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

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Item 29 of the provisional agenda\*

### **REVIEW AND RETIREMENT OF THE DECISIONS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES**

#### *Proposals by the Executive Secretary pursuant to decision VII/33 on Operations of the Convention*

#### **I. INTRODUCTION**

1. At its seventh meeting, the Conference of the Parties, by paragraph 3 of decision VII/33, requested the Executive Secretary to make proposals to its eighth meeting regarding the retirement of decisions and elements of decisions taken at its fifth and sixth meetings and to communicate such proposals to Parties, Governments and relevant international organizations at least six months prior to its eighth meeting. In paragraph 5 of the same decision, the Conference of the Parties invited Parties, Governments and international organizations to submit to the Executive Secretary written comments on the proposals referred to in paragraph 3 of the decision at least three months prior to its eighth meeting.

2. The Executive Secretary has prepared the present document pursuant to paragraph 3 of decision VII/33. The document is divided into two sections and contains three annexes. Section II describes the process of review of the decisions of the Conference of the Parties adopted at its fifth and sixth meetings.

3. In accordance with paragraphs 3 and 5 of decision VII/33, the Executive Secretary, by a notification dated 30 May 2005, communicated the proposals relating to the review and consolidation of the decisions of the Conference of the Parties to Parties, Governments and relevant international organizations. Comments were received from Canada, India, Poland, Thailand and UNEP-WCMC. Except for the submission from India, these comments focused on the proposals relating to the consolidation of decisions of the Conference of the Parties pursuant to paragraph 4 of decision VII/33 (see document UNEP/CBD/COP/8/16/Add.2). The comments of India were taken into consideration in the finalization of the present document.

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## **II. REVIEW AND RETIREMENT OF DECISIONS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES**

4. The full review of the decisions of the Conference of the Parties adopted at its fifth and sixth meetings is contained in annex I to the present document. The review follows the same format that was adopted for the purposes of the reviews undertaken for the sixth and seventh meetings of the Conference of the Parties (see UNEP/CBD/COP/6/INF/17 and UNEP/CBD/COP/7/INF/16). On the basis of this review, the Executive Secretary, in annex II to the present document identifies: (a) decisions and elements of decisions that could be retired by the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting because they either have been fully implemented and are of no continuing relevance or effect; have been superseded by subsequent decisions; or are of only historical value; and (b) decisions and elements of decisions that could be retained and subsequently consolidated with other relevant decisions because they are either still under implementation or are of continuing relevance or effect. Annex III contains the list of decisions and elements of decisions that the Conference of the Parties may, at its eighth meeting, consider retiring.

*Annex I*

**REVIEW OF THE DECISIONS ADOPTED AT THE FIFTH AND SIXTH MEETINGS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES AND STATUS OF THEIR IMPLEMENTATION**

**A. Fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties**

**DECISION V/1: WORK PLAN OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY**

*Overview of the decision*

The decision approves a work plan for the Intergovernmental Committee for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (ICCP), an interim arrangement established by decision EM-I/3 of the extraordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties, to undertake the preparations necessary for the first meeting of the Parties to the Protocol.

*Overall assessment and possible action by the Conference of the Parties*

Since ICCP ceased to exist upon the convening of the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol (COP-MOP) from 23-27 February 2004, this decision will have only historical significance. Hence, the entire decision could be retired.

<b>CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION</b>	<b>STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION</b>	<b>OVERALL ASSESSMENT AND POSSIBLE ACTION BY COP</b>
The COP, 1. Endorsed the work plan for ICCP as contained in an annex to the decision;	Implemented	Has only historical value. Hence it could be retired
2. Requested the Executive Secretary to invite all relevant stakeholders to contribute to capacity building in biosafety and to report on progress to the first meeting of the Parties;	Implemented. The progress report was presented to COP-MOP 1 as part of document UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/1/6	No further action may be necessary. It could be retired.
3. Requested the Executive Secretary to convene a meeting of technical experts on the BCH prior to the first meeting of the ICCP;	Implemented	No action is necessary. Could be retired.
4. Welcomed the offer made by France to host the first meeting of the ICCP.	Implemented	No further action is necessary. Could be retired.

**DECISION V/2: PROGRESS REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME OF WORK ON THE BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY OF INLAND WATER ECOSYSTEMS (IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISION IV/4)**

*Overview of the decision*

The decision reviews the implementation of the programme of work on biodiversity of inland water ecosystems adopted by decision IV/4; endorses the joint work plan between the CBD and the Ramsar Convention for the period 2000-2001; and mandates SBSTTA to provide advice on the further refinement of the programme of work.

*Overall assessment and possible action by the Conference of the Parties*

A revised programme of work was adopted at the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties (decision VII/4). A third joint work plan (2002-2006) with the Ramsar Convention was endorsed at the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (decision VI/20). The River Basin Initiative is on-going.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
<p>The Conference of the Parties,</p> <p>1. Took note of the various ways and means to implement the programme of work and obstacles in implementing some aspects of the work plan of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, as contained in the note by the Executive Secretary on the subject prepared for the fifth meeting of the Subsidiary Body (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/5/6), and requested the Executive Secretary to report to it on these matters before the seventh meeting of the Conference of Parties as part of the review of the programme of work on the biological diversity of inland water ecosystems by the Subsidiary Body at its eighth meeting;</p>	<p>Implemented. A revised POW was recommended by SBSTTA8 and adopted by COP7 (VII/4 annex)</p>
<p>2. Endorsed the proposed joint work plan for the period 2000-2001 of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/5/INF/12), which includes, inter alia, a River Basin Initiative, encouraged Parties, other Governments and relevant bodies to support and participate in the Initiative, and stressed that Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity that are not Parties to the Ramsar Convention shall not be disadvantaged in the workings and implementation of the joint work plan;</p>	<p>A new JWP was endorsed by COP 6. This element of the decision, however, provides the legislative basis for the River Basin Initiative and should therefore be retained.</p>
<p>3. Encouraged Parties to address the lack of information on the status of inland water biological diversity as a basis for future decisions on inland water at the national level and to include this information in their national reports;</p>	<p>Retire.</p> <p>Has been superceded by decision VII/4 para 16.</p>
<p>4. Requested the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice to consider the recommendations contained in the forthcoming report of the World Commission on Dams, to be published in November 2000, and, as appropriate, to recommend to the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting the introduction of suitable elements into the programme of work on the biological diversity of inland water ecosystems;</p>	<p>Implemented as part of the review of the POW leading to the adoption of a revised POW at COP7. Should be retired.</p>
<p>5. Further requested the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice to include in its review before the seventh meeting of the Conference of Parties advice on the further elaboration and refinement of the programme of work on the biological diversity of inland water ecosystems, having due regard to the issues relating, inter alia, to water supply, land use and tenure, pollution, alien invasive species, the effects of El Niño, and environmental impact assessment;</p>	<p>Implemented (Decision VII/4). Could be retired.</p>
<p>6. Requested the Executive Secretary to compile systematically information on the implementation of the programme of work on the biological diversity of inland water ecosystems, including the report of the World Commission on Dams, for dissemination through the clearing-house mechanism, and to report on his efforts as part of the review of that programme of work that the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice will carry out before the seventh meeting of the Conference of Parties;</p>	<p>Implemented (Decision VII/4). Could be retired.</p>
<p>7. Invited relevant organizations and activities, in particular the Global International Waters Assessment, to contribute to the assessment of inland water biological diversity and to integrate a biological diversity component fully in their methodology protocols;</p>	<p>Superceded by Decision VII/4, para 10. Could be retired.</p>

<p>8. Urged the implementation of capacity-building measures for developing and implementing national and sectoral plans for the conservation and sustainable use of inland water ecosystems, including comprehensive assessments of the biological diversity of inland water ecosystems, and capacity-building programmes for monitoring the implementation of the programme of work and the trends in inland water biological diversity, and for information-gathering and dissemination among the riparian communities.</p>	<p>Superseded by Decision VII/4, para 9. Could be retired.</p>
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**DECISION V/3: PROGRESS REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME OF WORK ON MARINE AND COASTAL BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISION IV/5)**

*Overview of the Decision*

The decision reviews the implementation of the programme of work adopted at the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (decision IV/5)

*Overall Assessment & Action by the Conference of the Parties*

The decision has largely been superseded by decision VII/5 which endorsed an elaborated programme of work on marine and coastal biodiversity. The Conference of the Parties may wish to retire this decision.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
<p>The Conference of the Parties,</p> <p>1. Took note of the tools that have been used for the implementation of the programme of work on the conservation and sustainable use of marine and coastal biological diversity, as set out in the note by the Executive Secretary on the subject prepared for the fifth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/5/7, annex I), requested the Executive Secretary to report to future meetings of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice on the application of these tools, encourages the Secretariat and the Subsidiary Body to complete, as soon as possible, the implementation of decision IV/5 on the programme of work on marine and coastal biodiversity as adopted by the Conference of Parties at its fourth meeting, and noted that the work element on coral reefs was enabled at the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, and will have a minimum three year time schedule;</p>	<p>Superseded by decision VII/5</p> <p>Could be retired.</p>
<p>2. Endorsed the results of the Expert Consultation on Coral Bleaching, held in Manila from 11 to 13 October 1999, as contained in the annex to the present decision;</p>	<p>Superseded by decision VII/5</p> <p>The issue of coral reefs has been integrated into programme element 2 of the programme of work on marine and coastal biological diversity (decision VII/5, Annex 1). The specific work plan on coral bleaching is available in Appendix 1 of the programme of work, while the elements for the work plan on physical degradation and destruction of coral reefs is in Appendix 2.</p> <p>Could be retired.</p>
<p>3. Decided to integrate coral reefs into programme element 2 (Marine and coastal living resources) of the programme of work;</p>	<p>Superseded by decision VII/5</p> <p>Could be retired</p>

