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### BUREAU OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

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### MINUTES OF THE SECOND MEETING OF THE COP-10 BUREAU HELD IN MONTREAL ON 4 JUNE 2011

#### INTRODUCTION

1. The second meeting of the Bureau elected at the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties was held on Saturday, 4 June 2011 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m at the headquarters of the Secretariat. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Kazuaki Hoshino, Advisor to Environment Minister of Japan, representing the President of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, His Excellency Mr. Ryu Matsumoto, Minister of Environment of Japan.
2. The following Bureau members attended the meeting: Ms. Snezana Prokic (Serbia); Mr. Ioseb Kartsivadze (Georgia); Ms. Kauna Betty Schroder (Namibia); Ms. Ines Verleye (Belgium); Mr. Andrew Bignell (New Zealand); Mr. Spencer Thomas (Grenada); Mr. Jose Luis Sutera (Argentina), Mr. Akram Eissa Darwich (Syria) and Mr. Je-Chul Yoo (Republic of Korea).
3. The meeting was also attended by the following representatives of the presidency: Mr. Atsushi Suginaka of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan and Mr. Zuiten Tsukamoto, Mr. Keiichi Nakazawa, and Ms. Noriko Moriwake of the Ministry of the Environment of Japan.
4. The meeting was also attended by Mr. M. F. Farooqui (India) representing the host country for COP-11 and Ms. Senka Barudanovic (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Chair of SBSTTA; Mr. Carlos Martin-Novella, representing the Executive Director of UNEP; Mr. Ahmed Djoghlaif, Executive Secretary of the Convention; Mr. Atsuhiko Yoshinaka (Global Coordinator, SCBD) and Ms. Valerie Normand (Secretary, Nagoya Protocol), Mr. David Cooper, Secretary and Ms. Kyoko Noda (Liaison Officer).

#### ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

5. The meeting was opened by Mr. Hoshino, the representative of the President of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. He thanked colleagues for their support following the devastating earthquake and tsunami in Japan. He informed the Bureau that he had replaced Mr. Takemoto as the Advisor to Minister Ryu Matsumoto and would chair Bureau meetings on behalf of the President from now on.

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6. Mr. Djoghlah expressed his gratitude to His Excellency Mr. Matsumoto and to Japan for their continued support to the Convention especially in light of the devastating earthquake and tsunami. He also welcomed the establishment of the Nagoya Protocol Implementation Fund (NPIF), a multi-donor trust fund managed by GEF.

7. He expressed his appreciation to the Governments of Canada and Quebec and to the City of Montreal for their support in providing additional office space for the Secretariat.

8. Mr. Je-Chul Yoo, Republic of Korea, a new member of the Bureau, introduced himself.

## **ITEM 2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

9. The Bureau reviewed the provisional agenda as contained in document UNEP/CBD/COP10/Bur/2011/1/1 and agreed to consider the following issues under Item 7 (Other Matters):

- The note received from the Executive Director of UNEP addressed to the President on the status of the revised administrative arrangements between UNEP and SCBD;
- Work of the UN Environment Management Group; and
- Preparations for the fifteenth meeting of SBSTTA.

10. The Bureau adopted its agenda with this understanding.

## **ITEM 3. PREPARATION OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR THE PROTOCOL ON ACCESS TO GENETIC RESOURCES AND EQUITABLE BENEFIT-SHARING ARISING FROM THEIR UTILIZATION**

11. The Executive Secretary updated the Bureau on the status of signatures of the Nagoya Protocol. Following the signing ceremonies in New York on 2 February 2011 and 11 May 2011, currently there are 24 signatories. Further signatories are expected following resolution of the French language version expected on 19 June. A further signing ceremony will be held on 20 September on the occasion of the high-level segment of the UN General Assembly. Thanks to the GEF, a Medium Sized Project is providing support to a series of awareness-raising and capacity-building activities to be carried out over the next biennium for the early ratification and entry into force of the Protocol. These involve briefings of decision makers, parliamentarians at national and regional levels, the inclusion of an ABS component in the NBSAP workshops as well as capacity-building workshops for national focal points and indigenous and local communities.

12. Mr. Hoshino noted that following the communication from Canada, Mr. Timothy Hodges was not available to serve as Co-Chair of the ICNP. The Bureau expressed its thanks to Mr. Hodges for his outstanding contributions in developing the Protocol. The Bureau welcomed the nomination of Ms. Janet Lowe of New Zealand. Mr. Hoshino expressed his thanks to Mr. Andrew Bignell for his efforts in securing this nomination. The Bureau noted that it had received the following nominations for members of the Bureau of the ICNP: Ms. Dubravka Stepic (Croatia) and Dr. Sergiy Gubar (Ukraine) for Central and Eastern Europe; and Mr. Ben Phillips (Australia) and Ms. Ines Verleye (Belgium) for WEOG. The representatives from Africa, Asia and GRULAC reported that they would finalize their nominations at their regional meetings on Sunday morning. It was noted that nominations would be transmitted to the President from the Bureau members. It was also noted that the ICNP Bureau would compose of the Co-Chairs plus the two representatives per region, which is 12 persons in total.

