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

XI/8. Engagement of other stakeholders, major groups and subnational authorities

A. Subnational governments, cities and other local authorities for biodiversity

The Conference of the Parties

1. *Welcomes with appreciation* the report of the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/COP/11/INF/32) on the implementation of the Plan of Action on Subnational Governments, Cities and Other Local Authorities for Biodiversity;¹
2. *Welcomes* the key messages of the first edition of the Cities and Biodiversity Outlook, as an assessment of the links and opportunities between urbanization and biodiversity requested in paragraph 6 of decision X/22;
3. *Takes note* of the Cities for Life summit organized jointly by ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability, the Secretariat of the Convention and the Government of India on 15 and 16 October 2012, in Hyderabad, parallel to the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties;
4. *Invites* Parties and other Governments to develop, with their local and subnational governments, guidelines and capacity-building initiatives to develop, enhance or adapt local and subnational biodiversity strategies and action plans, or to mainstream biodiversity into sustainable development, in line with their national biodiversity strategies and action plans, so as to ensure harmonious and coherent implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets at all levels of governance;
5. *Invites* Parties, development organizations and other donors to support initiatives by networks of local and subnational governments that complement the Plan of Action and contribute directly to Parties' achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets. Such activities include the ICLEI Local Action for Biodiversity Initiative, the Cities in Biodiversity Hotspots Initiative, and The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity valuation exercises at the local and subnational level;

¹ Decision X/22.

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6. *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 *encourages* Parties to monitor and report on the contribution of their cities to reaching the Targets, in particular in their fifth national reports;

7. *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.
