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INTER-AGENCY LIAISON GROUP ON INVASIVE ALIEN SPECIES

First meeting
Paris, 17-18 June 2010

ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. At its ninth meeting, in decision IV/4 A, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity requested the Executive Secretary to continue to collaborate with the secretariats of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC), the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) and the World Trade Organization (WTO), as well as other international organizations, such as the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and the International Maritime Organization (IMO), with a view to filling gaps and promoting coherence in the regulatory framework, reducing duplication, promoting other actions to address invasive alien species at the national level and facilitating support to Parties including through capacity-building, and to prepare a report for the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
2. The inter-agency liaison group on invasive alien species was established by the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity pursuant to decision IV/4 A and in accordance with the *modus operandi* described in paragraph 9¹ of annex I to decision IV/16. The terms of reference for the liaison group are provided in annex I below.
3. The first meeting of the liaison group will take place at the headquarters of the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), Paris, on 17-18 June 2010.
4. OIE is located at 12, rue de Prony, 75017 Paris, France, Tel.: 33 – (0)1 44 15 18 88.² The nearest metro stations are *Monceau* (line 2) and *Malesherbes* (line 3).

¹ To facilitate the preparation of documentation, and in order to avoid duplication of efforts and ensure the use of available scientific, technical and technological competence available within international and regional organizations, including non-governmental organizations and scientific unions and societies, qualified in fields relating to conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, the Executive Secretary may establish, in consultation with the Chairman and the other members of the Bureau of the Subsidiary Body, liaison groups, as appropriate. Such liaison groups will depend on the resources available.

² Location map available at http://maps.google.ca/maps?client=safari&rls=en&oe=UTF-8&redir_esc=&um=1&ie=UTF-8&q=12,+rue+de+Prony+75017+Paris,+France&fb=1&gl=ca&hnear=12,+rue+de+Prony+75017+Paris,+France&cid=0,0,84514,6940139230596&ei=C4y-S9fyKMH38Aad4pmGCQ&sa=X&oi=local_result&ct=image&resnum=1&ved=0CAcQnwIwAA.

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ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

5. The meeting will be opened on 17 June 2010 at 11 a.m. with welcoming remarks by Mr. Bernard Vallat, Director General of the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE). A representative of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity will also make brief remarks.

6. The meeting will be co-chaired by Ms. Sarah Kahn (OIE) and Mr. David Cooper of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (SCBD).

ITEM 2. INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW OF THE OBJECTIVES AND PROGRAMME FOR THE MEETING

7. The purpose of this agenda item is to share relevant information among participants and to set the scene for subsequent discussions under items 3 and 4.

8. The Secretariat will outline the purpose of the liaison group and the expected outcome of the first meeting. The meeting will then adopt its agenda and programme of work (see annex II below).

9. The Secretariat will provide a brief overview of relevant decisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity, focusing on decisions VIII/27, IX/4 and recommendations approved by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) at its fourteenth meeting (SBSTTA 14) in May 2010 (e.g., see annexes III and IV below).

10. The IPPC Secretariat will report on the third IPPC-CBD joint secretariat meeting.

11. Representatives of all agencies present will be invited to make brief remarks on recent activities relevant to the agenda of the meeting.

ITEM 3. ADDRESSING THE GAPS AND INCONSISTENCIES IN THE INTERNATIONAL REGULATORY FRAMEWORK FOR INVASIVE ALIEN SPECIES

12. Since its fifth meeting in 2000, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity has sought to progressively identify, clarify and address the gaps and inconsistencies in the international regulatory framework on invasive alien species. In this work, the Conference of the Parties has been supported by SBSTTA and the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group (AHTEG) on Gaps and Inconsistencies in the International Regulatory Framework in Relation to Invasive Alien Species.³ Decision VIII/27 lists the gaps and inconsistencies on the basis of the work of the AHTEG.⁴

13. At its ninth meeting, the Conference of the Parties adopted decision IX/4 A (see annex III below), by which *inter alia* it:

(a) Encouraged Parties to make appropriate use of the risk assessment guidance and other procedures and standards of IPPC, OIE and other bodies (paragraph 1);

³ Document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/INF/4, available at <http://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/sbstta/sbstta-11/information/sbstta-11-inf-04-en.doc>, provides a report of the ad hoc technical expert group.

