

Secretariat of the **Convention on Biological Diversity**



Biodiversity and Climate Change

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NOTIFICATION

Operations of the Convention: retirement of decisions

Dear Madam/Sir,

In Section V paragraph 36 of Decision VIII/10, the Conference of the Parties inter alia requested the Executive Secretary to make proposals to its ninth meeting regarding the retirement of decisions and elements of decisions taken at its fifth meeting and to communicate such proposals to Parties, Governments and relevant international organizations at least six months prior to its ninth meeting. By paragraph 37 of the same Decision, Parties, Governments and relevant international organizations were invited to submit to the Executive Secretary written comments on the proposals at least three months prior to its ninth meeting.

In response to the COP's request, the following proposals to retire decisions or elements of decisions are submitted for comments:

Decision V/1

Decision V/2, paragraphs 1 and 3-8

Decision V/3

Decision V/4, paragraphs 1-15 and 17-20

Decision V/5, paragraphs 1-2, 8, 11-12, 19-21, and 28-29

Decision V/6, paragraphs 3-6

Decision V/7, paragraphs 1-3, and 5

Decision V/8, paragraphs 1-9, and 13-17

Decision V/9, paragraphs 2-4 and 6

Decision V/10

Decision V/11, paragraphs 2-3, 7-8, 11, 13-14 and 17

Decision V/12

Decision V/13, paragraphs 1

Decision V/14, paragraphs 1, 3-4, 6, and 8-10

Decision V/16, paragraphs 6, 8 - 9, and 14

Decision V/17, paragraphs 1-3 and 7(c) and (d)

Decision V/18, paragraphs 1(a) - (e) and 2 - 9

Decision V/19, paragraphs 3 and 8

Decision V/20, paragraphs 1, 4 - 6 10 - 33 and 35 - 40

Decision V/21, paragraphs 1 and 3 - 11

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Decision V/22, paragraphs 1 - 6, 8 - 9, 11 - 14, 16 - 17, 19 and 21

Decision V/23, paragraphs 6 - 8

Decision V/24, paragraphs 1 - 4 and 6

Decision V/25

Decision V/26 A, paragraphs 7 - 10 and 15

Decision V/26 B, paragraphs 3 – 4

Decision V/26 C, paragraphs 1-3 and 5

Decision V/27

Decision V/28

Decision V/29

In keeping with current practice, the retired decisions or elements of decisions would be maintained on the Secretariat's website, but marked "retired by Decision IX/..."

Parties, Governments and relevant international organizations are therefore invited to submit to the Secretariat written comments on the proposals referred to **at least three months prior to COP 9 and no later than 31 January 2008**, keeping in mind that the rationale for the majority of these proposals has been previously presented to the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties in document UNEP/CBD/COP/8/INF/2.

I would like to thank you for your cooperation and continued support to the work of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

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

Ahmed Djoghlaf Executive Secretary