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6. \textit{Encourages} the Biodiversity Indicators Partnership to develop indicators that track the progress of urban settlements towards attaining the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, based for instance on the City Biodiversity Index, and \textit{encourages} Parties to monitor and report on the contribution of their cities to reaching the Targets, in particular in their fifth national reports;

7. \textit{Requests} the Executive Secretary, subject to availability of resources, to support the Global Partnership on Local and Subnational Action on Biodiversity and its activities as an effective platform for scientific and technical cooperation, capacity development and the dissemination of best practices for local and subnational implementation of the Convention, and to continue to involve local and subnational authorities in the series of workshops to review and update national biodiversity strategies and action plans, including regional activities.
B. **Children and youth**

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Acknowledging* the importance of youth participation in decision-making processes at all levels,

1. *Encourages* Parties and other governments to include youth fully in all relevant processes, and specifically in the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and in national biodiversity strategies and action plans, as activities under the United Nations Decade for Biodiversity; and

2. *Invites* Parties to continue to provide support for youth initiatives and other networks that support the three objectives of the Convention, such as the Global Youth Biodiversity Network, the Young Naturalist Network, the “GO4BIODIV”. 
C. Promotion of the active involvement of major civil society groups, including workers and trade unions

The Conference of the Parties,

Acknowledging the importance of active involvement of major civil society groups, including workers and trade unions participation in decision-making processes at all levels, as one of the major groups under Agenda 21, the programme of action adopted by the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development,

1. Encourages Parties and other governments to include major civil society groups, including workers and trade unions, fully in all relevant processes, and specifically in the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and national biodiversity strategies and action plans, as activities under the United Nations Decade for Biodiversity; and

2. Invites Parties to provide support for initiatives of major civil society groups, including workers and trade unions that support the three objectives of the Convention.
D. South-South cooperation on biodiversity for development

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling its decision X/23, in which it welcomed 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 in Nagoya, Japan,

Welcoming the outcomes of the third expert meeting on South-South cooperation, hosted by the Republic of Korea through its National Institute of Biological Resources from 18 to 20 May 2011, as an important contribution to the enhancement of South-South and triangular cooperation,

Recognizing that South-South cooperation, complemented and supported by North-South and triangular cooperation, makes an important contribution to implementing the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020,

1. Encourages Parties, other Governments, relevant organizations and other stakeholders to implement the Multi-Year Plan of Action for South-South Cooperation on Biodiversity for Development in the context of nationally determined priorities, capacities and needs;

2. Reiterates its invitation in paragraph 7 of decision X/23 to the Global Environment Facility 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, and welcomes ongoing discussions on this matter;

3. Recalling paragraph 5 of decision X/23, requests the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of resources, to promote South-South cooperation and triangular cooperation as part of a coherent, consistent and coordinated approach to technical and scientific cooperation and information exchange as a cross-cutting issue relevant to all aspects of work under the Convention on Biological Diversity.

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