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## **CONSULTANCY – CLIMATE-RELATED GEO-ENGINEERING AND BIODIVERSITY**

### **Background**

At the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP-10) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), Parties adopted a landmark decision on climate-related geo-engineering and its impacts on the achievement of the objectives of the Convention. This decision (X/33) requests the Executive Secretary to:

- (p) Taking into account the possible need for science based global, transparent and effective control and regulatory mechanisms, subject to the availability of financial resources, undertake a study on gaps in such existing mechanisms for climate-related geo-engineering relevant to the Convention on Biological Diversity, bearing in mind that such mechanisms may not be best placed under the Convention on Biological Diversity, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific Technical and Technological Advice prior to a future meeting of the Conference of the Parties and to communicate the results to relevant organizations;

In line with the COP-10 decision (see below), significant work is required with respect to evaluating the global regulatory framework for geo-engineering with regards to its current and potential coverage of issues relevant to the CBD.

### **Objective**

The purpose of this consultancy is to prepare background material on regulatory frameworks for climate-related geo-engineering for the consideration of a liaison group that will be established on existing regulatory frameworks and gaps in such frameworks.

### **Activities**

The consultant will build on existing work and literature reviews carried out by the Secretariat and others to prepare a summary of existing regulatory frameworks and mechanisms for geo-engineering (including both solar radiation management and carbon removal and storage).

This study will cover both international and regional frameworks and mechanisms and will be reviewed by the frameworks and mechanisms identified prior to circulation to the expert panel

for analysis. If possible and useful, the consultant may also provide some examples of national regulations which may cover geo-engineering.

Conventions and bodies that will be considered in the background document include, but are not limited to:

- The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
- London Convention & Protocol
- United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea - UNCLOS
- United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change – UNFCCC
- Convention on Long Range Transboundary Air Pollution 1979
- Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer

## **Outputs**

The consultant will deliver a concise and well written document on existing regulatory frameworks including a section on planned and possible upcoming discussions on geo-engineering within the international and regional regulatory environment.

## **Qualification**

The consultant should have an advanced university degree in international law or another field related to biodiversity, environmental science and / or climate-related geo-engineering. The consultant should also have experience with one or more of the relevant international processes.

## **Duration**

The consultant will be expected to deliver a first draft of the report by 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2011. The final report should be delivered by 1<sup>st</sup> August.

## **Remuneration**

The remuneration for this contract is US\$ 8,000 to be paid in three installments, 50% upon signature of the contract, 25% upon delivery of the first draft of the document and 25% upon delivery of a satisfactory final document.

## **Application**

Applications should contain a cover letter and personal history form. **Please send all applications electronically to [secretariat@cbd.int](mailto:secretariat@cbd.int) before 28 April 2011**