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
<p>4. Requested the Executive Secretary to integrate fully the issue of coral bleaching in the programme of work on the conservation and sustainable use of marine and coastal biological diversity and to develop and implement a specific work plan on coral bleaching, taking into account the recommendations set out in the annex to the present decision, as appropriate, and in cooperation with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, and invites Parties, other Governments and relevant bodies to contribute to its implementation. In conducting his work on coral bleaching, the Executive Secretary will also liaise with, inter alia, the Convention on Wetlands, the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (including the World Heritage Convention), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, regional fisheries organizations, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and the Global International Waters Assessment and will formally liaise with the Global Coral Reef Monitoring Network and the International Coral Reef Initiative;</p>	<p>Superseded by decision VII/5</p> <p>The issue of coral reefs has been integrated into programme element 2 of the programme of work on marine and coastal biological diversity (decision VII/5, Annex 1)</p> <p>Could be retired.</p>
<p>5. Noted that there is significant evidence that climate change is a primary cause of the recent and severe extensive coral bleaching, and that this evidence is sufficient to warrant remedial measures being taken in line with the precautionary approach, transmits that view to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and urged the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change to take all possible actions to reduce the effect of climate change on water temperatures and to address the socio-economic impacts on the countries and communities most affected by coral bleaching;</p>	<p>Superseded by decision VII/15 on biodiversity and climate change.</p> <p>Could be retired.</p>
<p>6. Urged Parties, other Governments and relevant bodies to implement response measures to the phenomenon of coral bleaching by:</p> <p>(a) Identifying and instituting additional and alternative measures for securing the livelihoods of people who directly depend on coral-reef services;</p> <p>(b) Encouraging and supporting multidisciplinary approaches to action relating to coral-reef management, research and monitoring, including the use of early-warning systems for coral bleaching, and collaborating with the International Coral Reef Initiative and the Global Coral Reef Monitoring Network;</p> <p>(c) Building stakeholder partnerships, community participation programmes and public education campaigns and information products that address the causes and consequences of coral bleaching;</p> <p>(d) Using appropriate policy frameworks to implement integrated marine and coastal area management plans and programmes that supplement marine and coastal protected areas and the multiple conservation measures outlined in the Renewed Call to Action of the International Coral Reef Initiative;</p> <p>(e) Supporting capacity-building measures, including training of and career opportunities for marine taxonomists, ecologists and members of other relevant disciplines, particularly at the</p>	<p>Superseded by decision VII/5</p> <p>The issue of coral reefs has been integrated into programme element 2 of the programme of work on marine and coastal biological diversity (decision VII/5, Annex 1)</p> <p>Could be retired .</p>

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
national level; (f) Implementing and coordinating targeted research programmes, including predictive modelling, in the context, as appropriate, of the ongoing activities referred to in paragraph 4 of the present decision;	
7. Invited Parties, other Governments and relevant bodies to submit case-studies on the coral-bleaching phenomenon to the Executive Secretary, for dissemination through the clearing-house mechanism;	Superseded by decision VII/5  Could be retired
8. Agreed that physical degradation and destruction of coral reefs also pose a significant threat to the biological diversity of coral-reef ecosystems, and therefore decides to expand its request to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, as contained in section II, paragraph 1, of decision IV/5, so as to include the effects of such factors;	Superseded by decision VII/5  Could be retired
9. Endorsed further work on developing guidelines for coastal areas, taking into account decision V/6, on the ecosystem approach;	This work has been carried out through a study that is available as CBD Technical Series No. 14. Follow-up work on IMCAM, the ecosystem approach and indicators is detailed in the activities under programme element 1 of the programme of work on marine and coastal biological diversity (decision VII/5, Annex 1)  Could be retired.
10. Encouraged the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, with the assistance of the Executive Secretary, to continue work on ecosystem evaluation and assessment, inter alia, through guidelines on evaluation and indicators;	This work has been carried out through a study that is available as CBD Technical Series No. 14. Follow-up work on IMCAM, the ecosystem approach and indicators is detailed in the activities under programme element 1 of the programme of work on marine and coastal biological diversity (decision VII/5, Annex 1)  Could be retired.
11. Requested the Executive Secretary to gather information on approaches to management of marine and coastal living resources in relation to those used by local and indigenous communities and to make the information available through the clearing-house mechanism;	Implemented. A request for case studies was sent out in 2000. Submitted case studies are available through the CHM.  Could be retired.
12. Took note of the work of the Executive Secretary on marine and coastal genetic resources, including bioprospecting, and requested the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice to analyse, and provide advice on scientific, technical and technological matters related to the issue of marine and coastal genetic resources;	SBSTTA 8 addressed the issue of deep seabed genetic resources and bioprospecting in marine areas beyond national jurisdiction and provided recommendations to COP 7 (see decision VII/5)  Could be retired..
13. Suggested that the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice consider the following issues and prioritize them as appropriate: the use of unsustainable fishing practices, including the effects on marine and coastal biological diversity of the discard of by-catch; the lack of use of marine and coastal protected areas in the context of management of marine and coastal living resources; and the economic value of marine and coastal resources, including sea grasses, mangroves and other coastal ecosystems; as well as capacity-building for	Superseded by decision VII/5  These issues are included in the programme of work on marine and coastal biological diversity (decision VII/5, Annex 1). Prioritization of this work programme will take place on the national level.  Could be retired.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
<p>undertaking stock assessments and for economic evaluations;</p> <p>14. Requested the Executive Secretary to make use of existing information, expertise and best practices on alien species in the marine environment in the implementation of the work programme on alien species under decision IV/1 C;</p>	<p>Superseded by decisions VI/23 on alien species and decision VII/5. The activity is being undertaken in the context of implementation of programme element 5 of the programme of work on marine and coastal biological diversity (decision VII/5, Annex 1)</p> <p>Could be retired.</p>
<p>15. Approved the terms of reference and the duration of work specified for the ad hoc technical expert groups on marine and coastal protected areas and mariculture, as contained in annex II to recommendation V/14 of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, with the addition of "Identification of best practices" for mariculture;</p>	<p>Implemented</p> <p>This expert group meeting was held from 1 - 5 July 2002 in Rome, Italy. The work resulted in CBD Technical Series No. 12, and was used to update programme element 4 of the programme of work on marine and coastal biological diversity.</p> <p>Could be retired.</p>
<p>16. Requested the Executive Secretary to make further use of the roster of experts for peer-review and preparation of background documents;</p>	<p>This is being done as a matter of practice.</p> <p>Could be retired.</p>
<p>17. Invited the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to continue its strong involvement in the implementation of the programme of work, and requests the Executive Secretary to further strengthen cooperation with other global organizations;</p>	<p>Superseded by decision VII/5.</p> <p>UNESCO is currently collaborating with the CBD as are the regional seas. Collaboration with the regional seas and UNESCO are reported on as part of the regular progress reports on implementation of the programme of work on marine and coastal biological diversity.</p> <p>Could be retired.</p>
<p>18. Requested the Executive Secretary to coordinate with the secretariats of regional seas conventions and action plans with a view to exploring the possibility of further collaboration, including the development of joint work programmes, in the implementation of the Jakarta Mandate on Marine and Coastal Biological Diversity, paying particular attention to the identification of priorities for action at the regional level, the development of joint implementation strategies and identification of joint activities and the use of regional networks, and to report to the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting on collaboration with the regional seas conventions and action plans.</p>	<p>Superseded by decision VII/5</p> <p>Could be retired.</p>

#### **DECISION V/4: PROGRESS REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR FOREST BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY**

##### *Overview of the Decision*

The decision established the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Forest Biological Diversity to assist SBSTTA in its work on forest biological diversity and, in particular, to provide advice on scientific programmes and international cooperation in research and development related to the conservation and

sustainable use of forest biological diversity and to review information on status and trends. The decision also provided a framework for cooperation and the development of synergies with the UNFCCC and its Kyoto Protocol on forest-related issues.

*Overall Assessment & Action by the Conference of the Parties*

The decision has been largely superseded by decision VI/22 which adopted an expanded programme of work on forest biological diversity on the basis of the work of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group and SBSTTA. The whole decision, except its paragraph 16, could be retired. Paragraph 16 should be consolidated with other decisions.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
<p>The Conference of the Parties,</p> <p>1. Urged the Parties, Governments and relevant organizations to advance the implementation of the work programme for forest biological diversity, as contained in decision IV/7;</p>	<p>Programme of work superseded by expanded programme of work (annex to decision VI/22). Could be retired.</p>
<p>2. Decided to consider expanding the focus of the work programme from research to practical action at its sixth meeting;</p>	<p>Fully implemented with the adopted expanded programme of work (annex to decision VI/22). Could be retired.</p>
<p>3. Decided to call upon Parties, Governments and organizations to take practical actions within the scope of the existing programme of work in order to address urgently the conservation and sustainable use of forest biological diversity, applying the ecosystem approach and taking into consideration the outcome of the fourth session of the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests (UNEP/CBD/COP/5/INF/16), and also contributing to the future work of the United Nations Forum on Forests;</p>	<p>Fully incorporated in the expanded programme of work (annex to decision VI/22). Could be retired.</p>
<p>4. Decided to establish an ad hoc technical expert group on forest biological diversity to assist the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, on the basis of the terms specified in the annex, in its work on forest biological diversity;</p>	<p>Fully implemented. The Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group discharged its mandate. Could be retired.</p>
<p>5. Requested the Executive Secretary to nominate scientific and technical experts, including expertise in policy matters and traditional knowledge, to the ad hoc technical expert group mentioned in paragraph 4 above, with due regard to geographical representation;</p>	<p>Fully implemented. Could be retired.</p>
<p>6. Requested the Executive Secretary to prepare for the work of the ad hoc technical expert group by inviting various international organizations and institutions to contribute data and information relevant to the terms of reference;</p>	<p>Fully implemented. Could be retired.</p>
<p>7. Invited Parties, countries, international organizations, institutions and processes and other relevant bodies, as well as indigenous and local communities and non-governmental organizations to provide relevant information on the implementation of the work programme through, <i>inter alia</i>, case-studies, entries in national reports and other means, as appropriate;</p>	<p>Programme of work superseded by the expanded programme of work adopted at COP 6 (annex to decision VI/22). Could be retired.</p>
<p>8. Encouraged Parties and other Governments to promote the integration of national forest programmes with national biodiversity strategies, applying the ecosystem approach and sustainable forest management;</p>	<p>These actions are explicitly included in the expanded programme of work adopted at COP 6 (See annex to Decision VI/22). Could be retired.</p>

