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SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION ON BIODIVERSITY FOR DEVELOPMENT

First Forum

Nagoya, Japan, 17 October 2010, 10 AM to 1 PM, Room 143

ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

INTRODUCTION

1. The First Forum on South-South Cooperation on Biodiversity for Development, as noted by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity at its ninth meeting (paragraph 4 of decision IX/25), is to be held on 17 October 2010, in Aichi/Nagoya, Japan, prior to the opening of the Tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
2. The Forum is organized by the Group of 77 and China (represented by Yemen as Chair, and by the G-77 Secretariat) and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, with the support of the GEF. The objective of the Forum is to give G-77 Parties an opportunity to validate and adopt a Multi-Year Plan of Action for South-South Cooperation on Biodiversity for Development as a group, which will then be submitted to the Conference of the Parties by Yemen on behalf of the G-77 under the agenda item 4.9. Memoranda of Understanding on South-South Cooperation between the Secretariat and other relevant organizations, programmes and agencies will also be signed at this occasion.
3. By decision IX/25 on South-South Cooperation on biodiversity for development, the Conference of the Parties took note of the initiative of developing countries to prepare, in collaboration with the Secretariat and other relevant organizations, programmes and agencies, the Multi-Year Plan of Action for South-South Cooperation to promote the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, for the protection of life on Earth as well as the access and fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the use of genetic resources.
4. Taking into account existing national and regional initiatives, the successive chairs and the Secretariat of the G-77 and China, the Secretariat of the Convention and experts on South-South cooperation collectively worked on the elaboration of the Plan during an expert meeting on South-South Cooperation, held in Montreal on 6-7 November 2008, the South-South Exchange Meeting on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Forest Biodiversity, held in Montreal from 8 to 10 July 2009, and the first meeting of the Steering Committee for South-South Cooperation on Biodiversity, held in Montreal on 29 October 2009. Its final COP version was validated at the second Expert Meeting on South-South Cooperation convened in Nairobi, on 29-30 May 2010 in conjunction with the third meeting of the Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention. The Executive Secretary has prepared a note (UNEP/CBD/COP/10/18/Add.1) containing the original draft Multi-Year Plan of Action

for South-South Cooperation and providing an overview of relevant actions taken by the Secretariat, Parties and organizations.

5. The Multi-Year Plan of Action for South-South Cooperation was subsequently examined and welcomed by the 131 Ministers of the Group of 77 and China at the thirty-fourth annual meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York on 28 September 2010, where additional comments were received from Parties. The updated version has been distributed to the G-77 members and their National Focal Points to the CBD through the G-77 Secretariat for information, and is available at <http://www.cbd.int/cooperation/SouthSouthcooperation.shtml>.

6. Upon adoption in this meeting, the Multi-Year Plan of Action for South-South Cooperation on Biodiversity for Development will be submitted by Yemen, on behalf of G-77 and China, for endorsement of all CBD Parties under agenda item 4.9, section (d), of COP 10.

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

7. The meeting will be opened at 10:00 am on Sunday, 17 October 2010, by its chair, H.E. Ambassador Abdullah M. Alsaidi, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Yemen to the United Nations and Chairman of the Group of 77 and China. Dr. Ahmed Djoghlaif, Executive Secretary of the CBD, will welcome participants and share introductory remarks.

ITEM 2. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

2.1 Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

8. Under this item, the Group will consider the proposed provisional agenda (UNEP/CBD/SSC-FOR/1/1) and organization of work for the meeting as contained in Annex I of the present note.

9. The language of the meeting will be English. The documentation that will be made available for the meeting is listed in Annex II below.

ITEM 3. PRESENTATION OF THE MULTI-YEAR PLAN OF ACTION FOR SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION ON BIODIVERSITY FOR DEVELOPMENT

10. Dr. Ahmed Djoghlaif, Executive Secretary of the CBD, will present the updated draft Multi-Year Plan of Action for South-South Cooperation on Biodiversity for Development, which has been prepared on the basis of the previous meetings and compiled comments from the G-77 Parties.

ITEM 4. PRESENTATIONS OF CASES OF SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION

11. Under this item, participants from Uganda, South Africa and others will be invited to make presentation of cases of South-South Cooperation on Biodiversity for Development.

ITEM 5. STRATEGIES FOR SUBMISSION AND THE ROADMAP

12. Under this item, participants will discuss the strategies for submission of the Multi-Year Plan of Action for South-South Cooperation on Biodiversity for Development to COP 10, examine the scope for potential negotiation, and define next steps in the implementation of the Plan, including the roadmap leading towards the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP-11).

ITEM 6. OTHER MATTERS

13. Under this item, the meeting may wish to consider any other matters of relevance raised by participants.

ITEM 7. CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF THE MULTI-YEAR PLAN OF ACTION FOR SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION ON BIODIVERSITY FOR DEVELOPMENT

14. Under this item Participants will consider and adopt the Multi-Year Plan of Action for South-South Cooperation on Biodiversity for Development, mandating Yemen as the chair of G-77 and China to submit it under agenda item 4.9, item D, to the tenth Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity.

15. The resulting final version of the Multi-Year Plan of Action will be posted as UNEP/CBD/COP/10/18/ADD1/REV1, and a Notification will be sent to all Parties in preparation for the negotiations under agenda item 4.9 of COP 10.

16. The Chair will provide an overview of the conclusion of the First Forum and his observations whether meeting objectives have been achieved.

ITEM 8. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

17. The Secretariat of the CBD will announce the Second Forum on South-South Cooperation to be held back to back with the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP-11) and the next Steering Committee meeting to be held in early 2011.

18. Following closing remarks by Mr. Abdullah Muhammad Alsaïdi, the Chairman of the Group of 77 and China, the First Forum on South-South Cooperation on Biodiversity for Development Meeting is expected to end by 1:00 PM on Sunday, 17 October 2010.

Annex I

**PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK FOR THE FIRST FORUM ON SOUTH-SOUTH
COOPERATION ON BIODIVERSITY FOR DEVELOPMENT**

SATURDAY, 17 OCTOBER	
10:00 – 10:15	<i>Item 1: Opening of the Meeting</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opening remarks by H.E. Mr. Abdullah Muhammad Alsaïdi, Chair of the G-77 and China• Opening remarks by Mr. Ahmed Djoghlaïf, Executive Secretary of the CBD
10:15 – 10:20	<i>Item 2: Organizational Matters</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
10:20 – 10:30	<i>Item 3: Presentation of the Multi-Year Plan of Action for South-South Cooperation on Biodiversity for Development</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Ahmed Djoghlaïf, Executive Secretary of the CBD
10:30 – 11:15	<i>Item 4: Presentation of cases of South-South Cooperation</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Uganda, South Africa and other parties
11:15 – 11:45	<i>Item 5: Strategies for submission and the roadmap</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussion
11: 45 – 11:50	<i>Item 6: Other Matters</i>
11:50 – 12:30	<i>Item 7: Consideration and adoption of the Multi-Year Plan of Action for South-South Cooperation on Biodiversity for Development</i>
12:30 – 13:00	<i>Item 8: Closure of the Meeting</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Announcements• Closing remarks by H.E. Mr. Abdullah Muhammad Alsaïdi, Chairman of the G-77 and China

*Annex II***LIST OF DOCUMENTS**

Document Number	Document Title
UNEP/CBD/SSC-FOR/1/1	Provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/SSC-FOR/1/1/ADD1	Annotations to the provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/COP/10/18/ADD1	Multi-Year Plan of Action for South-South Cooperation on Biodiversity for Development (updated version, including draft decision for COP-10)
