, the Subsidiary Body will have before it the note prepared by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/8/Add.2) on integration of proposed outcome-oriented targets into the programme of work on the biological diversity of inland water ecosystems includes a provisional review of relevant indicators and means of reporting to verify progress towards these targets.

44. The Subsidiary Body may wish to:

(a) Consider the recommendations of the AHTEG and endorse the indicators and their incorporation into the Second Global Biodiversity Outlook proposed in these documents, for submission to the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting;

(b) Consider the provisional review of indicators and means of reporting on inland water biodiversity and make recommendations; and

(c) Review the draft outline of the second edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook and endorse the outline for further development and refinement as well as compilation of the full first draft incorporating elaborated indicators listed in annex I of decision VII/30.

Item 5.5. Proposals on the full use of the clearing-house mechanism in promoting technical cooperation to achieve the 2010 targets and facilitating information exchange on progress made

45. In paragraph 13 (b) of decision VII/30, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to make full use of the clearing-house mechanism in promoting technical cooperation to achieve the 2010 targets and facilitating information exchange on progress made.

46. The Executive Secretary has prepared a note reviewing the activities so far undertaken in this regard and his plans for the full use of the clearing-house mechanism in promoting technical cooperation to achieve the 2010 targets and facilitating information exchange on progress made (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/11).

47. The Subsidiary Body may wish to consider the report and proposals prepared by the Executive Secretary.

ITEM 6. OTHER SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL ASPECTS AS DETERMINED BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

Item 6.1. Incentive measures: further refinement and consideration of the proposals for the application of ways and means to remove or mitigate perverse incentives

48. In paragraph 3 of decision VII/18, on incentive measures, the Conference of the Parties requested the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at its tenth meeting, as a matter of priority, to further refine and consider, with a view to recommending adoption by the Conference of the Parties, the proposals for the application of ways and means to remove or mitigate perverse incentives, giving adequate time for a substantive and conclusive review of the proposals. In paragraph 6 of the same decision, the Conference of the Parties invited “Parties, Governments and relevant organizations to submit any information on the removal or mitigation of perverse incentives, including case-studies and best practices on the application of ways and means as well as any experiences with the application of the proposals, to the Executive Secretary”, and requested the Executive Secretary to “provide a report thereon to the tenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, to assist in the further consideration of the proposals”.

49. The Subsidiary Body will have before it a note prepared by the Executive Secretary providing a summary of the process of elaborating the proposals, and a summary of the discussions held at the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties on the issue (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/12). The proposals for the application of ways and means to remove or mitigate perverse incentives will be annexed to this document. A report synthesizing the information received on the removal or mitigation of perverse incentives will be available as an information document (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/INF/8).

50. In accordance with the request of the Conference of the Parties, SBSTTA may wish to further refine and consider, with a view to recommend adoption by the Conference of the Parties, the proposals for the application of ways and means to remove or mitigate perverse incentives.

Item 6.2. *Agricultural biodiversity***(a) *Options for a cross-cutting initiative on biodiversity for food and nutrition***

51. In paragraph 7 of decision VII/32, on the Millennium Development Goals, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the International Plant Genetic Resources Institute, and taking into account ongoing work, to undertake the necessary consultations and bring forward options for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting for a cross-cutting initiative on biodiversity for food and nutrition within the existing programme of work on agricultural biodiversity of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

52. The Executive Secretary was asked to work together with relevant organizations, in order to strengthen existing initiatives on food and nutrition, enhance synergies and fully integrate biodiversity concerns into their work, with a view to the achievement of target 2 of Millennium Development Goal 1 and other relevant Millennium Development Goals.

53. The Subsidiary Body will have before it the note prepared by the Executive Secretary on options for a cross-cutting initiative on biodiversity for food, nutrition and health (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/13) for consideration and refinement before submission to the Conference of the Parties.

(b) *Further development of the International Initiative for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Soil Biodiversity*

54. In paragraph 13 of decision VI/5, the Conference of Parties established an International Initiative for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Soil Biodiversity as a cross-cutting initiative within the programme of work on agricultural biodiversity, and invited the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), and other relevant organizations, to facilitate and coordinate this initiative.

55. In collaboration with other organizations, FAO organized the International Technical Workshop on Biological Management of Soil Ecosystems for Sustainable Agriculture in Londrina, Brazil from 24 to 27 June 2002. The workshop developed a framework that could provide the basis for the further development of the strategy and action plan for implementation of the International Soil Biodiversity Initiative, as an integral part of the programme of work on agricultural biodiversity.

