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DECISION ADOPTED BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY AT ITS NINTH MEETING

IX/9. Process for the revision of the Strategic Plan

The Conference of the Parties

Recalling its paragraph 2 of its decision VIII/15, in which it decided to consider at its ninth meeting the process for revising and updating the Strategic Plan with a view to adopting a revised Strategic Plan at the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, as well as other relevant decisions, including paragraph 2 of decision VIII/8 and paragraph 10 of decision VIII/9,

Taking note of the note by the Executive Secretary on updating and revision of the Strategic Plan (UNEP/CBD/COP/9/14/Add.1),

Recognizing that the revised and updated Strategic Plan should:

- (a) Cover the three objectives of the Convention in a balanced manner;
- (b) Build upon the existing Strategic Plan (adopted in decision VI/26) and associated framework of goals, targets and indicators (decision VIII/15), and avoid unnecessary changes;
- (c) Be short, focused and action-oriented to facilitate enhanced implementation of the Convention;
- (d) Include ambitious but realistic, and measurable short term targets or milestones and a long term target or vision, developed on the basis of robust scientific evidence;
- (e) Provide a framework for the establishment of national, and, where possible, quantitative, targets, that Parties can implement according to their own priorities;
- (f) Highlight the importance of biodiversity for poverty eradication and the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, taking into account that conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity should contribute to poverty eradication at local level and not harm the livelihoods of the poor;

(g) Address the drivers of biodiversity loss and integrate biodiversity considerations into relevant sectoral and cross-sectoral policies, programmes and strategies and planning processes;

(h) Draw upon, as appropriate, the framework and findings of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment;

(i) Address challenges to implementation of the Convention, including the need for new and additional financial resources in accordance with Article 20 of the Convention;

(j) Address capacity-building and resource mobilization;

(k) Provide for effective national monitoring and reporting;

(l) Encourage universal membership of the Convention;

1. *Requests* the Working Group on the Review of Implementation, at its third meeting, to prepare, for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its tenth meeting, a revised and updated Strategic Plan including a revised biodiversity target, as well as a multi-year programme of work for the period 2011–2022, and proposals for the periodicity of meetings after 2010, drawing upon:

(a) The points mentioned in the preamble to the present decision;

(b) Further submissions from Parties and observers;

(c) A synthesis/analysis of issues prepared by the Secretariat in conjunction with the third edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook;

(d) An examination of the scientific and technical aspects of the outcome-oriented goals and targets, and associated indicators by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice;

2. *Also requests* the Working Group on the Review of Implementation, at its third meeting, to undertake an in-depth review of progress towards goals 1 and 4 of the current Strategic Plan;

3. *Decides* to consider at its tenth meeting a multi-year programme of work for the period 2011–2022, consistent with the updated and revised Strategic Plan, and periodicity of meetings after 2010;

4. *Invites* Parties and observers, including scientific and academic bodies, indigenous and local communities and stakeholders, to submit further views on the revision and updating of the Strategic Plan, and, encourages them, in preparing submissions, to facilitate dialogue among different sectors of government and society;

5. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at its meeting prior to the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to examine, the outcome-oriented goals and targets, and associated indicators contained in the annex to decision VIII/15, with a view to recommending adjustments, if and where necessary, taking into account the third edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook, the analysis/synthesis prepared by the Secretariat and further work by the Biodiversity Indicators Partnership and the scientific community;

6. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, bearing in mind the indicative schedule annexed to the present decision:

- (a) To invite Parties and observers to submit views;
- (b) To prepare a synthesis/analysis of issues relevant to the revision and updating of the Strategic Plan, drawing upon the note by the Executive Secretary on the subject (UNEP/CBD/COP/9/14/Add.1), submissions of Parties and observers, the fourth national reports, the results of the in-depth reviews of the Convention's programmes of work, the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment, and other material gathered for the preparation of the third edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook;
- (c) To submit a draft revised and updated Strategic Plan for peer review and the revised version to the Working Group for Review of Implementation of the Convention at its third meeting;
- (d) To prepare options for a multi-year programme of work for the period 2011–2022 for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its tenth meeting, bearing in mind the need to review the implementation of the programme of work on island biodiversity; and
- (e) To make the necessary arrangements to convene the third meeting of the Working Group on the Review of Implementation.

Annex

Indicative timetable for intersessional work to revise and update the Strategic Plan (subject to final agreement on the dates of intersessional meetings and availability of the necessary resources)	
June–November 2008	Parties and observers submit views concerning the revision and updating of the Strategic Plan
January 2009	Secretariat prepares analysis/synthesis relevant to the revision and updating of the Strategic Plan for peer review
October 2009	SBSTTA considers draft GBO-3 (through focal points)
February 2010	Secretariat revises analysis/synthesis relevant to the revision and updating of the Strategic Plan and prepares a draft revised and updated Strategic Plan
May 2010:	Launch of GBO-3 at the International Day for Biological Diversity (22 May)
May/June 2010	SBSTTA-14* considers possible adjustment of targets and indicators contained in the annex to decision VIII/15
May/June 2010	WGRI-3 (back to back with SBSTTA-14)* develop a draft COP-10 decision on the revised and updated Strategic Plan, MYPOW and Proposals for the periodicity of Meetings
October 2010	COP-10 Considers draft revised and updated Strategic Plan with a view to adoption

* Amended in the light of the decision to have only one meeting of SBSTTA before the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (decision IX/3)