13. The Bureau took note of the provisional agenda for the first meeting of Intergovernmental Committee for the Nagoya Protocol which would be held in Montreal on 5-10 June 2011. In response to a query from a Bureau member concerning the organization of work, the Secretariat clarified that the annotated agenda contained proposals that would be considered by the Co-Chairs and the Bureau. The

joint meeting of the COP Bureau and the ICNP Bureau that would take place on Sunday afternoon or evening immediately after the organizational segment of the ICNP would provide an opportunity to consider these.

14. Members of the Bureau highlighted the need for continued close communication between the COP Bureau and the ICNP Bureau.

#### **ITEM 4. WORK PROGRAMME FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COP-10 DECISIONS**

15. The Executive Secretary introduced a note on the Japan Biodiversity Fund activities for the implementation of the COP-10 and MOP-5 decisions (UNEP/CBD/COP10/Bur/2011/1/3). Mr. Djoghlafl once again thanked Japan for its outstanding contributions through the Japan Fund. He noted however that, with the exception of Japan, contributions to the fund for voluntary activities were below the levels necessary to carry out the activities agreed at COP-10.

16. The Global Coordinator for the Japan Fund of the CBD Secretariat, Mr. Yoshinaka, described the activities financed in whole or in part by the Japan Fund. He reported on the five sub-regional workshops held to date and drew attention to the list of additional activities. He requested other donors and partners to join these efforts to support developing countries to implement the Strategic Plan in particular the updating of National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans.

17. In addition, Mr. Djoghlafl noted that a comprehensive series of briefings to UN missions, parliamentary bodies and other fora was being carried out.

18. The Bureau noted the importance of a consistent message and branding when referring to the Strategic Plan and Targets. The Executive Secretary clarified the official reference to the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Targets. When the targets are referred to outside of the context of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity, the full term "Aichi Biodiversity Targets" is used.

19. Mr. Farooqui highlighted the need for sufficient and timely follow up to Decision X/2 on the strategy for resource mobilization which will be an important issue for consideration at COP-11. The need for guidance from the Secretariat to inform the second stage of submissions from Parties was also highlighted. The Executive Secretary noted the need for funds for the process including for expert meetings. The President encouraged countries to make their submissions as soon as possible.

20. The representative of UNEP noted the contributions of the other biodiversity related conventions in the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020. Mr. Hoshino requested the representative of UNEP to brief the Bureau on these matters at a future meeting.

21. Mr. Djoghlafl also noted the commitments of UNESCO and IUCN among others in support of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Targets.

22. Mr. Thomas highlighted the importance of recognizing in the work programme the in-depth review of the programme of work on island biodiversity.

23. Mr. Hoshino also called upon other governments in position to do so to contribute to the activities of the Convention.

24. It was agreed to also consider the work programme for the implementation of COP-10 decisions again at the next meeting.

#### **ITEM 5. CELEBRATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS DECADE ON BIODIVERSITY**

25. The Executive Secretary presented the official logo for the Decade as approved by the Secretary General and introduced the draft strategy for the Decade. The video for the Decade would be shown at the opening of the ICNP. Following the earthquake and tsunami in Japan the official global launch for the Decade was postponed until the end of the year. It will be held in Japan in December. Regional launches

are being held in various locations including India, Republic of Korea and the Philippines. Further launches will take place in Cuba, Ethiopia, Ecuador and Costa Rica. A launch would be held in New York at the opening of the session of the UNGA in September. India had announced that COP-11 would be held in Hyderabad. He reported that the President of the Philippines had declared 2011-2020 as the National Decade for Biodiversity.

26. Following comments from Bureau members, Mr. Djoghlafl clarified that the strategy for the Decade was not an official document, but had been provided to the Secretary General's Office as a note describing the SCBD's contribution to the UN Decade. It would be updated from time to time. He agreed with the importance of engaging scientists and in this regard drew attention to the Consortium of Scientific Partners in support of the Convention. He also informed the Bureau of the plans to develop a baseline against which progress in public awareness in 2020 could be assessed through the "World Wide View on Biodiversity" programme. He announced efforts by various airlines to promote the UN Decade.

