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**BUREAU OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES
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DIVERSITY**

Brasilia, 5 December 2006

ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

INTRODUCTION

1. The Bureau meeting has been convened by the President of the Conference of the Parties to review the implementation of the work programme of the Convention and provide appropriate guidance to the Secretariat. The venue of the meeting is

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Sala de Reuniões B

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2. The meeting will run from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. on 5 December 2006.

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

3. The meeting will be opened by the President of the Conference of the Parties, H.E. Ms. Marina Silva, or her representative. The Executive Secretary will make a brief statement.

ITEM 2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

4. Under this item, the Bureau will be invited to adopt the provisional agenda prepared by the Executive Secretary in close cooperation with the President (document UNEP/CBD/COP/Bur/2006/1).

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ITEM 3. ACCESS AND BENEFIT-SHARING

(a) Report on the activities of the Co-chairs of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing

5. Under this item, the Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing, Mr. Fernando Casas of Colombia and Mr. Timothy Hodges of Canada, will brief the Bureau on their activities in preparation for the fifth meeting of the Working Group, which is scheduled to be held in Montreal from 10 to 14 September 2007.

(b) Meeting of the Group of Technical Experts on an Internationally Recognized Certificate of Origin/Source/Legal Provenance: selection of participants

6. Under this item, the Executive Secretary will brief the Bureau on the preparations for the meeting of the Group of Technical Experts to explore and elaborate possible options, without prejudging their desirability, for the form, intent and functioning of an internationally recognized certificate of origin/source/legal provenance and analyse its practicality, feasibility, costs and benefits, which will be held in Lima from 22 to 25 January 2007. In accordance with paragraph 2 of decision VIII/4 C of the Conference of the Parties, the list of selected experts and observers is to be submitted for the approval of the Bureau.

7. A detailed briefing note on the subject is available for the consideration of the Bureau (UNEP/CBD/COP/Bur/2006/2). A full list of nominations received from Parties and stakeholders for participation in the meeting of technical experts is attached as annex I to that document and the list of participants recommended by the Executive Secretary is attached as annex II to the same document. Both lists were initially submitted electronically by the Secretariat for the consideration of the members of the Bureau on 20 September 2006.

8. Under this item, the Bureau is expected to approve the list of selected experts and observers in the meeting of the Group of Technical Experts on the basis of the recommendations of the Executive Secretary.

ITEM 4. CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT AGENDA OF THE SECOND MEETING OF THE AD HOC OPEN ENDED WORKING GROUP ON REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION AND REPORT ON PREPARATIONS FOR THE TWELFTH AND THIRTEENTH MEETINGS OF THE SUBSIDIARY BODY ON SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE (SBSTTA)

9. The second meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention will be held at the headquarters of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), in Paris, from 9 to 13 July 2007. In preparation for this meeting, the Secretariat has prepared a draft provisional agenda, together with the rationale for the various proposed items, which is being submitted for the consideration of the Bureau (UNEP/CBD/COP/Bur/2006/3).

10. In addition, a briefing note on the preparations for the twelfth and thirteenth meetings of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice is available for the information of Bureau members (UNEP/CBD/COP/Bur/2006/4).

11. The Bureau is invited to approve the provisional agenda of the meeting of the Working Group on Review of Implementation on the basis of the draft submitted by the Executive Secretary and take note of the preparatory work for the twelfth and thirteenth meetings of SBSTTA.

ITEM 5. FINALIZATION OF THE DRAFT PROCEDURES FOR THE PARTICIPATION OF PARTIES IN THE CONVENTION PROCESS

12. In paragraph 21 of decision VIII/31, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary, with guidance from the Bureau, to develop as an interim arrangement for the 2007-2008 biennium pending endorsement by the Conference of the Parties at its ninth meeting, procedures for the allocation of funding from the Special Voluntary Trust Fund (BZ) for Facilitating Participation of Parties in the Convention Process, to developing countries, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States, as well as Parties with economies in transition, to secure adequate representation from each region.

13. In response to that decision, the Executive Secretary has prepared draft procedures, which were submitted to Bureau members for comments on 20 October 2006, and revised by the Executive Secretary in the light of comments received. The revised draft procedures (UNEP/CBD/COP/Bur/2006/5) will be before the Bureau at the current meeting for its consideration.

14. Under this item, the Bureau is invited to approve the draft procedures for the allocation of funding from the Special Voluntary Trust Fund (BZ) as an interim arrangement pending endorsement by the Conference of the Parties.

ITEM 6. REPORT ON PREPARATIONS FOR THE NINTH MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

15. Under this item, the representative of the Government of Germany, Mr. Jochen Flasbarth, will brief members of the Bureau on the preparations for the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, which will be held in Bonn, on from 19 to 30 May 2008.

ITEM 7. REPORT ON ACTIVITIES OF THE SECRETARIAT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WORK PROGRAMME OF THE CONVENTION

16. Under this item, the Executive Secretary will brief the Bureau on activities of the Secretariat in implementation of the work programme of the Convention. In this regard, a note on the subject (UNEP/CBD/COP/Bur/2006/6) for the information of Bureau members.

17. The Bureau may wish to provide guidance to the Executive Secretary, as appropriate.

ITEM 8. OTHER MATTERS

18. Under this item, Bureau members may wish to raise other items of relevance to the mandate of the Bureau. At the time of finalizing the present annotations, the Secretariat had not been informed of any other matters.

ITEM 9. CLOSURE OF MEETING

19. The meeting is expected to be closed by the President at 6 p.m. on 5 December.