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
9. Further encouraged Parties and other Governments to ensure participation by the forest sector, private sector, indigenous and local communities and non-governmental organizations in the implementation of the programme of work;	These actions are explicitly included in the expanded programme of work adopted at COP 6 (annex in decision VI/22). Could be retired.
10. Recognized past efforts by different organizations and encourages Parties and other Governments to strengthen national capacities, including local capacities, to enhance the effectiveness and functions of forest protected area networks, as well as national and local capacities for implementation of sustainable forest management, including restoration, when needed;	Superseded by programme of work on protected areas adopted at COP 7 (See Decision VII/28). Could be retired.
11. Requested the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice to consider before the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, where appropriate and feasible in collaboration with the appropriate bodies of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, the impact of climate change on forest biological diversity;	Fully implemented. SBSTTA considered the issue at its ninth meeting on the basis of the work of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Biological Diversity and Climate Change (see UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/11). COP7 welcomed the report of the AHTEG on biodiversity and climate change (See Decision VII/15). Could be retired.
12. Requested the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice to consider the causes and effects of human induced uncontrolled forest fires on forest biological diversity and propose possible approaches to address negative impacts;	Fully implemented. The issue of forest fires addressed in the expanded programme of work adopted at COP 6. Could be retired.
13. Urged Parties to consider without delay the proposals for action of the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests and the Intergovernmental Panel on Forests on programme element II.d (v), on valuation of forest goods and services;	Superseded by specific activities in the expanded programme of work adopted at COP 6 (See annex to decision VI/22). Could be retired.
14. Requested the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice to consider the impact of, and propose sustainable practices for, the harvesting of non-timber forest resources, including bush meat and living botanical resources;	Superseded by para. 42 of decision VI/22. Could be retired.
15. Requested the Executive Secretary to invite relevant organizations and forest-related bodies, institutions and processes, including criteria and indicator processes, as well as indigenous and local communities, non-governmental organizations, and other relevant stakeholders to contribute to the assessment of status and trends, including gaps and priority actions needed to address threats to forest biological diversity;	Fully implemented in report of AHTEG on status and threats to forest biological diversity submitted to SBSTTA 7 and COP 6 (See UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/7/INF/3). Could be retired.
16. Urged the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, including its Kyoto Protocol, to ensure that future activities of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, including forest and carbon sequestration, are consistent with and supportive of the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity;	Ongoing. The paragraph should be retained and consolidated with other decisions. The issue of impact of climate change on forest biodiversity and the need for collaboration with UNFCCC addressed in the expanded programme of work adopted at COP 6.
17. Requested the Executive Secretary to assemble, in collaboration with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, existing information relating to the integration of biodiversity considerations, including biodiversity conservation, in the implementation of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and its Kyoto Protocol;	Fully implemented. Could be retired.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
18. Requested the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, prior to the sixth meeting of the Conference of Parties, to prepare scientific advice, where appropriate and feasible in collaboration with the appropriate bodies of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, in order to integrate biodiversity considerations, including biodiversity conservation, in the implementation of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and its Kyoto Protocol;	Fully implemented through the report of the AHTEG on Biological Diversity and Climate Change which was welcomed by both COP 7 (See decision VII/15) and the UNFCCC SBSTA. Could be retired.
19. Requested the President of the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties of the Convention on Biological Diversity to transmit the present decision to the meeting of the Conference of the Parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change at its sixth meeting;	Fully implemented. Could be retired.
20. Invited the Executive Secretary to strengthen cooperation with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, including its Kyoto Protocol, the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), and the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands especially on issues relevant to forest biological diversity, taking into account the role of the United Nations Forum on Forests.	Fully implemented. The Executive Secretary has developed cooperative arrangements exist between the SCBD and relevant conventions. Specific areas of cooperation explicitly stated in decision VI/22. Could be retired.

### **DECISION V/5: AGRICULTURAL BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY: REVIEW OF PHASE I OF THE PROGRAMME OF WORK AND ADOPTION OF A MULTI-YEAR WORK PROGRAMME**

#### *Overview of the decision*

The decision endorsed a programme of work on agricultural biodiversity; invited several international organizations to cooperate in its implementation; established an International Initiative for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Pollinators within the programme of work to promote coordinated international action; and initiated work on genetic use restriction technologies.

#### *Overall assessment and possible action by the Conference of the Parties*

The programme of work on agricultural biodiversity is under implementation. Work continues on genetic use restriction technologies and their impact. Some elements of the decision could be retired.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
The Conference of the Parties, 1. Welcomed the assessment of ongoing activities and instruments (UNEP/CBD/SBSTA/5/INF/10) and its main findings as presented in the note by the Executive Secretary on agricultural biological diversity: review of phase I of the programme of work and adoption of a multi-year programme of work (UNEP/CBD/COP/5/11);	Redundant. Could be retired.
2. Took note of the decision on agriculture adopted by the Commission on Sustainable Development at its eighth session, held in New York from 24 April to 5 May 2000;	Could be retired
3. Endorsed the programme of work on agricultural biological diversity contained in the annex to the present decision, contributing to the implementation of decision III/11;	Implementation of the programme of work ongoing.
4. Urged Parties, Governments, international and regional	Ongoing

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
organizations, civil-society organizations and other relevant bodies to promote and, as appropriate, carry out the programme of work and to promote regional and thematic cooperation within this framework;	
5. Recognizes the contribution of farmers, indigenous and local communities to the conservation and sustainable use of agricultural biodiversity and the importance of agricultural biodiversity to their livelihoods, emphasizes the importance of their participation in the implementation of the programme of work, and recognizes the need for incentives, in accordance with Article 11 of the Convention on Biological Diversity and consistent with its Article 22, and support for capacity-building and information exchange to benefit farmers, indigenous and local communities;	Still valid.
6. Recalling decision III/11, requested the Executive Secretary to invite the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to support the development and implementation of the programme of work, and also to expand cooperation by inviting other relevant organizations (such as the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Environment Programme, the World Bank, regional development banks, the centres of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research and other international agricultural research centres, and IUCN-The World Conservation Union), in supporting the implementation of the programme of work, and to avoid duplication of activities;	Legislative authority for on-going cooperative arrangements and initiatives.
7. Requested the Executive Secretary to undertake the necessary steps for the full implementation of the programme of work;	Ongoing
8. Requested the Executive Secretary to prepare a progress report and proposals for the further implementation of this programme of work for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice prior to the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties on the basis of which the Conference of the Parties may provide further guidance, for example, in the form of: (a) A timetable for implementation of activities, including milestones; (b) A schedule for reporting on further progress; (c) Resource requirements; and (d) Responsibilities of partners and collaborators;	Implemented (See annex to Decision VI/5) Could be retired.
9. Invited Parties, in accordance with Article 20 of the Convention, and bilateral and international funding agencies to provide support for the implementation of the activities of the programme of work on agricultural biological diversity, in particular, for capacity-building and case-studies in developing countries and countries with economies in transition;	Of continuing relevance and effect.
10. Invited Parties, Governments and relevant organizations to support actions to raise public awareness in support of sustainable farming and food production systems that maintain agricultural biodiversity;	Of continuing relevance and effect
11. Recognized the potential contribution that the revised International Undertaking on Plant Genetic Resources, in harmony with the Convention, would have to assist in the implementation of this programme of work;	Superseded by decision VI/6 on the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources. Could be retired.
12. While noting the report of the Chairman of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations	The International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food And Agriculture was adopted in 2001.

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(UNEP/CBD/COP/5/INF/12), urged the Commission to finalize its work as soon as possible. The International Undertaking is envisaged to play a crucial role in the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity. The Conference of the Parties affirmed its willingness to consider a decision by the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations that the International Undertaking become a legally binding instrument with strong links to both the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the Convention on Biological Diversity, and called upon Parties to coordinate their positions in both forums;	Could be retired.
13. Welcomed the adoption of the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade, and urged Parties and Governments to ratify this Convention;	Of continuing relevance and effect.
14. Encouraged Parties and Governments to support the application of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity for observer status in the Committee on Agriculture of the World Trade Organization, in line with paragraph 9 of decision IV/6 of the Conference of Parties;	Of continuing relevance and effect.
15. Decided to establish an International Initiative for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Pollinators as a cross-cutting initiative within the programme of work on agricultural biodiversity to promote coordinated action worldwide to: (a) Monitor pollinator decline, its causes and its impact on pollination services; (b) Address the lack of taxonomic information on pollinators; (c) Assess the economic value of pollination and the economic impact of the decline of pollination services; (d) Promote the conservation and the restoration and sustainable use of pollinator diversity in agriculture and related ecosystems;	Of continuing relevance and effect
16. Requested the Executive Secretary to invite the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to facilitate and coordinate the Initiative in close cooperation with other relevant organizations and to consider establishing a coordination mechanism, with geographical balance and with leading relevant organizations, to prepare a proposal for a plan of action taking into account the recommendations in the Sao Paulo Declaration on Pollinators, as well as on contributions submitted by countries and relevant organizations, for submission to and review by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting;	COP 6 in decision VI/5 welcomed the role played by FAO in coordinating the Initiative.  Of continuing relevance and effect
17. Invited leading relevant organizations, such as IUCN-The World Conservation Union, the International Bee Research Association and the International Commission for Plant-Bee Relationships, the International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology, the international agriculture research centres of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research and other relevant regional and international bodies, to collaborate in supporting actions in Parties and countries subject to pollinator decline;	Of continuing relevance and effect
18. Requested the Executive Secretary, the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the financial mechanism to support the development and implementation of the Initiative and invited Parties and Governments to collaborate	Ongoing

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
and compile case-studies and implement pilot projects, making use of the clearing-house mechanism, and to report to the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting.	
19. Decided to continue the work on genetic use restriction technologies under the umbrella of, and integrated into, each of the four elements of the programme of work on agricultural biological diversity and invited the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice to report to the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting;	AHTEG on the Potential Impacts of Genetic Use Restriction Technologies established at COP 6 (see Decision VI/5) and prepared report for SBSTTA 9 (see UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/INF/6). Superseded by decision VII/3. Could be retired.
20. Desiring to make the most efficient use of resources by avoiding duplication of effort and being cognizant of the work being undertaken and the expertise available in different forums, in particular, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and its Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, invites the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, in close collaboration with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the United Nations Environment Programme and other member organizations of the Ecosystem Conservation Group, and other competent organizations and research bodies, to further study the potential implications of genetic use restriction technologies for the conservation and sustainable use of agricultural biological diversity and the range of agricultural production systems in different countries, and identify relevant policy questions and socio-economic issues that may need to be addressed;	FAO submitted a report to COP 7 on the potential impacts of GURTS on agricultural biodiversity and agricultural production systems (see Decision VII/3 and document UNEP/CBD/COP/7/INF/31)  Could be retired.
21. Invited the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and its Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture and other competent organizations to inform the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting of their initiatives in this area;	FAO submitted a report to COP 7 on the potential impacts of GURTS on agricultural biodiversity and agricultural production systems (see Decision VII/3 and document UNEP/CBD/COP/7/INF/31)  Could be retired.
22. Recognizing the need to better understand the intellectual-property-rights implications of genetic use restriction technologies, invites relevant organizations to study the impact of technologies on the protection of intellectual property in the agriculture sector, and its appropriateness for the agricultural sector, and to make assessments of the technologies concerned available through the clearing-house mechanism;	Still valid
23. Recommended that, in the current absence of reliable data on genetic use restriction technologies, without which there is an inadequate basis on which to assess their potential risks, and in accordance with the precautionary approach, products incorporating such technologies should not be approved by Parties for field testing until appropriate scientific data can justify such testing, and for commercial use until appropriate, authorized and strictly controlled scientific assessments with regard to, inter alia, their ecological and socio-economic impacts and any adverse effects for biological diversity, food security and human health have been carried out in a transparent manner and the conditions for their safe and beneficial use validated. In order to enhance the capacity of all countries to address these issues, Parties should widely disseminate information on scientific assessments, including through the clearing-house mechanism, and share their expertise in this regard.	Still valid. Capacity-building and information exchange on risk assessments on-going.
24. Encouraged Parties and Governments to consider how to	Ongoing

