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NOTIFICATION

Subject: Fourth meeting of the Ad hoc Technical Expert Group on the Review of Implementation of the Programme of Work on Forest Biological Diversity, FAO Rome, Italy from 28 May to 1 June 2007

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to announce that the fourth meeting of the Ad hoc Technical Expert Group (AHTEG) on the Review of Implementation of the Programme of Work on Forest Biological Diversity will take place from 28 May to 1 June 2007 in Rome, Italy, at the Headquarters of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, with the generous support of the European Community. I would like to draw your attention to the attached provisional and annotated agendas. Other documents for the meeting and information regarding logistics will be posted on the Secretariat website www.biodiv.org as they become available.

The list of experts invited to this meeting is provided in Annex I of this letter. This list includes experts selected at previous AHTEG meetings on the Review of Implementation of the Programme of Work on Forest Biological Diversity as well as experts selected to increase bio-geographical representation pursuant to paragraph 2 of decision VIII/19 C.

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Ahmed Djoghlaif
Executive Secretary

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Mr. Sugeng Harmono (Indonesia)
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Mr. Takayuki Kawahara (Japan)
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Former Chairs and Co-chairs

Mr. Kilian Delbrück (Germany)
Mr. Ian Thompson (Canada)
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^{1, 2} Estonia and Poland are currently EU member states. The selection of experts from Estonia and Poland was made when their respective countries were part of Central and Eastern Europe.



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THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME OF
WORK ON FOREST BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY**

Fourth meeting

Rome, 28 May–1 June 2007

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting and organizational matters.
 - 1.1. Adoption of the agenda;
 - 1.2. Organization of work.
2. Consideration of the draft review of implementation of the programme of work on forest biological diversity:
 - 2.1. Provision of technical input to the draft background report prepared by the Secretariat;
 - 2.2. Provision of scientific and technical information on successes, challenges and obstacles to the implementation of the programme of work on forest biological diversity;
 - 2.3. Provision of information on the inputs of the types of scientific and technical measures taken and tools used in implementing the programme of work on forest biodiversity.
3. Other matters.
4. Adoption of the report and closure of the meeting.



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ORGANIZATION OF WORK

*Annotations to the provisional agenda**

INTRODUCTION

1. The Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group (AHTEG) on Review of the Implementation of the Programme of Work on Forest Biological Diversity was established pursuant to paragraph 26 of the Conference of the Parties (COP) decision VI/22. The mandate of the AHTEG is to provide advice to the Executive Secretary and to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice in the review of the implementation of the programme of work, with the following tasks:

- (a) Provide advice on the way in which the review of the implementation of the programme of work would be undertaken;
- (b) Provide technical input to the review of the implementation of the programme of work;
- (c) Provide scientific and technical information on successes, challenges and obstacles to implementation of the programme of work; and
- (d) Provide information on the effects of the types of scientific and technical measures taken and tools used in implementing the programme of work.

2. Since its establishment in 2003, the AHTEG has met three times. The reports of the previous meetings are contained in documents UNEP/CBD/COP/7/INF/20; UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/INF/2; and UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/INF/3. As reported in the latter document, task (a) was completed but not tasks (b), (c) and (d), partly due to the insufficient availability of the third national reports (37) received by the Secretariat at the time of the last meeting of the AHTEG in July 2005. The AHTEG's advice on the way in which the review of the implementation of the programme of work would be undertaken (task (a)) served as a basis for the "proposal on the review of implementation of the expanded programme of work on forest biological diversity" annexed to decision VIII/19, adopted at the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

* UNEP/CBD/AHTEG-FBD.REV/4/1

3. As of 1 December 2006, the Secretariat had received 101 reports and used them for the preliminary review of implementation of the programme of work on forest biodiversity for consideration at the present meeting (UNEP/CBD/AHTEG-FBD.REV/4/2). This background document also contains information on successes, challenges and obstacles to implementation of the programme of work, and on measures taken and tools used in implementing the programme of work.