56. The Subsidiary Body will consider a document containing the proposed framework adopted at the FAO workshop in Londrina and may wish to develop a proposal for submission to the Conference of the Parties suggesting principles, development process, strategies and actions for the implementation of the International Soil Biodiversity Initiative (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/14).

(c) *Provision of advice on the report of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Genetic Use Restriction Technologies*

57. The seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties took note of 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 (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/INF/6).

58. In decision VII/3, paragraph 4, the Conference of the Parties requested SBSTTA to consider the report of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Genetic Use Restriction Technologies (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/INF/6) at its tenth meeting with a view to providing advice to the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting, also taking into account decision VII/16 on Article 8(j) and related provisions.

59. Pursuant to that decision, the Executive Secretary has prepared, in collaboration with the Bureau of the SBSTTA, a note on advice on the report of the Ad Hoc Technological Expert Group on Genetic Use Restriction Technologies (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/15) to facilitate the consideration of this item. In addition, following a request by the Bureau of SBSTTA, the Executive Secretary issued a notification in October 2004 to alert Parties, other Governments, indigenous and local communities, organizations and

the private sector to contribute comments of scientific, technical and technological nature on the report of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group (AHTEG) on the Potential Impacts of Genetic Use Restriction Technologies (GURTs) on Smallholder Farmers, Indigenous and Local Communities and Farmer's Rights.

60. The Subsidiary Body may wish to provide advice to the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting regarding the report of the AHTEG on GURTs.

Item 6.3. Global Taxonomy Initiative

(a) Development of the process and guidelines for the in-depth review of the programme of work

61. In its decision VII/8, paragraph 7 (b), the Conference of the Parties requested SBSTTA at its tenth meeting to develop the process and guidelines for the in-depth review, including mechanisms for monitoring progress in the implementation of the programme of work for the Global Taxonomy Initiative (GTI).

62. Proposals on the process and guidelines for the in-depth review of the programme of work for the GTI (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/16) has been prepared by the Executive Secretary in collaboration with the Coordination Mechanism. The Subsidiary Body may wish to consider them, further refine them as needed, use them for its review of the implementation of the programme of work for the GTI and make recommendations to the Conference of the Parties.

(b) Review of the Global Taxonomy Initiative guide

63. In its decision VI/8, paragraph 5, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to complete the guide to the Global Taxonomy Initiative, and provide information and clarification to Parties and Governments concerning the Global Taxonomy Initiative, in particular on the process for developing projects aimed at implementing the programme of work, including existing guidance from the financial mechanism.

64. Under this item, the Subsidiary Body is invited to consider the note prepared by the Executive Secretary containing an outline of the GTI guide (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/17) and make recommendations on the use of the guide.

Item 6.4. Climate change: terms of reference for an Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group to develop advice or guidance for promoting synergy among activities addressing the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, desertification, land degradation and climate change at the national, regional and international level

65. In paragraphs 1 and 2 of decision VII/15, the Conference of the Parties welcomed the report of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Biological Diversity and Climate Change as scientific advice and invited Parties, other Governments, and other bodies to make use of the report in order to promote synergies at the national level between the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and its Kyoto Protocol, and the Convention on Biological Diversity when implementing climate change activities and their relation to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity.

66. In paragraph 14 of the same decision, and for its further consideration, the Conference of the Parties requested SBSTTA to develop advice or guidance for promoting synergy among activities to address climate change at the national, regional and international level where appropriate, including activities to combat desertification and land degradation, and activities for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity.

67. The Bureau of SBSTTA encouraged the Executive Secretary to make plans for an Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group that would assist SBSTTA in responding to paragraph 14 of decision VII/15. The Subsidiary Body will have before it a proposal on terms of reference for an Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/18), which could be mandated to prepare options that will facilitate the work of the Subsidiary Body at its eleventh meeting in preparing its response to the request of the

Conference of the Parties in paragraph 14 of decision VII/15. The Subsidiary Body may wish to consider the terms of reference and establish an AHTEG to undertake a supplementary assessment of the integration of biodiversity considerations into adaptation activities to climate change and prepare draft practical guidance when planning and/or implementing adaptation and mitigation activities that interlink across climate change, biodiversity conservation and sustainable use, and land degradation and desertification.