⁴ See decision VI/23 (www.cbd.int/decision/cop/?id=7197), decision VII/13 (www.cbd.int/decision/cop/?id=7750), decision VIII/27 (www.cbd.int/decision/cop/?id=11041) and decision IX/4 (www.cbd.int/decision/cop/?id=11647).

(b) Identified a number of possible ways forward to address certain gaps through the work of other relevant international instruments, in particular IPPC, OIE, the WTO Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS Agreement) and the Committee on Fisheries (COFI) of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), and requested the Executive Secretary to write to the heads of the secretariats of these bodies, noting the desirability of a response for consideration by the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (paragraphs 2 to 7);

(c) Called for further work under the Convention on the specific area of invasive alien species introduced as pets, aquarium and terrarium species, as live bait and live food;⁵ and

(d) Requested the Executive Secretary to continue to collaborate with a number of organizations (the above-mentioned instruments as well as the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and the International Maritime Organization (IMO)) (paragraphs 11 and 12).

14. In line with decision IX/4 A, the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity wrote to the heads of the secretariats on 14 August 2008. The tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity is due to take place in October 2010.

15. Under this agenda item, the liaison group will consider how its members can contribute to addressing the gaps and inconsistencies in the international regulatory framework, focusing in particular on the lack of international standards covering invasive alien species, in particular animals that are not pests of plants under the IPPC and specifically the requests from the Conference of the Parties mentioned in sub-paragraph (b) above. These are:

(a) The possible expansion, within its mandate, of the actual coverage by IPPC of invasive alien species which impact on biodiversity, including in aquatic environments;

(b) The possible expansion of the OIE list of pathogens to include a wider range of diseases of animals, including diseases that solely affect wildlife;

(c) The possible role that may be played by OIE in addressing invasive animals that are not considered as causative agents of diseases under OIE (and consideration of whether, for this purpose, it would need to broaden its mandate);

(d) Possible ways and means that the provisions in the SPS Agreement covering animal and plant health can be implemented to address risks from invasive alien species associated with international trade;

(e) The possible formalization by the FAO Committee on Fisheries (COFI) of relevant technical guidance developed by the FAO secretariat on the introduction, for fisheries and aquaculture, of alien species.

16. If time permits, the liaison group will also explore the extent to which existing international instruments recognize and address threats from invasive alien genotypes, as requested in paragraph 12 of decision IX/4 A.

⁵ A progress report on this issue is provided in document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/14/16/Rev.1, "Further work on gaps and inconsistencies in the international regulatory framework on invasive alien species, particularly species introduced as pets, aquarium and terrarium species, as live bait and live food, and best practices for addressing the risks associated with their introduction", available at www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=SBSTTA-14.

ITEM 4. CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTING COLLABORATION AT NATIONAL LEVEL TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF INVASIVE ALIEN SPECIES

17. At its ninth meeting, in paragraph 9 of decision IX/4 B, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity reaffirmed the need for capacity-building in support of the activities by Parties and other Governments in response to this decision, and urged Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations, in a position to do so, to provide such support, especially to developing countries, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States among them, as well as countries with economies in transition, and encourages such bodies to coordinate their efforts to maximize effectiveness. Moreover, in paragraph 11 of decision IX/4 A, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to continue to collaborate with the secretariats of other bodies, *inter alia* to promote other actions to address invasive alien species at the national level and facilitating support to Parties including through capacity-building.

18. Relevant capacity-development initiatives include:

(a) The Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF), a joint initiative of WTO, FAO, the World Health Organization (WHO), OIE and the World Bank for capacity-building and technical cooperation aiming at raising awareness on the importance of sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) issues, increasing coordination in the provision of SPS-related assistance, and mobilizing resources to assist developing countries to enhance their capacity to meet SPS standards;⁶

(b) The GEF/UNDP/IMO Global Ballast Water Management Programme (GloBallast), which assists developing countries to reduce the transfer of harmful aquatic organisms and pathogens in ships' ballast water;⁷

(c) The Global Invasive Species Programme (GISP), an international partnership dedicated to addressing the global threat of invasive species. GISP provides support to the implementation of Article 8(h) of the Convention on Biological Diversity and has contributed extensively to the knowledge and awareness of invasive species through the development of a range of products and publications.⁸

19. Under this agenda item, the liaison group will identify relevant initiatives and consider how best to collaborate on capacity development at national and international levels.