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address generic concerns regarding such technologies as genetic use restriction technologies under international and national approaches to the safe and sustainable use of germplasm;	
25. Reaffirming the need of Parties and Governments for additional information, and recalling Article 8(g) of the Convention on Biological Diversity, which calls on Parties and Governments to establish or maintain procedures for regulating, managing or controlling risks associated with the use and release of living modified organisms resulting from biotechnology, invited Parties to carry out and disseminate the results through the clearing-house mechanism and submit scientific assessments on, inter alia, ecological, social and economic effects of genetic use restriction technologies taking into account such information, as available, as: (a) The molecular biology information available; (b) The genetic constructs and inducers used; (c) Effects at the molecular level, such as site-specific effects, gene-silencing, epigenesis and recombination; (d) Potential positive applications of the variety-specific genetic use restriction technologies on limiting gene flow, and possible negative impacts of genetic use restriction technologies on small populations of threatened wild relatives; and to make these assessments available through, inter alia, the clearing-house mechanism;	Ongoing.
26. Further encouraged Parties and Governments to identify ways and means to address the potential impacts of genetic use restriction technologies on the in situ and ex situ conservation and sustainable use, including food security, of agricultural biological diversity;	Ongoing.
27. Urged Parties and Governments to assess whether there is a need to develop, and how to ensure the application of, effective regulations at national level which take into account, inter alia, the specific nature of variety-specific and trait-specific genetic use restriction technologies, in order to ensure the safety of human health, the environment, food security and the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity and to make this information available through, inter alia, the clearing-house mechanism;	Ongoing.
28. Requested the Executive Secretary to prepare a report, to be considered by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at a future meeting prior to the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, on the status of development of genetic use restriction technologies and of relevant initiatives at international, regional and national levels on the basis of information provided by organizations, Parties and Governments;	Work undertaken by the AHTEG on the Potential Impacts of Genetic Use Restriction Technologies established at COP 6 (see Decision VI/5) and which prepared a report for SBSTTA 9 (see UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/INF/6). Could be retired.
29. Recognizing the importance of indigenous and local communities in the conservation and sustainable use of plant genetic resources according to Article 8(j) of the Convention, and taking into account the revision of the International Undertaking on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, requested the Executive Secretary to discuss with those organizations with relevant expertise and representatives of indigenous and local communities on the potential impacts of the application of genetic use restriction technologies on those communities and on Farmers' Rights in keeping with the revision of the aforementioned International Undertaking to keep, use, exchange and sell seed or propagating material and to prepare a report to be	Implemented. The reports of the FAO and the AHTEG. Could be retired.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
considered by the Conference of the Parties.	

## DECISION V/6 : ECOSYSTEM APPROACH

### *Overview of the decision*

The decision endorses the description of the ecosystem approach, including its principles; calls for case-studies and the organization of workshops; and requests SBSTTA to review the principles and guidelines and to prepare guidelines for implementation.

### *Overall Assessment & Action by the Conference of the Parties*

The description of the ecosystem approach and its principles are of continuing relevance and effect. SBSTTA completed the review and made recommendations to the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The requests to the Executive Secretary and SBSTTA have been fully implemented. Paragraphs 3 – 6 should therefore be retired.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
The Conference of the Parties,  1. Endorses the description of the ecosystem approach and operational guidance contained in sections A and C of the annex to the present decision, recommends the application of the principles contained in section B of the annex, as reflecting the present level of common understanding, and encourages further conceptual elaboration, and practical verification;	This paragraph needs to be kept (along with sections A, B, and C) because it is the original paragraph that puts forward how the ecosystem approach is defined under the Convention.
2. Calls upon Parties, other Governments, and international organizations to apply, as appropriate, the ecosystem approach, giving consideration to the principles and guidance contained in the annex to the present decision, and to develop practical expressions of the approach for national policies and legislation and for appropriate implementation activities, with adaptation to local, national, and, as appropriate, regional conditions, in particular in the context of activities developed within the thematic areas of the Convention;	Of continuing relevance and effect.
3. Invites Parties, other Governments and relevant bodies to identify case-studies and implement pilot projects, and to organize, as appropriate, regional, national and local workshops, and consultations aiming to enhance awareness, share experiences, including through the clearing-house mechanism, and strengthen regional, national and local capacities on the ecosystem approach;	This paragraph has been partially implemented as many case studies have been submitted by Parties and have been made available through the CHM. Further case studies are valuable, and their continued submission is important for everyone implementing the ecosystem approach. However, this paragraph can be retired because it has been superseded by paragraphs 9(c) and 10(a) of decision VII/11.
4. Requests the Executive Secretary to collect, analyse and compare the case-studies referred to in paragraph 3 above, and prepare a synthesis of case-studies and lessons learned for presentation to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice prior to the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties;	Implemented.  This paragraph can be retired because: (i) an analysis of case studies was undertaken by an expert Meeting on the ecosystem approach (Montreal, 7 - 11 July 2003), and resulted in recommendation IX/6 of the SBSTTA; and (ii) because it has been superseded by paragraph 9 of decision VII/11.

5. Requests the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, at a meeting prior to the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties, to review the principles and guidelines of the ecosystem approach, to prepare guidelines for its implementation, on the basis of case-studies and lessons learned, and to review the incorporation of the ecosystem approach into various programmes of work of the Convention;	Implemented.  This paragraph can be retired because the work it refers to has been completed. SBSTTA 9 undertook the work described in this paragraph, which resulted in decision VII/11.
6. Recognizes the need for support for capacity-building to implement the ecosystem approach, and invites Parties, Governments and relevant organizations to provide technical and financial support for this purpose;	Superseded by paragraphs 13 and 14 of decision VII/11  Could be retired.
7. Encourages Parties and Governments to promote regional cooperation, for example through the establishment of joint declarations or memoranda of understanding in applying the ecosystem approach across national borders.	Of continuing relevance and effect.

## DECISION V/7 – IDENTIFICATION, MONITORING AND ASSESSMENT, AND INDICATORS

### *Overview of the decision*

The decision focuses on the further development of national-level indicators of biological diversity.

### *Overall Assessment & Action by the Conference of the Parties*

All elements of the decision except paragraph 4 have been implemented. Consequently paragraphs 1-3 and 5 could be retired.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
<p>The Conference of the Parties,</p> <p>1. Requested the Executive Secretary, in broad consultation with Parties, drawing on the roster of experts, and in collaboration with other relevant organizations, bodies and processes, to carry out the pending activities set out in the work programme on indicators of biological diversity as approved by decision IV/1 A of the Conference of the Parties and, in particular, to develop:</p> <p>(a) A set of principles for designing national-level monitoring programmes and indicators;</p> <p>(b) A key set of standard questions and a list of available and potential indicators, covering the ecosystem, species and genetic levels, taking into account the ecosystem approach, that may be used by Parties at their national level and in national reporting and that also allow for regional and global overviews on the state and trends of biodiversity and, if possible and appropriate, any responses from policy measures;</p>	<p>Implemented. The Executive Secretary prepared a report to SBSTTA 7 (See UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/7/12.</p> <p>Further developed by the Executive Secretary in document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/10 submitted to SBSTTA 9.</p> <p>Could be retired.</p>
<p>2. Encouraged Parties and Governments to establish or increase regional cooperation in the field of indicators, monitoring and assessment and invites the Executive Secretary to establish a process through which the documents mentioned above are reviewed and broadly discussed at regional workshops on the basis of case-studies submitted by Parties, Governments and relevant organizations;</p>	<p>Superseded by paragraphs 13 and 14 of decision VII/8.</p> <p>Could be retired.</p>
<p>3. Acknowledged that the capacity of many countries, particularly least developed countries, to reliably and consistently monitor indicators is limited and that, therefore, indicators will need to be developed incrementally over time, based on national priorities;</p>	<p>Superseded by paragraphs 7, 8, 9 and 11 of Decision VII/8.</p> <p>Could be retired.</p>

4. Invited Parties, Governments and organizations to undertake appropriate actions to assist other Parties (particularly developing countries) to increase their capacity to develop and use indicators. Appropriate actions may include: (a) Provision of training; (b) Assisting in the development of national networks; (c) Sharing experiences between and among countries, regions and organizations involved in the development and use of indicators;	Ongoing
5. Requested the Executive Secretary to produce an interim report on progress, including the ongoing work on indicators in the thematic and other work programmes, for review by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice prior to the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and to submit a final report on the conclusions of this initiative to the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting	Implemented (see Document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/10 submitted to SBSTTA 9.  Could be retired.

### **DECISION V/8: ALIEN SPECIES THAT THREATEN ECOSYSTEMS, HABITATS OR SPECIES**

#### *Overview of the decision*

Adopted interim guiding principles on alien species that threaten ecosystems, habitats or species contained in annex to the decision. Called for submission of case-studies, exchange of information, and cooperation between Parties, Governments and relevant organizations.

#### *Overall Assessment & Action by the Conference of the Parties*

Significant components of the decision have been superseded by decision VI/23 which adopted the Guiding Principles for the Prevention, Introduction and Mitigation of Impacts of Alien Species that threaten Ecosystems, Habitats or Species. Such components should therefore be retired.

<b>CORE ELEMENTS OF DECISION</b>	<b>STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION</b>
The Conference of the Parties,  1. Urged Parties, Governments and relevant organizations to apply the interim guiding principles contained in annex I to the present decision, as appropriate, in the context of activities aimed at implementing Article 8(h) of the Convention on Biological Diversity, and in the various sectors;	This has been superseded by decision VI/23.
2. Endorsed the outline for case-studies contained in annex II to the present decision;	Paragraph 2 of decision V/8 has been implemented and should be retired.
3. Urged Parties, Governments and relevant organizations to submit case-studies to the Executive Secretary, particularly focusing on thematic assessments, on the basis of the outline contained in the annex to the present decision;	Paragraph 3 of decision V/8 has been implemented and should be retired.
4. Requested the Convention's clearing-house mechanism to disseminate and compile these case-studies;	Paragraph 4 of decision V/8 has been implemented and should be retired.
5. Requested Parties, other Governments, relevant bodies and other relevant international and regional binding and non-binding instruments, in the light of discussions by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at its fifth meeting, to submit to the Executive Secretary written comments on the interim guiding principles, to be taken into account, together with the case-studies, in the further elaboration of the interim guiding principles, to be considered by the	Paragraph 5 of decision V/8 has been implemented and should be retired.

