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#### **DECISION ADOPTED BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY AT ITS TENTH MEETING**

##### ***X/23. Multi-Year Plan of Action for South-South Cooperation on Biodiversity for Development***

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Recalling* its decision IX/25, in which it encouraged developing country Parties to engage in South-South cooperation on the issue of biodiversity, complemented and supported by North-South cooperation, and to incorporate biodiversity concerns in regional and subregional cooperation agreements and associated activities, and encouraged Parties to establish, as appropriate, multi-stakeholder collaborative partnerships among Parties to address biodiversity concerns at regional, subregional, national and subnational levels,

*Recognizing* the urgent need to enhance implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity through South-South and triangular cooperation, in view of the failure to achieve the 2010 target and the challenges of implementing the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020,

*Acknowledging* the progress achieved by the Group of 77 and China in preparing a Multi-Year Plan of Action for South-South Cooperation on Biodiversity for Development as a complement to the Development Platform for the South launched in June 2008 at the twelfth session of the Intergovernmental Follow-up and Coordination Committee on Economic Cooperation among Developing Countries (IFCC-XII) in Yamoussoukro, Côte d'Ivoire,

*Noting* the reports of the first Steering Committee meeting for South-South cooperation on biodiversity for development, convened in Montreal, on 29 October 2009, and of the second consultative expert meeting for South-South cooperation on biodiversity for development, convened in Nairobi on 29-30 May 2010, which developed a Multi-Year Plan of Action for South-South Cooperation on Biodiversity for Development,

*Noting* the contribution of the South-South Cooperation Forum on Biodiversity for Development convened by the G-77 and China on 17 October 2010 at the margins of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties,

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1. *Welcomes* the Multi-Year Plan of Action for South-South Cooperation on Biodiversity for Development, as adopted by the Group of 77 and China at the South-South Cooperation Forum held on 17 October 2010 (UNEP/CBD/COP/10/18/Add1/Rev1), as an important contribution to the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020;

2. *Requests* the Working Group on Review of Implementation, at its fourth meeting, to examine and further develop the Plan for consideration at the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, taking into account synergies with, among others, a Biodiversity Technology Initiative and a Framework for Capacity-Building for the “Integration of Biodiversity into Poverty Eradication and Development;”

3. *Encourages* Parties and other Governments to further contribute to the development of a Multi-Year Plan of Action in the context of nationally determined priorities, capacities and needs, and through the establishment of multi-stakeholder collaborative partnerships;

4. *Invites* regional organizations and their secretariats, international organizations, United Nations bodies, other Biological Liaison Group members and Rio conventions, donors, indigenous peoples organizations, non-governmental organizations, and centres of excellence to contribute to the further development of the Multi-Year Plan of Action, in coordination with their national Governments and the Group of 77 and China;

5. *Calls on* regional organizations, United Nations and development agencies, non-governmental organizations and other donors to support the finalization of a Multi-Year Plan of Action for consideration by the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties, considering the needs of developing countries, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States, as well as countries with economies in transition;

6. *Invites* Parties to include in their future national reports information on how they have implemented or supported South-South cooperation;

7. *Invites* the Global Environment Facility (GEF) to consider establishing a South-South biodiversity cooperation trust fund for the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 based on voluntary contributions;

8. *Invites* Parties, other organizations and United Nations agencies to support the organization of regular meetings of the forum on South-South cooperation on biodiversity for development, in partnership with the G-77 and China, at the margins of future meetings of the Conference of the Parties to exchange experiences and best practices;

9. *Welcomes* the offer of the Republic of Korea, through its National Institute of Biological Resources, to host an expert meeting in early 2011 to further discuss modalities of South-South and triangular cooperation and the roadmap towards the possible adoption of a Plan at the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

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