ITEM 5. DISCUSSION OF FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES

20. Under this agenda item, the liaison group will take note of relevant upcoming events and processes of members of the Group. Relevant events and processes include:

- (a) The tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties in October 2010;
- (b) Outreach with relevance to International Year of Biodiversity;
- (c) Other opportunities under the organizations listed in the liaison group.

21. The liaison group will discuss follow-up activities by the members of the group in order to further its agenda.

⁶ www.standardsfacility.org.

⁷ <http://globallast.imo.org>.

⁸ www.gisp.org.

22. The liaison group will also consider its next meeting and other matters, as appropriate.

ITEM 6. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

28. Under this agenda item, the group will agree on its main conclusions. The full report will be drafted after the meeting by the Secretariat with the support of GISP and in consultation with the co-chairs. It will be circulated among all participants for agreement before finalization.

29. The first meeting of the inter-agency liaison group on invasive alien species is scheduled to be closed at 1 p.m. on 18 June 2010.

Annex I

**INTER-AGENCY LIAISON GROUP ON INVASIVE ALIEN SPECIES
TERMS OF REFERENCE & MODUS OPERANDI**

1. The Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity is establishing an Inter-agency Liaison Group on Invasive Alien Species (the Liaison Group) pursuant to decision IX/4 A of the Conference of the Parties.

2. The purpose of the Liaison Group is to facilitate cooperation among relevant organizations to support measures to “prevent the introduction of, control or eradicate those alien species which threaten ecosystems, habitats or species” (Article 8(h) of the Convention on Biological Diversity), consistent with relevant decisions of the Convention and in particular:

(a) To address the gaps and inconsistencies in the international regulatory frameworks for the prevention, control and eradication of invasive alien species, consistent with the relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties, in particular decisions VI/23,* VII/13, VIII/27 and IX/4;

(b) To promote capacity-development activities for the prevention, control and mitigation of the negative impact of invasive alien species;

(c) To assist inter-sectoral cooperation and cooperation at the national level through each organization’s national and regional focal points or the equivalents;

(d) To cooperate in the development and use of relevant information and information systems;

(e) To coordinate activities, as appropriate and necessary, to ensure that they are complementary, so as to optimize efficiency and avoid any unnecessary overlap.

3. The following international organizations are invited to participate in the liaison group:

- The Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (SCBD)
- The International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC)
- The World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE)
- The Committee on Fisheries (COFI), a subsidiary body of the FAO Council
- The World Trade Organization (WTO)
- The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)
- The International Maritime Organization (IMO)
- The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)
- The Global Invasive Species Programme (GISP)
- The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

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4. Other organizations can be invited by the present liaison group listed above paragraph, as appropriate.
5. Each agency shall designate a representative to participate in the meetings of the Liaison Group and act as focal point between meetings.
6. The CBD Secretariat shall act as Secretary of the Liaison Group and, in that capacity, shall convene meetings, teleconferences or e-mail exchanges. Meetings of the Liaison Group can also be called by any of the members of the Liaison Group if necessary, and the CBD Secretariat shall inform members of the Liaison Group about the meeting.
7. The Liaison Group may hold teleconferences or face-to-face meetings as needed.

Annex II

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Thursday, 17 June

10.30 a.m. Registration and Coffee

11 a.m. Item 1. Opening of the meeting.

Welcoming remarks: Kazuaki Miyagishima (OIE) and David Cooper (CBD);
Self introductions (all participants).

11.20 a.m. Item 2. Introduction and overview of the objectives and programme for the meeting.

Chair: Sarah Kahn (OIE)

Introduction to the Liaison Group (CBD);

Approval of the agenda;

Report on the IPPC-CBD joint secretariat meeting (Yukio Yokoi, IPPC);

Tour de table on relevant activities of members (all participants).

1 p.m. Lunch

2 p.m. Item 3. Addressing the gaps and inconsistencies in the international regulatory framework for invasive alien species.

Chair: David Cooper (CBD)

First discussion on gaps and inconsistencies, decision IX/4 A, and possible contributions of the various organizations.

3.30 p.m. Item 4. Capacity development and promoting collaboration at national level to address the issue of invasive alien species.

Chair: Sarah Kahn (OIE)

First discussion to identify relevant initiatives and explore possible collaboration.

5 p.m. Adjournment.