Subsidiary Body prior to the sixth meeting of the Conference of Parties, and requested the Executive Secretary to distribute those comments through the national focal points;	
6. Urged Parties, other Governments and relevant bodies to give priority to the development and implementation of alien invasive species strategies and action plans;	Superseded by paragraphs 10 and 11 of Decision VI/23.  Could be retired.
7. Strongly encouraged Parties to develop mechanisms for transboundary cooperation and regional and multilateral cooperation in order to deal with the issue, including the exchange of best practices;	Superseded by decision VI/23.  Could be retired.
8. Urged Parties, other Governments and relevant bodies, such as the Global Invasive Species Programme, in their work on alien invasive species, to give priority attention to geographically and evolutionarily isolated ecosystems, and to use the ecosystem approach and precautionary and biogeographical approaches, as appropriate;	Superseded by decision VI/23.  Could be retired.
9. Encouraged Parties to develop effective education, training and public-awareness measures, as well as to inform the public about the different aspects of the issue, including the risks posed by alien invasive species;	Superseded by decision VI/23.  Could be retired.
10. Requested the Global Invasive Species Programme, in developing a global strategy to deal with alien invasive species, to ensure consistency with the provisions on alien invasive species in Article 8(h) of the Convention and relevant provisions within other articles, including Article 14, taking into full account considerations on alien invasive species within relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties on, for example, the conservation and sustainable use of inland-water, marine and coastal and forest biological diversity, and the biodiversity of dry and sub-humid lands;	Paragraph 10 of decision V/8 has continuing relevance and should be retained
11. Requested the Executive Secretary to cooperate with other international bodies and other relevant international and regional binding and non-binding instruments, such as the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals, the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat (Ramsar), the Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats, the International Plant Protection Convention and regional plant protection organizations, Codex Alimentarius, DIVERSITAS, the Office International des Epizooties, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, and the organizations mentioned in paragraph 14 of the present decision, with the aim of coordinating work on alien invasive species, and to report on potential joint programmes of work to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice;	The decision is of continuing relevance and should be retained.
12. Invited the Parties, Governments, the Global Invasive Species Programme and other relevant bodies, to disseminate publicly available information which they hold or acquire, including databases of alien species, through the Convention's clearing-house mechanism;	The decision is of continuing relevance and effect.
13. Invited the Global Invasive Species Programme to report on its September 2000 meeting on the "synthesis of GISP phase 1" to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice prior to the sixth meeting of the Conference of Parties, recognizing the need to continue the work of the Global Invasive Species Programme through the prompt development of the second phase of the Global Invasive Species Programme, with emphasis on ecosystems vulnerable to alien species invasions;	Paragraph 13 of decision V/8 has been implemented and should be retired.
14. Requested the Executive Secretary to collaborate with the Global Invasive Species Programme, the Food and Agriculture Organization of	

<p>the United Nations, the International Maritime Organization, the World Health Organization and other relevant organizations, and other relevant internationally and regionally binding and non-binding instruments to assist the Parties to the Convention in:</p> <p>(a) Developing standardized terminology on alien species; (b) Developing criteria for assessing risks from introduction of alien species; (c) Developing processes for assessing the socio-economic implications of alien invasive species, particularly the implications for indigenous and local communities; (d) Furthering research on the impact of alien invasive species on biological diversity; (e) Developing means to enhance the capacity of ecosystems to resist or recover from alien species invasions; (f) Developing a system for reporting new invasions of alien species and the spread of alien species into new areas; (g) Assessing priorities for taxonomic work;</p>	<p>14 (a)- Superseded by decision VI/23 paragraph 28 (b) and should be retired; 14 (b)- Superseded by paragraph 8 of decision VI/23 and should be retired; 14 (c)- Superseded by paragraph 24 (d) of decision VI/23 and should be retired; 14 (d)- Superseded by paragraph 24 (b) of decision VI/23 and should be retired; 14 (e)- Superseded by paragraph 24 (g) of decision VI/23 and should be retired; 14 (g)- Superseded by paragraph 24 (h) of decision VI/23 and should be retired; 14 (f)- has been superseded by paragraph 28 (f) of decision VI/23 and also partly by decision VII/13 paragraph 6 (c) and should be retired</p>
<p>15. Requested the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with the Global Invasive Species Programme, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Maritime Organization, the World Health Organization and other relevant organizations and instruments to develop a paper for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting, comprising:</p> <p>(a) A comprehensive review on the efficiency and efficacy of existing measures for prevention, early detection, eradication and control of alien invasive species and their impacts; (b) A progress report on the matters listed in paragraphs 5 and 14 of the present decision; (c) All options for future work on alien invasive species under the Convention on Biological Diversity, which would provide practical support to Parties, Governments and organizations in the implementation of Article 8(h) of the Convention and lead to the full and effective implementation of Article 8(h);</p>	<p>15. Implemented (see UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/6/6). Has no continued relevance and should be retired.</p>
<p>16. Decides that, at its sixth meeting, the Conference of the Parties, on the basis of the information referred to in paragraphs 5 and 15 of the present decision, will consider options for the full and effective implementation of Article 8(h) including the possibilities of: (a) Further developing the guiding principles on the prevention of introduction, and mitigation of the impacts, of alien invasive species; (b) Developing an international instrument; and/or (c) Other options;</p>	<p>Mandate discharged by COP 6 (see decision VI/23). Could be retired.</p>
<p>17. Invited the Global Environment Facility, Parties, Governments and funding organizations to provide adequate and timely support to enable the Global Invasive Species Programme to fulfil the tasks outlined in the present decision.</p>	<p>17. Superseded by paragraph 18 of decision VI/23. Could be retired. .</p>

**DECISION V/9: GLOBAL TAXONOMY INITIATIVE: IMPLEMENTATION AND FURTHER ADVANCE OF THE SUGGESTIONS FOR ACTION**

*Overview of the decision*

The decision establishes a GTI coordination mechanism to assist the Executive Secretary to facilitate international cooperation and coordinate activities under the GTI. It establishes the TOR for the mechanism. The decision also identifies priority activities to be undertaken by Parties, Governments and relevant international organizations.

*Overall Assessment & Action by the Conference of the Parties*

Most of the elements of the decision relating to priority activities have been superseded by the Programme of Work on the GTI adopted at COP 6 by decision VI/8 and could therefore be retired.

CORE ELEMENTS OF DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
<p>The Conference of the Parties,</p> <p>1. Established a Global Taxonomy Initiative coordination mechanism to assist the Executive Secretary to facilitate international cooperation and coordinate activities under the Global Taxonomy Initiative in accordance with the terms of reference contained in the annex to this decision</p>	<p>Provides the legislative basis for the GTI Coordination Mechanism. Therefore, has continuing relevance and should be retained.</p>
<p>2. Urged Parties, Governments and relevant organizations to undertake the following priority activities to further the Global Taxonomy Initiative:</p> <p>(a) The identification of national and regional priority taxonomic information requirements; (b) Assessments of national taxonomic capacity to identify and, where possible, quantify national and regional-level taxonomic impediments and needs, including the identification of taxonomic tools, facilities and services required at all levels, and mechanisms to establish, support and maintain such tools, facilities and services; (c) Establishment or consolidation of regional and national taxonomic reference centres; (d) The building of taxonomic capacity, in particular in developing countries, including through partnerships between national, regional and international taxonomic reference centres, and through information networks; (e) Communication to the Executive Secretary and Global Taxonomy Initiative coordination mechanism, by 31 December 2001, of suitable programmes, projects and initiatives for consideration as pilot projects under the Global Taxonomy Initiative;</p>	<p>Paragraphs 2(a) to 2(d) have been superseded by the programme of work adopted by decision VI/8 and could therefore be retired.</p> <p>Paragraph 2(e) has been implemented and should be retired.</p>
<p>3. Requested that the Executive Secretary, with the assistance of the Global Taxonomy Initiative coordination mechanism: (a) Draft as a component of the strategic plan for the Convention on Biological Diversity a work programme for the Global Taxonomy Initiative defining timetables, goals, products and pilot projects, emphasizing its role in underpinning conservation, sustainable use and equitable sharing of benefits, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice; (b) Initiate short-term activities, including regional meetings of scientists, managers and policy makers to prioritize the most urgent global taxonomic needs and facilitate the formulation of specific regional and national projects to meet the needs identified, and to report thereon to the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting; (c) Synthesize the findings of previous meetings of experts on the Global Taxonomy Initiative (as contained in the note by the Executive Secretary on the review of the Global Taxonomy Initiative (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/5/4)), relevant sections of national reports</p>	<p>Implemented as input to the development of the programme of work adopted at COP 6 through decision VI/8. Could be retired.</p>

submitted to the Conference of the Parties and recommendations of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice on the Global Taxonomy Initiative, as advice for the proposed regional meetings; (d) Use the Global Taxonomy Initiative as a forum to promote the importance of taxonomy and taxonomic tools in the implementation of the Convention;	
4. Requested all Parties and Governments to designate a national Global Taxonomy Initiative focal point by 31 December 2000, linked to other national focal points, and participate in the development of regional networks to facilitate information-sharing for the Global Taxonomy Initiative;	Only 64 Parties have nominated a GTI National Focal Point as of November 2004 and this decision although of continuing relevance has been superseded by paragraph 3 of decision VII/9 and this decision may be retired.
5. Invited all interested international and regional conventions, initiatives and programmes to indicate their support for the Global Taxonomy Initiative and its coordination mechanism, through the Executive Secretary, and in so doing to specify their particular areas of interest and any support for the implementation of the Global Taxonomy Initiative that could be forthcoming;	This paragraph has been implemented partially (see UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/INF/16)  However this paragraph has continuing relevance and should be retained.
6. Urged eligible Parties and consortia of eligible Parties to seek resources for the above priority actions through the financial mechanism, and requests the financial mechanism to continue promoting awareness of the Global Taxonomy Initiative in its outreach activities, such as the Capacity Development Initiative and the Country Dialogue Workshops, and to investigate ways both within and outside its operational programme structure to facilitate capacity-building in taxonomy, and the implementation of the short-term activities referred to in the annex to the present decision.	Superseded by decisions VI/8 (the programme of work), VII/9 (paragraph 2) and VII/20 (paragraph 7).