4. In addition, taking into account the request of the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, in paragraph 3 of section B (Technical components of the review) of the annex to decision VIII/19, that the Executive Secretary prepare in collaboration with the Expert Group a background report on status and trends in forest biodiversity and on the review of the implementation of the expanded programme of work on forest biodiversity covering a number of specific items, the Secretariat has included in the same background document the requested information on status and trends of forest biodiversity and the specific items required for the review of the implementation of the expanded programme of work on forest biodiversity. The background document also highlights gaps on which the Expert Group may wish to provide technical input.

5. The meeting, to be held at the headquarters of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in Rome is being convened with the financial support of the European Community and will be conducted in English under the chairmanship of the two co-Chairs of the previous meeting: Ebby Chagala from Kenya and Kilian Delbruck from Germany. Registration of participants will commence at 8.30 a.m. on Monday 28 May 2007 and the meeting will start at 9 a.m.

6. A list of documents for the meeting is attached as annex I.

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING AND ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

7. The Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, or his representative, will open the meeting at 9:00 am on Monday 28 May 2007. Representatives of FAO and the European Union will welcome the participants.

8. The provisional agenda prepared by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/AHTEG-FBD.REV/4/1) will be before the Group for consideration and adoption. The Group will then be invited to consider the proposed organization of work for the meeting contained in annex II below.

ITEM 2. CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME OF WORK ON FOREST BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

9. A member of the Secretariat will describe the tasks, objectives and expected outputs of the meeting. As stated in paragraphs 2 and 3 above, the tasks will include the provision of:

(a) Technical input to the background report prepared by the Secretariat (UNEP/CBD/AHTEG-FBD.REV/4/2) primarily on the basis of the identified gaps;

(b) Scientific and technical information on successes, challenges and obstacles to implementation of the programme of work; and

(c) Information on the impacts of the types of scientific and technical measures taken and tools used in implementing the programme of work.

2.1. *Provision of technical input to the draft background report prepared by the Secretariat*

10. The draft background report (UNEP/CBD/AHTEG-FBD.REV/4/2) presents in its section I the information gathered by the Secretariat on the status and trend of, and threats to, forest biodiversity. Section II reviews the status of implementation of the programme of work on forest biodiversity on the basis of information compiled from national reports and submissions from the members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests, and other international research organizations, intergovernmental bodies and non-governmental organizations at the international, regional and national levels. In both sections, gaps in information are identified.

11. Under this agenda item the Expert Group is invited to provide technical input to ensure, *inter alia*, that the review contains the sources of information listed in paragraph 1 of the annex to decision VIII/19, which is reproduced for ease of reference in annex III below.

2.2. *Provision of scientific and technical information on successes, challenges and obstacles to the implementation of the programme of work on forest biological diversity*

12. Under this agenda item, the Group is requested to further develop, as needed, the list of scientific and technical information on successes, challenges and obstacles to the implementation of the programme of work on forest biological diversity contained in document the background document (UNEP/CBD/AHTEG-FBD.REV/4/2).

2.3. *Provision of information on the inputs of the types of scientific and technical measures taken and tools used in implementing the programme of work on forest biodiversity*

13. Under this agenda item, the Expert Group is requested to review the types of scientific and technical measures taken and tools used in implementing the programme of work on forest biodiversity contained in the background document (UNEP/CBD/AHTEG-FBD.REV/4/2). The Expert Group will then be invited to consider the input of these types of measures based on their experience and case studies. The meeting may wish to make recommendations on future activities to address the negative effects, if any, of the measures taken and tools used in implementing the programme of work on forest biodiversity.

ITEM 3. OTHER MATTERS

14. Under this item, participants will be invited to raise any other issues related to the subject matter of the meeting.

ITEM 4. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT AND CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

15. The Expert Group will be invited to consider and adopt its report, on the basis of a draft to be presented by the Co-Chairs.