7 p.m. Dinner (Restaurant Le Messuges)

Friday, 18th June

9 a.m. Items 3 and 4 (continued)

Recap of day 1 by the co-chairs;

Identification of emerging issues of agreement and outstanding items.

9.15 a.m. Item 3 (continued). Addressing the gaps and inconsistencies in the international regulatory framework for invasive alien species.

Chair: David Cooper (CBD)

Discussion of issues, including:

- Coverage by IPPC of aquatic invasive alien species;
- Possible expansion of the OIE list of pathogens to include a wider range of diseases of animals, including diseases that solely affect wildlife OIE;
- Possible broadening of OIE mandate;
- Role of the WTO SPS Agreement;

- Possible formalization of relevant technical FAO guidance on the introduction, for fisheries and aquaculture, of alien species;
- Other issues, including CITES, IMO and ICAO guidance.

11 a.m. **Item 4 (continued). Capacity development and promoting collaboration at national level to address the issues on invasive alien species**

Chair: Sarah Kahn (OIE)

Agree on areas of collaboration.

11.45 a.m. **Item 5. Discussion of follow up-activities**

Co-chairs

Upcoming events and processes (tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity in Nagoya, Aichi Prefecture, Japan, 18-29 October 2010; United Nations International Year of Biodiversity; OIE Global Conference on Wildlife “Animal Health and Biodiversity - Preparing for the Future”, Paris (France), 23-25 February 2011, and others);

Actions to be taken by each organization;

Date of next meeting(s).

12.30 p.m. **Item 6. Closure of the meeting.**

Co-chairs

Agreement on main conclusions;

Closure of the meeting (1 p.m.).

Annex III

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

***IX/4. In-depth review of ongoing work on alien species that threaten ecosystems,
habitats or species***

A. Gaps and inconsistencies in the international regulatory framework

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling its decision VIII/27, and welcoming the consultations undertaken by the Executive Secretary, as requested in paragraph 14 of that decision,

Reaffirming the need to address the gaps and inconsistencies identified by the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Gaps and Inconsistencies in the International Regulatory Framework in Relation to Invasive Alien Species (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/INF/4) and considered in decision VIII/27,

1. *Encourages* Parties, where appropriate, to make use of the risk assessment guidance and other procedures and standards developed by the International Plant Protection Convention, the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) and other relevant organizations, in order to contribute to closing the identified gaps on invasive alien species at national level, and in particular, to consider applying, where appropriate, the procedures and standards for quarantine pests under the International Plant Protection Convention, to all invasive alien species that have adverse impacts on plant biodiversity, consistent with international obligations;

2. *Invites* the International Plant Protection Convention to continue its efforts to expand, within its mandate, its actual coverage of invasive alien species which impact on biodiversity, including in aquatic environments;

3. *Invites* the International Committee of the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) to note the lack of international standards covering invasive alien species, in particular animals, that are not pests of plants under the International Plant Protection Convention, and to consider whether and how it could contribute to addressing this gap, including for example by:

(a) Expanding the OIE list of pathogens to include a wider range of diseases of animals, including diseases that solely affect wildlife; and

(b) Considering whether it may play a role in addressing invasive animals that are not considered as causative agents of diseases under OIE and whether, for this purpose, it would need to broaden its mandate;

4. *Invites* the Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures of the World Trade Organization to note the lack of international standards covering invasive alien species, in particular animals, that are not pests of plants under the International Plant Protection Convention, nor diseases that are listed by the World Organisation for Animal Health, and to consider ways and means so that that the provisions in the Sanitary and Phytosanitary Agreement of the World Trade Organization covering animal and plant health can be implemented to address risks from invasive alien species associated with international trade;

5. *Invites* the Committee on Fisheries of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to note the lack of international standards covering invasive alien species, in particular animals, that are not pests of plants under the International Plant Protection Convention, and to consider further ways and means to address this gap as it applies to the introduction, for fisheries and aquaculture, of alien species, including the development of clear and practical guidance, for example by considering the formalization of relevant technical guidance developed by the secretariat of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations;

6. *Encourages* Parties and other Governments to raise the above issues formally through their national delegations to the World Organisation for Animal Health, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the World Trade Organization;

7. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to write to the heads of the secretariats of the bodies mentioned in paragraphs 2 to 5 above, noting the desirability of a response to these invitations for consideration by the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;

