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CONSIDERATION OF ISSUES IN PROGRESS: HEALTH AND BIODIVERSITY

Draft recommendation submitted by the Chair

The Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice

1. *Takes note* of the ongoing work of the Executive Secretary on biodiversity and human health as reported in the document submitted under this agenda item regarding health and biodiversity;¹

2. *Recognizes* the relevance of the cross-cutting initiative on biodiversity for food and nutrition² to the linkages between biodiversity, food and nutrition and health;

3. *Welcomes* the progress under the joint work programme between Secretariat of the Convention and the World Health Organization, including the regional capacity-building workshops on the interlinkages between biodiversity and human health co-convened by the Secretariat and the World Health Organization, and the ongoing work in collaboration with other partners to develop a state of knowledge review on the interlinkages between biodiversity and human health;

4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of resources:

(a) To continue efforts under the joint work programme between Secretariat and the World Health Organization; and to further strengthen collaboration with other relevant organizations, in particular with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and Bioversity International, as well as with initiatives, such as the *Biodiversity and Community Health Initiative*, as appropriate, to foster the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011–2020 and achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, in particular Target 14 ; and

(b) To take steps to prepare for the wide dissemination of the forthcoming state of knowledge review on the interlinkages between biodiversity and human health, and highlight the linkages between biodiversity and human health in the ongoing discussions on the post-2015 United Nations development agenda and sustainable development goals;

5. *Recommends* that the Conference of the Parties at its twelfth meeting adopt a decision along the following lines:

The Conference of the Parties

1. *Welcomes* the outcomes of regional capacity-building workshops, for Africa and Latin America and the Caribbean, on the interlinkages between biodiversity and human health co-convened by the Secretariat and the World Health Organization, in collaboration with other

¹ UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/18/17.

² Decision VIII/23.

partners, invites relevant Parties to make use of the report of the workshops in the updating and/or implementation of their national biodiversity strategies and action plans, and encourages the organization of additional workshops, in collaboration with relevant partners, in other regions;

2. *Encourages* Parties and other Governments to promote cooperation at the national level between sectors and agencies responsible for biodiversity and those responsible for human health;

3. *Recognizes* the value of the “One Health” approach to address the cross-cutting issue of biodiversity and health as an integrated approach consistent with the ecosystem approach (decision V/6) that integrates the complex relationships between humans, wildlife and the environment;

6. The Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice *also recommends* that the Conference of the Parties at its twelfth meeting *consider* the state of knowledge review on the interlinkages between biodiversity and human health, and its implications for the work under the Convention, including, inter alia, national biodiversity strategies and action plans, its relevance to biodiversity in the context of the post-2015 United Nations development agenda, and opportunities to further promote knowledge and experience on the interlinkages between biodiversity and health among Parties and relevant partners.