**ITEM 7. PREPARATION FOR THE ELEVENTH MEETING OF THE
SUBSIDIARY BODY ON SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND
TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE**

Item 7.1. Draft provisional agenda

68. To assist the meeting in its consideration of this agenda item, the Executive Secretary has prepared, in consultation with the SBSTTA Bureau, a draft provisional agenda for the eleventh meeting of SBSTTA (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/19) based on the agenda adopted at the ninth meeting of SBSTTA, and on a number of decisions taken by the Conference of the Parties at its sixth and seventh meetings.

Item 7.2. Date and venue

69. According to the rules of procedure, unless the Conference of the Parties decides otherwise or appropriate arrangements are made by the Secretariat in consultation with the Parties, the eleventh meeting of SBSTTA will take place at the seat of the Secretariat, in Montreal, tentatively in the last quarter of 2005.

ITEM 8. OTHER MATTERS

70. Under this item, the Subsidiary Body will consider any other items proposed and accepted for discussion.

71. In particular, the Executive Secretary is proposing that the Subsidiary Body may wish to take the opportunity to respond to the request of the Conference of the Parties in paragraph 9 of its decision VII/13 and formally establish an ad hoc technical expert group to address gaps and inconsistencies in the international regulatory frameworks relating to invasive alien species at global, and regional levels. The ad hoc technical expert group would have the following mandate, as agreed by the Conference of the Parties:

(a) Further clarify the gaps and inconsistencies in the international regulatory framework that are significantly hindering countries' efforts to manage threats arising from the introduction, establishment and spread from invasive alien species, focusing this analysis on the known major pathways for the spread of invasive alien species, and taking into account past efforts of relevant organizations and initiatives that have considered the issue;

(b) Develop practical options on how to address these gaps and inconsistencies, where possible within the context of existing international frameworks including identifying, if appropriate, those gaps which should be addressed at the national level, in order to achieve the full and effective implementation of Article 8(h), taking into account the costs/benefits of options for addressing the gaps and inconsistencies and the need for appropriate capacity-building at the national and regional level, to support this work;

(c) Also, in the event that it identifies the potential need for standards or other measures, identify the appropriate standard-making authority, if any, or other appropriate options, so that the Conference of the Parties can consider referring the issue to the appropriate standard-making authority and/or any other course of action that it considers appropriate.

ITEM 9. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

72. Under this item, SBSTTA will consider and adopt its report. In accordance with established practice, the Subsidiary Body is invited to authorize the Rapporteur to complete the final report after the meeting, with the guidance of the Chair and the assistance of the Secretariat. Mr. Alfred A. Oteng Yeboah (Ghana), Chair of the tenth meeting of SBSTTA, will present this report to the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting for consideration under the relevant agenda items.

ITEM 10. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

73. The tenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice is expected to be closed at 6 p.m., on Friday, 11 February 2005.

Annex I

PROVISIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WORK FOR THE TENTH MEETING OF THE SUBSIDIARY BODY ON SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE

	<i>Plenary</i>	<i>Working Group I</i>	<i>Working Group II</i>
Monday, 7 February 2005 10 a.m. –12 p.m. 12 p.m. –1 p.m.	Agenda items: 1. Opening of the meeting; 2. Organizational matters; 3. Progress report on the implementation of the programmes of work of the Convention. Keynote address on island biodiversity issues		
Monday, 7 February 2005 3 p.m.–6 p.m. 6 p.m.	5.1. Review of the Operational Plan of the SBSTTA, including the review of methods and modalities for pilot assessments initiated in paragraph 6 of SBSTTA recommendation VI/5. 5.2. Millennium Ecosystem Assessment: review of the draft reports, in particular the draft synthesis report prepared for the Convention on Biological Diversity. Launching of the poster session		
Tuesday, 8 February 2005 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.		4. Island biodiversity	5.3. Further development of goals and sub-targets to facilitate coherence among the programmes of work, and to provide a flexible framework for national targets.