## DECISION V/10: GLOBAL STRATEGY FOR PLANT CONSERVATION

### *Overview of the decision*

The decision initiates a process for the establishment of a global strategy for plant conservation.

### *Overall assessment and possible action by the Conference of the Parties*

The decision has been fully implemented. The Global Strategy for Plant Conservation was adopted in decision VI/9. The Conference of the Parties may therefore wish to retire decision V/10.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
The COP,  1. Recognized that the Convention on Biological Diversity is a leading international convention for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, and further recognizes the cross-cutting nature of plant conservation;	Could be retired.
2. Recognized also the important role of other existing initiatives, in particular the Global Plan of Action for the Conservation and Sustainable Utilization of Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, and is aware of current efforts to revise the International Undertaking on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture developed by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations;	This is reflected, in an updated and more complete form, in the Strategy adopted by decision VI/9.  Could be retired.
3. Decided to consider, at its sixth meeting, the establishment of a global strategy for plant conservation;	Implemented. Decision VI/9 adopted the Global Strategy.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
4. Requested the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice to make recommendations to the Conference of the Parties, for consideration at its sixth meeting, regarding the development of a global strategy for plant conservation, which would be aimed at halting the current and continuing unacceptable loss of plant diversity;	Could be retired. SBSTTA made recommendations leading to the adoption of decision VI/9. Could be retired.
5. In order to better enable the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice to carry out this task, requested the Executive Secretary to solicit the views of Parties, and to liaise with relevant organizations, including, inter alia, the Global Plan of Action of the Food and Agriculture Organization, the Man and the Biosphere Programme of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, Botanic Gardens Conservation International, and the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, in order to gather information regarding plant conservation, including information on existing international initiatives. This information is to be reported to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, together with advice on the relationship between plant conservation and the thematic work programmes.	This was fully implemented.  Could be retired.

## DECISION V/11: ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES

### *Overview of the decision*

This decision focuses on the collection and dissemination of financial data through CHM and other means, engagement of funding institutions and development agencies as well as other donors, and national funding measures. This emphasis is specifically pronounced for capacity building for the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol.

### *Overall assessment and possible action by the Conference of the Parties*

The requests to the Executive Secretary were implemented and reported to the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. Other stakeholders have probably implemented relevant requests as well. But since this is the first comprehensive decision on financial resources, many elements of the decisions will remain operational and thus merit further consolidation.

The emphasis for additional and adequate financial resources specific to the Biosafety Protocol would obviously remain standing. The Cartagena Protocol has now entered into force. An Action Plan for Building Capacities for the Effective Implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety has been adopted by the first meeting of COP-MOP. As a result, similar calls for additional financial resources have been and will be made by COP-MOP. The decision may have no immediate significance any more but the objective of emphasizing the need for additional financial resources through the financial mechanisms always stands. Therefore, this decision could be consolidated with other similar decisions made over time.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
1. Requested the Executive Secretary to further develop a database on biodiversity-related funding information, and make it available through the clearing-house mechanism and other means of communications, as appropriate;	Ongoing Should be consolidated with other decisions.

2. Invited the Global Environment Facility to assist the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with the relevant international organizations and institutions, to convene a workshop on financing for biodiversity with a view to sharing knowledge and experience among funding institutions, and to explore the potential of the Global Environment Facility to act as a funding catalyst;	Completed for a report to COP-6. Should be retired.
3. Recognized the difficulties in developing a format for standardized information on financial support from developed country Parties for the objectives of the Convention and requests the workshop referred to in paragraph 2 of the present decision to provide further advice to the Executive Secretary on this matter;	Completed for a report to COP-6 Should be retired.
4. Urged developed country Parties and encourages developing country Parties to establish a process to monitor financial support to biodiversity, and to provide further information in their national reports on financial support to biodiversity to the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting;	Ongoing Should be consolidated with other decisions.
5. Invited, <i>inter alia</i> , funding institutions, United Nations bodies, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations to designate focal points, to develop a reporting relationship with the Convention, and to provide information to the Executive Secretary on their activities in support of the objectives of the Convention;	Ongoing Should be consolidated with other decisions.
6. Recognized that more complete information concerning the financial support, from all relevant sources, for the implementation of the objectives of the Convention, including the work programmes established by the Conference of the Parties, will assist it to develop further guidance to the financial mechanism and to better coordinate with other funding institutions;	Statement still valid. Should be retained.
7. Requested the Executive Secretary to explore further collaboration with the work on financial issues on Agenda 21 under the Commission on Sustainable Development, and to contribute to the High-Level Consultation on Financing for Development of the General Assembly in 2001;	Completed for a report to COP-6 Should be retired.
8. Also requested the Executive Secretary to further develop collaboration with funding mechanisms of relevant conventions and agreements, and with relevant biodiversity-related programmes of international and regional organizations, and, as appropriate and upon request, to assist these in defining their funding strategies and programmes and in the promotion of capacity-building;	Completed for a report to COP-6 Should be retired.
9. Urged developed country Parties to promote support for the implementation of the objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity in the funding policy of their bilateral funding institutions and those of regional and multilateral funding institutions;	Continuing relevance. Should be retained.
10. Urged developing country Parties to incorporate ways and means to support implementation of the objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity into their dialogue with funding institutions;	Ongoing Should be retained.

11. Emphasized the importance of financial support for the implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans and for capacity-building for implementation of the Cartagena Protocol;	Superseded by decision VI/26 on the Strategic Plan for the Convention (Strategic Goals 2 and 3). Should be retired.
12. Noted the cross-cutting nature of the involvement of the private sector, and resolves that the involvement of the private sector shall be included, as appropriate, on the agenda of the Conference of the Parties at its regular meetings and be integrated into the sectoral and thematic items under its programme of work;	Of continuing relevance. Should be retained.
13. Noted also that the involvement of all relevant stakeholders can contribute to the implementation of the Convention;	Superseded by decision VI/26 on the Strategic Plan (Strategic Goal 4) Should be retired.
14. Invited Parties to include in their second national reports information on the involvement of the private sector;	Completed for Parties that already submitted second national reports Should be retired.
15. Invited the United Nations Environment Programme, through its financial-sector initiatives, the World Bank and other financial institutions, to promote consideration of biological diversity by the financial sector;	Ongoing Should be retained.
16. Urged Parties, subject to their national legislation, to promote the consideration of tax exemptions in national taxation systems for biodiversity-related donations, and requested the Executive Secretary to encourage charitable institutions to support activities that promote the implementation of the Convention;	Ongoing Should be retained.
17. Requested the Executive Secretary to prepare a report on the implementation of the present decision for the consideration of the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting	Report prepared for COP6 Should be retired.

## DECISION V/12: SECOND REVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL MECHANISM

### *Overview of the decision*

This decision deals with the terms of reference for the second review of the GEF

### *Overall assessment and possible action by the Conference of the Parties*

This decision may be retired since the review is complete and the third review is being held in 2004/2005

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
The Conference of the Parties, 1. Decided to adopt the annex to the present decision, containing the objectives and criteria for the second review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism to be conducted in time for the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;	The second review was completed. Should be retired
2. Decided also that this second review should be conducted under the authority of the Conference of the Parties;	The second review was completed Should be retired.

3. Decided further that, based on the results of the review, the Conference of the Parties shall take appropriate action to improve the effectiveness of the mechanism if necessary.	The second review was completed Should be retired.
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## DECISION V/13: FURTHER GUIDANCE TO THE FINANCIAL MECHANISM

### *Overview of the decision*

The decision provides a wide range of additional guidance to the financial mechanism. The decision, among other things, welcomes the GEF Council for its decision to request its secretariat to develop an initial strategy for assisting countries to prepare for the entry into force of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.

### *Overall assessment and possible action by the Conference of the Parties*

The further guidance is under implementation and could be consolidated with subsequent decisions. The GEF developed the initial strategy, and as a result a big global project to support countries in the development of their national biosafety frameworks (UNEP/GEF NBF project) was launched in 2001 and is still underway. Paragraph 1 could be retired.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
<p>The Conference of the Parties,</p> <p>1. Welcomed the decision of the Council of the Global Environment Facility requesting its secretariat, in consultation with the Implementing Agencies and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, to develop an initial strategy for assisting countries to prepare for the entry into force of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety;</p>	<p>Implemented. Could be retired.</p>
<p>2. Decided to provide the following additional guidance to the Global Environment Facility in the provision of financial resources, in conformity with decisions I/1, II/6, III/5 and IV/13 of the Conference of the Parties. In this regard, the Global Environment Facility shall provide financial resources to developing country Parties for country-driven activities and programmes, consistent with national priorities and objectives, recognizing that economic and social development and poverty eradication are the first and overriding priorities of developing countries. The Global Environment Facility, as the institutional structure operating the financial mechanism, should provide support:</p> <p>(a) For projects utilizing the ecosystem approach, without prejudice to differing national needs and priorities which may require the application of approaches such as single-species conservation programmes, in accordance with decision V/6;</p>	<p>Ongoing Should be retained and consolidated with other decisions on guidance to the financial mechanism.</p>
<p>(b) As a priority, for projects which: (i) Implement the Convention's programme of work on agricultural biodiversity, in accordance with decision V/5, through the timely finalization and implementation of its operational programme on agricultural biodiversity, and through the development and implementation of other relevant operational programmes; (ii) Implement the Convention's programme of work on biodiversity of dry and sub-humid lands, in accordance with decision V/23, through the development, review and implementation of its operational programmes, in particular, the operational programme on arid and</p>	<p>Ongoing Should be retained and consolidated with other decisions on guidance to the financial mechanism</p>