8. *Invites* Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to submit to the Executive Secretary examples of best practices for addressing the risks associated with the introduction of alien species as pets, aquarium and terrarium species, and as live bait and live food;

9. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with the Global Invasive Species Programme (GISP), the IUCN Invasive Species Specialist Group (IUCN-ISSG), the International Civil Aviation Organization, the Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council and other relevant organizations to continue collating, the information provided on the basis of paragraph 8, as well as the information gathered at the expert workshop on best practices for pre-import screening of live animals (UNEP/CBD/COP/9/INF/32/Add.1), held in Indiana, United States of America from 9 to 11 April 2008 and organized by the Global Invasive Species Programme, the Invasive Species Specialist Group and the University of Notre Dame, in collaboration with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, best practices for addressing the risks associated with the introduction of alien species as pets, aquarium and terrarium species, and as live bait and live food, and to make this information available through the clearing-house mechanism as well as to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice for its consideration at a meeting prior to the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;

10. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice to consider the collation of best practices prepared by the Executive Secretary referred to in paragraphs 8 and 9 above, and, if necessary and appropriate, to consider the establishment of an ad hoc technical expert group to suggest means, including practical guidance, for addressing the risks associated with the introduction of alien species as pets, aquarium and terrarium species, and as live bait and live food;

11. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to continue to collaborate with the secretariats of the International Plant Protection Convention, the World Organisation for Animal Health, the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) and the World Trade Organization, as well as other international organizations, such as International Civil Aviation Organization and the International Maritime Organization, with a view to filling gaps and promoting coherence in the regulatory framework, reducing duplication, promoting other actions to address invasive alien species at the national level and facilitating support to Parties including through capacity-building, and to prepare a report for the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;

12. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to consult with the secretariats of relevant organizations, as mentioned in paragraph 11, to explore the extent to which existing international instruments recognize and address threats from invasive alien genotypes.

13. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to report on implementation of this decision, and decision VIII/27, and, if necessary, present options for further work to address these gaps to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at a meeting immediately prior to the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Annex IV

RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED BY THE SUBSIDIARY BODY ON SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE AT ITS FOURTEENTH MEETING

XIV/13. Further work on gaps and inconsistencies in the international regulatory framework on invasive alien species introduced as pets, aquarium and terrarium species, as live bait and live food, and best practices for addressing the risks associated with their introduction

A. Invasive alien species introduced as pets, aquarium and terrarium species, and as live bait and live food

The Conference of the Parties,

Pursuant to paragraph 10 of its decision IX/4,

1. *Takes note* of the information compiled by the Executive Secretary for addressing invasive alien species introduced as pets, aquarium and terrarium species, as live bait and live food, as summarized in the note prepared for the fourteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/14/16/Rev.1);

2. *Establishes* an Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group (AHTEG) to suggest ways and means, including *inter alia*, [providing practical guidance on the development of international standards], to address and take proactive action to fill the identified gaps and to prevent the risks associated with the introduction of invasive alien species introduced as pets, aquarium and terrarium species, as live bait and live food with the terms of reference annexed hereto;

3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary:

(a) To seek further submissions from Parties, other governments and relevant organizations on examples of best practices for addressing invasive alien species introduced as pets, aquarium and terrarium species, as live bait and live food;

[(b) Subject to the availability of financial resources, to convene meetings, with the full participation of developing countries, of an Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group with the terms of reference as annexed to this document and to submit its report for consideration at a meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice prior to the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties;]

(c) To explore further ways and means to improve the capacity of Parties to address invasive alien species introduced as pets, aquarium and terrarium species, as live bait and live food, including through consultation with secretariats of relevant biodiversity-related conventions.

B. Other matters related to invasive alien species

The Conference of the Parties,

1. *Recognizes* the critical importance of regional collaboration to address the threat of invasive alien species, particularly as a means to enhance ecosystem resilience in the face of climate change;

2. Welcomes the report of the workshop “Helping Islands Adapt: A Workshop on Regional Action to Combat Invasive Alien Species on Islands to Preserve Biodiversity and Adapt to Climate Change” held in Auckland, New Zealand, from 11 to 16 April 2010, contained in UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/14/INF/29 and referenced in decisions IX/4 and IX/21;

3. [Recognizing the need to address the risks from invasive alien species used as biofuel crops and for carbon sequestration, urges Parties and encourages other Governments to continue using the precautionary approach with regard to invasive alien species;]