	<i>Plenary</i>	<i>Working Group I</i>	<i>Working Group II</i>
<i>Tuesday, 8 February 2005</i> <i>3 p.m. – 6 p.m.</i>		4. Island biodiversity (<i>continued</i>)	5.3. Further development of goals and sub-targets to facilitate coherence among the programmes of work, and to provide a flexible framework for national targets (<i>continued</i>) 5.4. Indicators of progress towards the 2010 target and related reporting framework.
<i>Wednesday, 9 February 2005</i> <i>10 a.m.–1 p.m.</i>		6.2. Agricultural biodiversity: (a) Options for a cross-cutting initiative on biodiversity for food and nutrition; (b) Further development of the International Initiative for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Soil Biodiversity	5.4. Indicators of progress towards the 2010 target and related reporting framework. (<i>continued</i>)
<i>Wednesday, 9 February 2005</i> <i>3 p.m.–6 p.m.</i>		6.2. Agricultural biodiversity: (c) Provision of advice on the report of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Genetic Use Restriction Technologies. 6.4. Climate change: terms of reference for an Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group to develop advice or guidance	5.5. Role of the clearing-house mechanism in promoting technical cooperation to achieve the 2010 targets and facilitating information exchange on progress made.

		for promoting synergy among activities addressing the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, desertification, land degradation and climate change at the national, regional and international level.	
Thursday, 10 February 2005 <i>10 a.m.–1 p.m.</i>		6.3 Global Taxonomy Initiative. (a) Development of the process and guidelines for the in-depth review of the programme of work; (b) Review of the Global Taxonomy Initiative guide.	6.1. Incentive measures: further refinement and consideration of the proposals for the application of ways and means to remove or mitigate perverse incentives.
Thursday, 10 February 2005 <i>3 p.m.–6 p.m.</i>		Pending issues.	Pending issues.
Friday, 11 February 2005 <i>10 a.m.–1 p.m.</i>	7. Preparations for the eleventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice: 7.1. Provisional agenda; 7.2. Date and venue. 8. Other matters.		
Friday, 11 February 2005 <i>3 p.m.–6 p.m.</i>	9. Adoption of the report. 10. Closure of the meeting.		

Annex II

**PROVISIONAL LIST OF DOCUMENTS FOR THE TENTH MEETING OF
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Document number	Title
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/1	Provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/1/Add.1	Annotations to the provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/2	Progress report on the implementation of the thematic programmes of work
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/3	Progress report on the implementation of the programme of work on the relevant cross-cutting issues
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/4	Island biodiversity: proposed elements for a programme of work
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/5	Operational Plan of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/6	Millennium Ecosystem Assessment: review of the draft reports, in particular the draft synthesis report prepared for the Convention on Biological Diversity
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/7	Scientific assessments: Review of methods and modalities for assessments, and pilot assessments initiated by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/8	Refinement of goals and sub-targets and their integration into the programmes of work under the Convention
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/8/Add.1	Draft global outcome-oriented targets for the implementation of the programme of work on marine and coastal biological diversity
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/8/Add.2	Draft global outcome-oriented targets for the implementation of the programme of work on inland water ecosystems
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/9	Indicators for assessing progress towards, and communicating, the 2010 target at the global level
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/10	Draft outline of the second Global Biodiversity Outlook
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/11	Role of the clearing-house mechanism in promoting technical cooperation to achieve the 2010 targets and facilitating information exchange on progress made
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/12	Incentive measures: further refinement and consideration of the proposals for the application of ways and means to remove or mitigate perverse incentives
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/13	Agricultural biodiversity: options for a cross-cutting initiative on biodiversity for food and nutrition

Document number	Title
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/14	Agricultural biodiversity: further development of the International Initiative for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Soil Biodiversity
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/15	Agricultural biodiversity: advice on the report of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Genetic Use Restriction Technologies
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/16	Global Taxonomy Initiative: development of the process and guidelines for the in-depth review of the programme of work
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/17	Outline of the Global Taxonomy Initiative guide
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/18	Climate Change: terms of reference of an Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/19	Draft provisional agenda for the eleventh meeting of SBSTTA
Information documents	
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/INF/1	Report of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Island biodiversity
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/INF/2	Outcome of the liaison group meeting held in Mauritius
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/INF/3	Updated list of ongoing and proposed assessments
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/INF/4	Ecological and socio-economic impacts of invasive alien species on inland water ecosystems
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/INF/5	Millennium Assessment: synthesis report prepared for the Convention on Biological Diversity
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/INF/6	Report of the Expert Group on Outcome-Oriented Targets for the Programmes of Work on the Biological Diversity of Inland Water Ecosystems and Marine and Coastal Ecosystems
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/INF/7	Report of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Indicators for Assessing Progress towards the 2010 Biodiversity Target
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/INF/8	Incentive measures: synthesis report on information received from Governments and organizations on the removal or mitigation of perverse incentives
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/10/INF/9	Options for enhanced cooperation among the three Rio conventions