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
semi-arid ecosystems; (iii) Assist in the implementation of the programme of work on forest biodiversity at the national, subregional and regional levels, and consider the operational objectives of the aforementioned programme of work as guidance for funding, in accordance with decision V/4;	
(c) For projects which assist with the development and implementation of the International Initiative for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Pollinators in Agriculture, in accordance with decision V/5;	Ongoing Should be retained and consolidated with other decisions on guidance to the financial mechanism
(d) For capacity-building at the national, subregional and regional level to address the issue of coral bleaching within the context of implementation of the programme of work on marine and coastal biological diversity, in accordance with decision V/3;	Ongoing Should be retained and consolidated with other decisions on guidance to the financial mechanism
(e) For the consultative processes referred to in paragraph 6 of decision V/19, which are aimed at assisting with the preparation of second national reports, taking into account the fact that the Conference of the Parties may develop guidelines for subsequent national reports;	Ongoing Should be retained and consolidated with other decisions on guidance
(f) For participation in the clearing-house mechanism of the Convention, in accordance with decision V/14;	Ongoing Should be retained and consolidated with other decisions on guidance
(g) For projects that will address the issue of access and benefit-sharing, in accordance with decision V/26;	Ongoing Should be retained and consolidated with other decisions on guidance
(h) For projects that incorporate incentive measures that promote the development and implementation of social, economic and legal incentive measures for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, in accordance with decision V/15;	Ongoing Should be retained and consolidated with other decisions on guidance
(i) For the implementation of the priority activities identified in the programme of work on Article 8(j) and related provisions, in accordance with decision V/16;	Ongoing Should be retained and consolidated with other decisions on guidance
(j) To strengthen capabilities to develop monitoring programmes and suitable indicators for biological diversity, in accordance with decision V/7;	Ongoing Should be retained and consolidated with other decisions on guidance
(k) To continue promoting awareness of the Global Taxonomy Initiative in the relevant activities of the Global Environment Facility, such as the Country Dialogue Workshops, and to facilitate capacity-building in taxonomy, including in its Capacity Development Initiative;	Ongoing Should be retained and consolidated with other decisions on guidance
(l) For capacity development for education, public awareness and communication in biological diversity at the national and regional levels, in accordance with decision V/17;	Ongoing Should be retained and consolidated with other decisions on guidance
(m) For activities to implement the Global Invasive Species Programme, in accordance with decision V/8;	Ongoing Should be retained and consolidated with other decisions on guidance
(n) For the implementation of capacity-building measures for developing and implementing national and sectoral plans for the	Ongoing Should be retained and consolidated with

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
conservation and sustainable use of inland water ecosystems, including comprehensive assessments of the biological diversity of inland waters, and capacity-building programmes for monitoring the implementation of the programme of work and the trends in inland water biological diversity and for information gathering and dissemination among riparian communities.	other decisions on guidance

#### **DECISION V/14: SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND THE CLEARING-HOUSE MECHANISM (ARTICLE 18)**

##### *Overview of the decision*

The decision noted the independent review of the pilot phase of the CHM; supported the implementation of the strategic plan of the CHM; and endorsed the longer-term programme of work for the CHM. The decision further specified in two annexes activities to be undertaken by Parties and Governments as well as by the Executive Secretary.

##### *Overall assessment and possible action by the Conference of the Parties*

Some of the elements of the decision have been fully implemented and may be retired. The measures specified in Annex I to be undertaken by Parties and Governments were time-bound (biennium 2001-2002). Paragraph 6 and Annex I could also be retired.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
The Conference of the Parties,  1. Noted the report of the independent review of the pilot phase of the clearing-house mechanism (UNEP/CBD/COP/5/INF/2);	This paragraph is of no continuing relevance and could be retired.
2. Supported the implementation of the strategic plan for the clearing-house mechanism (UNEP/CBD/COP/5/INF/3);	Legislative basis for the CHM strategic plan. Should be retained.
3. Requested the Executive Secretary, in consultation with the informal advisory committee, to monitor and review the operation of the clearing-house mechanism and report to the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting on any recommended adjustments to the operation of the clearing-house mechanism or to the strategic plan;	Implemented (see decisions VI/18 and VII/23). Could be retired.
4. Decided that the strategic plan for the clearing-house mechanism shall become a component of the Strategic Plan of the Convention on Biological Diversity;	Implemented. The Strategic Plan of the CHM was taken into account during the drafting of the Strategic Plan of the Convention. Could be retired.
5. Endorsed the longer-term programme of work for the clearing-house mechanism (UNEP/CBD/COP/5/INF/4), recognizing the important role that country partnerships can play in implementing this programme of work;	Legislative basis for the POW. Should be retained.
6. Recommended that Parties and Governments, subject to availability of resources and relevance, undertake as priorities for the biennium 2001- 2002 the measures identified in annex I to the present decision;	The measures were time-bound. The decision could be retired.
7. Decided that the informal advisory committee referred to in decision III/4 shall have the following objectives: (a) Provide advice on matters relating to the clearing-house mechanism and, in particular, on how to improve the effectiveness of the clearing-house mechanism as a mechanism to promote scientific and technical cooperation; (b) Facilitate the implementation of	Further elaborates on the mandate of the informal advisory committee established by decision III/4. Of continuing relevance and should be retained.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
guidance from the Conference of the Parties concerning the clearing-house mechanism; (c) Facilitate greater input of Parties into the development of the clearing-house mechanism; (d) Advise on ways and means to facilitate the development of the clearing-house mechanism network; (e) Facilitate and encourage cooperation with other relevant international and regional information networks and initiatives;	
8. Decided that the continuation and mandate of the informal advisory committee shall be reviewed at the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties;	Implemented (see paragraphs 1 & 2 of decision VII/23 and Annex). Could be retired.
9. Called upon the Executive Secretary, in consultation with the informal advisory committee, to develop operational procedures for the informal advisory committee, for review at the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties, and to make these procedures, as well as the membership, available through the clearing-house mechanism;	Implemented (see decision VII/23 (Annex)). Could be retired.
10. Requested the Executive Secretary, in consultation with the informal advisory committee and other relevant bodies, and subject to available resources, to undertake the activities identified in annex II to the present decision.	The activities specified in Annex II have been implemented by the Executive Secretary or superseded by subsequent decisions. This paragraph and annex II should be retired.

## DECISION V/15: INCENTIVE MEASURES

### *Overview of the decision*

The decision establishes a programme of work on incentive measures and the integration of incentives in the thematic work programmes.

### *Overall assessment and possible action by the Conference of the Parties*

The programme of work is under implementation and there will be an in-depth review at the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
<p>The Conference of the Parties,</p> <p>1. Established a programme of work that promotes the development and implementation of social, economic and legal incentive measures for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, in synergy with specific programmes of work, in order to:</p> <p>(a) Support Parties, Governments and organizations in developing practical policies and projects;</p> <p>(b) Develop practical guidance to the financial mechanism for effective support and prioritization of these policies and projects;</p>	Ongoing. Programme of work under implementation; in-depth review at COP-9
<p>2. Decided that the activities of the programme of work should result in the following:</p> <p>(a) The assessment of representative existing incentive measures, review of case-studies, identification of new opportunities for</p>	Ongoing. Programme of work under implementation; in-depth review at COP-9

<p>incentive measures, and dissemination of information, through the clearing-house mechanism and other means, as appropriate;</p> <p>(b) The development of methods to promote information on biodiversity in consumer decisions, for example through ecolabelling, if appropriate;</p> <p>(c) The assessment, as appropriate and applicable to the circumstances of Parties, of the values of biodiversity, in order to internalize better these values in public policy initiatives and private-sector decisions;</p> <p>(d) A consideration of biodiversity concerns in liability schemes;</p> <p>(e) The creation of incentives for integration of biodiversity concerns in all sectors;</p>	
<p>3. Requested the Executive Secretary to collaborate with relevant organizations, such as the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Environment Programme, and IUCN-The World Conservation Union, in order to engage in a coordinated effort, and undertake through such an effort, as a first phase:</p> <p>(a) To gather and disseminate additional information on instruments in support of positive incentives and their performance, and to develop a matrix identifying the range of instruments available, their purpose, interaction with other policy measures and effectiveness, with a view to identifying and designing relevant instruments, where appropriate, in support of positive measures;</p> <p>(b) To continue gathering information on perverse incentive measures, and on ways and means to remove or mitigate their negative impacts on biological diversity, through case-studies and lessons learned, and consider how these ways and means may be applied;</p> <p>(c) To elaborate proposals for the design and implementation of incentive measures, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at its sixth or seventh meeting and by the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting;</p>	<p>Collaborative work ongoing.</p> <p>Information gathering and dissemination in accordance with sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) undertaken. The work is however of a continuing nature.</p> <p>Proposals were prepared and endorsed by COP-6 (see decision VI/15). However, the decision is of continuing effect and relevance.</p>
<p>4. Decided to integrate actions on incentives in thematic work programmes and ensure synergy with activities on sustainable use, noting that incentive measures are essential elements in developing effective approaches to conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity especially at the level of local communities;</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>5. Requested the Executive Secretary to promote coordinated action on incentives with other international biodiversity-related agreements and relevant organizations, noting specifically that the joint work plan of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Convention on Wetlands for the period 2000-2001 (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/5/INF/12) includes consideration of incentive measures;</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>6. Urged Parties and other Governments to explore possible ways and means by which incentive measures promoted through the Kyoto Protocol under the United Nations Framework Convention</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

on Climate Change can support the objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity.	
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## DECISION V/16: ARTICLE 8(J) AND RELATED PROVISIONS

### *Overview of the decision*

The decision endorsed a programme of work on the implementation of Article 8j and related provisions of the Convention. It further extended the mandate of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Inter-sessional Working Group on Article 8j to review progress in the implementation of the priority tasks of the programme of work.

### *Overall assessment and possible action by the Conference of the Parties*

The implementation of the programme of work is ongoing and the Ad Hoc Working Group continues to review the implementation of priority tasks. The Conference of the Parties will undertake an in-depth review at its eighth meeting.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
The Conference of the Parties, 1. Endorsed the programme of work as contained in the annex to the present decision, which shall be subject to periodic review during its implementation;	Legislative basis of the programme of work. Should be retained. ---
2 Decided to implement the programme of work giving priority to tasks 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 9 and 11, as well as 7 and 12, which shall be initiated following completion of tasks 5, 9 and 11;	Ongoing.
3. Urged Parties and Governments in collaboration with relevant organizations, subject to their national legislation, to promote and implement this programme of work, and to integrate the tasks identified into their ongoing programmes as appropriate to national circumstances, taking into account the identified collaboration opportunities;	Ongoing.
4. Requested Parties, Governments and relevant organizations to take full account of existing instruments, guidelines, codes and other relevant activities in the implementation of the programme of work;	Ongoing.
5. Encouraged the participation of indigenous and local communities in the work of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing on the development of guidelines and other approaches to ensure the respect, preservation and maintenance of knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities embodying traditional lifestyles relevant for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity;	There is effective participation of indigenous and local communities in the work of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing. Discussions will be undertaken at ABS WG 4 on how to further enhance this participation.
6. Took into account the importance of the proposals for action on traditional forest-related knowledge of the Intergovernmental Panel on Forests/Intergovernmental Forum on Forests as an important part of this programme of work;	Could be retired.
7. Requested Parties, Governments, and international, regional and national organizations to provide appropriate financial support for the implementation of the programme of work;	Of continuing relevance.
8. Requested the Executive Secretary to facilitate the integration of the relevant tasks of the programme of work in the future elaboration of the thematic programmes of the Convention on	The process of integration ongoing. A Report was submitted to WG8J and COP-6 (see decision VI/10). This paragraph has