16. The meeting is expected to conclude at 5 p.m. on Friday, 1 June 2007.

Annex I

LIST OF DOCUMENTS

Working documents

UNEP/CBD/AHTEG-FBD.REV/4/1	Provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/AHTEG-FBD.REV/4/1/Add.1	Annotations to the provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/AHTEG-FBD.REV/4/2	Preliminary review of implementation of the expanded programme of work on forest biological diversity

Other documentation

Decision VI/22 on forest biological diversity

The annex to decision VIII/19 on forest biological diversity

Decision VIII/15 on the framework for monitoring implementation of the achievement of the 2010 target and integration of targets into the thematic programmes of work

Annex III to decision VIII/15 guidelines for the review of the programme of work of the Convention

Annex III to recommendation I/9 from the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention (UNEP/CBD/WG-RI/1/9)

Information for participants

Annex II

PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK *

Monday, 28 May 2007

- 9 a.m. Item 1. Opening of the meeting and organizational matters.
- Item 2.1. Provision of technical input to the draft background report prepared by the Secretariat.

Tuesday, 29 May 2007

Item 2.1 continues.

Item 2.1 continues.

Wednesday, 30 May 2007

Item 2.2. Provision of scientific and technical information on successes, challenges and obstacles to the implementation of the programme of work on forest biological diversity.

Thursday, 31 May 2007

Item 2.3. Provision of information on the effects of the types of scientific and technical measures taken and tools used in implementing the programme of work on forest biodiversity.

Friday, 1 June 2007

Item 3. Other matters

Item 4. Adoption of the report and closure of the meeting

* The Expert Group will set its own schedule for breaks.

Annex III

PARAGRAPH 1 OF THE ANNEX TO DECISION VIII/19

“1. Relevant sources of information that will contribute to the review of implementation of the expanded programme of work on forest biological diversity are listed as follows:

“(a) The primary source information is to be extracted from the third national report submitted by Parties;

“(b) Other forest-related information in the form of national reports previously submitted to the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Tropical Timber Agreement (but only for countries members of the International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO)), the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF), the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), and the United Nations Framework on Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), that can be accessed at the Collaborative Partnership on Forest’s Joint Information Framework for Forest-Related Reporting web site and regional criteria and indicators processes;

“(c) Information contained in voluntary thematic reports produced, in the framework of the Convention, on forest biological diversity (thematic report on forest ecosystems submitted in 2001, voluntary report on progress of implementation of the expanded programme of work in 2003);

“(d) ‘Country profiles’ produced by the Commission for Sustainable Development as well as national reports;

“(e) Relevant information on progress made in National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans and National Forest Programmes;

“(f) Questionnaires to international organizations to gauge implementation at the international level;

“(g) Review of implementation by non-governmental organizations dealing with indigenous and local communities (e.g., Global Forest Coalition review of the forest-related clauses in the Convention; Forest People’s Programme on indigenous people’s experiences of biodiversity conservation activities funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF); reports to the United Nations Forum on Forests; summary report of the Expert Meeting on Traditional Forest-Related Knowledge and the Implementation of Related International Commitments);

“(h) Peer-reviewed, independent reports carried out by international non-governmental organizations and scientific bodies; and

“(i) International/global/regional forest assessments, including the FAO Forest Resources Assessment and Yearbook of Forest Products, the FAO State of the World’s Forests reports, the FAO regional outlook studies, the FAO national forest programme updates, the ITTO annual review and assessment of the world timber situation, the ITTO upcoming review on the status of sustainable forest management, review by the United Nations Forum on Forests of progress made on the proposals for action put forward by the Intergovernmental Panel on Forests (IPF)/Intergovernmental Forum on Forests (IFF), assessment reports under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)/Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment, the second Global Biodiversity Outlook, and the reports of the Ministerial Conference for the Protection of Forests in Europe (MCPFE) on the state of Europe’s forests and sustainable forest management in Europe.”