27. The Bureau welcomed the strategy, expressed its appreciation to the Secretariat for its development, noting that it will be updated as necessary. Bureau members were encouraged to provide any comments or ideas they may have to the Secretariat.

28. It was agreed to also take up this item again at the next meeting.

#### **ITEM 6. PREPARATION OF COP-11 AND MOP-6**

29. Mr. Farooqui, the representative of India, briefed Bureau members on the preparations for the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties and the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. Following an open-tender process, Hyderabad had been selected as the host city. It is one of the largest cities, with high-tech industries and good facilities. It has a good mix of tradition and modernity. The COP-11 will take place in the International Convention Centre. The complex also contains an exhibition centre and hotel. Institutions around Hyderabad will be engaged in the preparations. He introduced the logo for COP-11 with the slogan "Nature protects if she is protected" – an old Sanskrit saying. The logo had been prepared by the National Institute of Design, it represents interdependence of living things and human beings and highlights also livelihoods.

30. The Bureau congratulated India on its preparations.

#### **ITEM 7. OTHER MATTERS**

##### ***Status of the revised administrative arrangements between UNEP and SCBD***

31. Mr. Martin-Novella, referring to the letter of 13 May from the UNEP Executive Director to the President of COP10, noted that:

- there was agreement on the use of the programme support cost for the current year. 4% was retained, while 9% was used for supporting activities of the SCBD;
- discussions were ongoing concerning the service level agreements, conference services and the delegation of authority.

32. At the request of the President, the Executive Secretary provided his comments on the note and expressed his serious concern that the Executive Director had sent a letter to Bureau members without copying the letter to the Secretariat. He requested the representative of UNEP to ensure that this would not happen again and the role and function of the Secretariat would need to be respected. He reported the outcomes of his last meeting on this issue with the Executive Director of UNEP held in Nairobi in 25 February 2011. At that meeting, he informed the Executive Director that he has no authority to agree on his decision to retain 33% of the Programme Support Costs and such a decision will need to be submitted for approval to the next Conference of the Parties. He reported that he has requested another meeting

with the Executive Director during his forthcoming visit to Nairobi to finalize the implementation of the administrative arrangements.

33. The COP Presidency with the concurrence of the Bureau urged UNEP and the SCBD to resolve outstanding issues for the sake of the work of the Convention.

***Work of the UN Environment Management Group***

34. Mr. Martin-Novella updated the Bureau on the work of the issue management group for biodiversity to follow-up on its report prepared for COP-10 and to contribute to the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets. A roadmap for the engagement of the agencies will be finalized shortly.

35. The Executive Secretary reminded the Bureau that the EMG's work on biodiversity has been initiated as early as 2007 at his request. In order to engage the UN system as a whole for the implementation of the Aichi Targets, the Secretary General's Policy Committee held on 14 September 2010 recommended that the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 be discussed at the spring session of 2011 of the Chief Executives Board chaired by the Secretary General. To this end a meeting of the issue management on biodiversity was held in Geneva. The report of the meeting was submitted to the High Level Programme on Coordination but was not discussed by the CEB. In order to engage the relevant heads of agencies, he reported that a heads of agencies task force was being established to promote the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets. To date, some ten agencies, including UNEP, have indicated that they will join. The first meeting will be held on the margins of COP-11 in Hyderabad.

36. Mr. Hoshino encouraged the Executive Secretary to continue engaging the United Nations system and other partners in the implementation of the Strategic Plan on Biodiversity 2011-2020 and its Aichi Targets. He requested UNEP to submit a report to the third meeting of the Bureau to be held in October 2011 on its planned activities in support to the implementation of Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020.

***Preparations for the fifteenth meeting of SBSTTA***

37. The Chair of SBSTTA, Ms. Senka Barudanovic, updated the Bureau on preparations for upcoming SBSTTA meetings. She noted the challenges in accommodating all the issues arising from COP-10 decisions and in achieving a balance between SBSTTA-15 and SBSTTA-16. She also noted progress in AHTEGs and other preparatory meetings. She thanked Norway and the Secretariat for facilitating the in-person SBSTTA Bureau meeting on the following days.

***Other matters***

38. Mr. Akram Eissa Darwich noted the importance of the timely issuing of visas for meetings in Montreal and requested the Secretariat to convey this message to the Canadian competent authorities.

39. The Bureau agreed to hold a closed session from 6.30pm to discuss the extension of the term of the Executive Secretary.

40. The Bureau agreed that its next meeting would be on 30 October in Montreal on the margins of the meeting of the *Ad hoc* Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions. A joint meeting with the SBSTTA Bureau could be held on 5 or 6 November.

**ITEM 8. CLOSURE OF MEETING**

41. The meeting closed at 6.20 p.m.

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