4. Encourages Parties and invites other Governments and organizations to consider ways and means to increase the interoperability of existing information resources, including databases and networks, of use in conducting risk and/or impact assessments and in developing early warning systems;

5. Recalling decisions VI/23*, VII/13, VIII/27 and IX/4, and recognizing the need to further facilitate and enhance the implementation of these decisions, particularly regarding the issue of mobility of people and goods referred therein, requests the Executive Secretary to follow-up with the secretariats of the bodies referred to those decisions, as well as the other biodiversity-related multilateral environmental agreements and regional organizations, as appropriate, taking into account also additional introduction pathways such as hunting and sports fishing, the management of already established invasive alien species, and threats from invasive alien genotypes;

6. Further requests the Executive Secretary to:

(a) Compile existing information including any existing guidelines on invasive alien species and related management responses, reconciling the need for the gradual adaptation of biodiversity and ecosystems to climate change and other environmental pressures, with the need to mitigate the impacts of existing and potentially new invasive alien species;

(b) To incorporate progress and lessons learned on regional island collaboration to manage the threat of invasive alien species, including inter- and intra- regional exchanges and South-South cooperation, in the review of the programme of work on island biological diversity scheduled for the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Annex

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE AD HOC TECHNICAL EXPERT GROUP ON ADDRESSING THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF ALIEN SPECIES AS PETS, AQUARIUM AND TERRARIUM SPECIES, AND AS LIVE BAIT AND LIVE FOOD

1. The purpose of this Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group (AHTEG) is to suggest ways and means, including, *inter alia*, [providing practical guidance on the development of international standards], to address and take proactive action to fill the identified gaps and to prevent the risks associated with the introduction of alien species as pets, aquarium and terrarium species, and as live bait and live food.

2. More specifically, the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group shall identify and consider relevant, specific, and concrete tools, codes of practice, methodologies, guidance, best-practice examples and

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instruments, including regulatory mechanisms, for addressing the risks associated with the introduction of alien species as pets, aquarium and terrarium species, and as live bait and live food, including for:

- (a) Controlling, monitoring, and prohibiting, where appropriate, export, import and transit, at local, national, and regional levels, taking into account national legislations, where applicable;
- (b) Controlling internet trade, associated transport, and other relevant pathways;
- (c) Developing and utilizing risk assessments and risk management;
- (d) Developing and utilizing early-warning systems;
- (e) Regulating the export, import and transit of potentially invasive alien species traded as pets likely to be released;
- (f) Public awareness-raising and information dissemination;
- (g) Transboundary cooperation and regional approaches.

3. In addition, the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group shall consider ways to increase the interoperability of existing information resources including databases and networks, of use in conducting risk and/or impact assessments and in developing early warning systems.

4. The Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group shall make its suggestions drawing on:

- (a) Information provided by, *inter alia*, Parties, other governments, non-governmental organizations and the private sector, relevant national, regional, and international organizations, and secretariats of relevant international conventions;
- (b) Information gathered at the expert workshop on best practices for pre-import screening of live animals in international trade (UNEP/CBD/COP/9/INF/32/Add.1), held in Indiana, United States of America, from 9 to 11 April 2008;
- (c) The TEMATEA issue-based module on invasive alien species;
- (d) International, national and regional databases on invasive alien species;
- (e) Sections II and III of the note by the Executive Secretary on further work on gaps and inconsistencies in the international regulatory framework on invasive alien species, particularly species introduced as pets, aquarium and terrarium species, as live bait and live food, and best practices for addressing the risks associated with their introduction (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/14/16/Rev.1);
- (f) Other relevant scientifically-sound information, particularly information from scientific experts, universities, and relevant institutions.

5. The Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group shall be established in accordance with the procedures outlined in the consolidated *modus operandi* of SBSTTA (decision VIII/10, annex III) taking into account the need to draw upon the experience of relevant international organizations, including the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC); the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE); the Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures of the World Trade Organization (WTO-SPS); the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO); the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Fauna and Flora (CITES); the International Maritime Organization (IMO); the World Customs Organization; the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations; and IUCN, organizations

managing databases on invasive alien species, industry organizations and Global Invasive Species Programme (GISP).

6. The Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group shall meet as required to complete its task, subject to the availability of financial resources, and also work through correspondence and teleconferences.

7. The Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group shall report to a meeting of SBSTTA prior to the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity.