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
Biological Diversity and provide a report on the progress of the thematic programmes to the Ad Hoc Open-ended Inter-Sessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity;	however been superseded by decisions VI/10 and VII/16. Could be retired.
9. Decided to extend the mandate of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Inter-Sessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity to review progress in the implementation of the priority tasks of its programme of work according to reports provided by the Executive Secretary, and the Parties to the meeting of the Working Group and recommend further action on the basis of this review. The Working Group should further explore ways for increased participation by indigenous and local communities in the thematic programmes of work of the Convention on Biological Diversity. The Working Group should report to the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting;	WG8J reported to COP-6 on the mentioned issues.  The decision has been superseded by decisions VI/10 and VII/16 which further extended the mandate of the Working Group.  Could be retired.
10. Requested Parties, Governments, subsidiary bodies of the Convention, the Executive Secretary and relevant organizations, including indigenous and local communities, when implementing the programme of work contained in the annex to the present decision and other relevant activities under the Convention, to fully incorporate women and women's organizations in the activities;	Ongoing. .
11. Invited Parties and Governments to support the participation of the International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity, as well as relevant organizations representing indigenous and local communities, in advising the Conference of the Parties on the implementation of Article 8(j) and related provisions;	Ongoing. .
12. Urged Parties and Governments and, as appropriate, international organizations, and organizations representing indigenous and local communities, to facilitate the full and effective participation of indigenous and local communities in the implementation of the Convention and, to this end:  (a) Provide opportunities for indigenous and local communities to identify their capacity needs, with the assistance of Governments and others, if they so require;  (b) Include, in proposals and plans for projects carried out in indigenous and local communities, funding requirements to build the communications capacity of indigenous and local communities to facilitate dissemination and exchange of information on issues related to traditional knowledge, innovations and practices;  (c) Provide for sufficient capacity in national institutions to respond to the needs of indigenous and local communities related to Article 8(j) and related provisions;  (d) Strengthen and build capacity for communication among indigenous and local communities, and between indigenous and local communities and Governments, at local, national, regional and international levels, including with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, with direct participation and responsibility of indigenous and local communities through their appropriate focal points;  (e) Use other means of communication in addition to the Internet, such as newspapers, bulletins, and radio, and increasing the use	Ongoing.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
<p>of local languages;</p> <p>(f) Provide case-studies on methods and approaches that contribute to the preservation of traditional knowledge, innovations and practices, including through their recording where appropriate, and that support control and decision-making by indigenous and local communities over the sharing of such knowledge, innovation and practices;</p>	
<p>13. Emphasized once again the need for case-studies developed in conjunction with indigenous and local communities requested in paragraphs 10 (b) and 15 of its decision IV/9, to enable a meaningful assessment of the effectiveness of existing legal and other appropriate forms of protection for the knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities;</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p>
<p>14. Recognized the potential importance of sui generis and other appropriate systems for the protection of traditional knowledge of indigenous and local communities and the equitable sharing of benefits arising from its use to meet the provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity, taking into account the ongoing work on Article 8(j) and related provisions, and transmits its findings to the World Trade Organization and the World Intellectual Property Organization, as suggested in paragraph 6 (b) of recommendation 3 of the Inter-Sessional Meeting on the Operations of the Convention (UNEP/CBD/COP/5/4, annex);</p>	<p>Findings were submitted to WTO and WIPO. Could be retired.</p>
<p>15. Invited Parties and Governments to exchange information and share experiences regarding national legislation and other measures for the protection of the knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities;</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p>
<p>16. Recognized that the maintenance of knowledge, innovations, and practices of indigenous and local communities is dependent on the maintenance of cultural identities and the material base that sustains them and invites Parties and Governments to take measures to promote the conservation and maintenance of such identities;</p>	<p>Of continuing relevance.</p>
<p>17. Requested Parties to support the development of registers of traditional knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities embodying traditional lifestyles relevant for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity through participatory programmes and consultations with indigenous and local communities, taking into account strengthening legislation, customary practices and traditional systems of resource management, such as the protection of traditional knowledge against unauthorized use;</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p>
<p>18. Invited Parties and Governments to increase the participation of representatives of indigenous and local community organizations in official delegations to meetings held under the Convention on Biological Diversity;</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p>
<p>19. Emphasizes the need for arrangements controlled and determined by indigenous and local communities, to facilitate cooperation and information exchange among indigenous and local communities, for the purposes of, inter alia, helping to ensure that such communities are in a position to make informed decisions on whether or not to consent to the release of their knowledge, and, in this respect:</p> <p>(a) Requested the Executive Secretary, to fully utilize the</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
clearing-house mechanism, to cooperate closely with indigenous and local communities to explore ways in which such needs may best be addressed; (b) Invited Parties to consider ways and means of providing the necessary resources to enable the Secretariat to undertake the above-mentioned tasks;	
20. Further requested Parties and international financial institutions to explore ways of providing the necessary funding for these activities.	There is a continuing need for financial resources to implement the activities of the POW. The paragraph is still relevant and could be retained.

## DECISION V/17: EDUCATION AND PUBLIC AWARENESS

### *Overview of the decision*

This decision addresses the process and key elements of the proposed global initiative on education and public awareness, including, the integration of biodiversity into formal education systems, and capacity building. It also addresses the theme of and changing the designated date for the international day biological diversity.

### *Overall assessment and possible action by the Conference of the Parties*

This decision is of continuing relevance to the Convention process. However, considering that the Executive Secretary has completed work directly in response to paragraphs 2, 3 and 7 (c) and (d) of this decision, the COP may wish to retire these three paragraphs. Paragraph 1 could also be retired.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
1. Took note of the information provided by the Executive Secretary with regard to education and public awareness (UNEP/CBD/COP/5/13, section IV);	Of no continuing relevance. Could be retired.
2. Requested the Executive Secretary, in cooperation with the United Nations Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization, to convene a consultative working group of experts, including the United Nations Environment Programme, the World Bank, the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, the Commission for Education and Communication of IUCN, the World-Wide Fund for Nature, representatives of Parties and other relevant bodies to further advance and, in particular, to identify priority activities for the proposed global initiative on biological diversity education and public awareness;	The consultative working group was constituted and held four meetings in July and November 2000, November 2001 and October 2003. The recommendations of the first three meetings of the working group provided inputs that contributed to decision VI/19. The recommendations of the fourth meeting provided inputs that led to decision VII/24. The work of this group will now be undertaken by the Informal Advisory Group, which was established by decision VII/24. The working group will no longer meet. The COP may therefore wish to retire this paragraph.
3. Decided that the working group should take into account priorities developed by the Conference of the Parties for its work programme, and, when approved by the Conference of the Parties, priorities identified in the strategic plan for the Convention;	The notes above also apply to this paragraph and no further action is envisaged. The COP may therefore wish to retire this paragraph.
4. Invited the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, through its education programmes, to actively integrate biological diversity into all levels of formal education systems as a component of the development of the global initiative;	This is on-going and is of continuing relevance. Could be retained.
5. Endorsed paragraph 7 of recommendation IV/1 A of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological	On-going in view of the fact that the programme of work on Island Biodiversity

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
Advice, which states that education and public awareness be included in the discussions on the work programmes on thematic issues;	has yet to be developed, reviewed and approved by the COP. Should be retained.
6. Invited Parties, Governments, organizations and institutions to support capacity-building for education and communication in biological diversity as part of their national biodiversity strategies and action plans, taking into account the global initiative;	On-going.
<p>7. Requested the Executive Secretary to:</p> <p>(a) Further develop the public information and outreach activities of the Secretariat, including through the use of the clearing-house mechanism to raise awareness of biological diversity issues amongst all sectors of society, including indigenous and local communities;</p> <p>(b) Designate a theme each year for the International Day for Biological Diversity and prepare background information to be placed on the clearing-house mechanism;</p> <p>(c) Consult the United Nations Secretariat on the feasibility of changing the designated date of the International Day for Biological Diversity to 22 May and provide advice on this matter to the Parties by February 2001;</p> <p>(d) Report on progress achieved in developing the global initiative to the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting</p>	<p>Activities in response to paragraphs 7(a) and (b) are on-going. No action necessary.</p> <p>With regard to paragraph 7 (c), after consultations between the Executive Secretary and the United Nations Secretariat, the UN General Assembly, in December 2000, adopted 22 May as the date for the International Day for Biological Diversity to commemorate the adoption of the text of the Convention on 22 May 1992 by the Nairobi Final Act of the Conference for the Adoption of the Agreed Text of the Convention on Biological Diversity. In view of this therefore, the COP may wish to retire this particular paragraph.</p> <p>Paragraph 7 (d) was duly completed at the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. No further action is envisaged and the COP may therefore wish to retire this particular paragraph.</p>

## DECISION V/18 – IMPACT ASSESSMENT, LIABILITY AND REDRESS

### *Overview of the decision*

The decision focuses on the implementation of Article 14 of the Convention. It encourages the use of EIA and strategic environmental assessments by Parties and Governments; requests SBSTTA to develop guidelines for incorporating biodiversity related issues into EIA and SEA legislation and processes. As regards, liability and redress the decision renewed the invitation for submission of information by Governments; welcomed the offer of the Government of France to organize a workshop; and decided to consider at COP 6 a process for reviewing Article 14(2), including the establishment of a group of experts.

### *Overall Assessment & Action by the Conference of the Parties*

Paragraphs 1 (a-d) and 2-5 of the decision could be retired. The contents of paragraph 1 (e) should be reflected in a future decision on impact assessment at which point the entire section relating to article 14(1) could be retired.

Paragraphs 6-9 on liability and redress have been superseded by decision VI/11 that established the Group of legal and technical experts and defined its mandate and decision VII/17.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
<b>I. IMPACT ASSESSMENT</b>	
<p>The COP,</p> <p>1. Invited Parties, Governments and other relevant organizations:</p> <p>(a) To implement paragraph 1 of Article 14 of the Convention on Biological Diversity in conjunction with other components of the Convention and to integrate environmental impact assessment into the work programmes on thematic areas, including the biological diversity of inland water ecosystems, marine and coastal biological diversity, forest biological diversity, agricultural biological diversity, and the biological diversity of dry and sub-humid lands, and on alien species and tourism;</p>	<p>Superseded by paragraph 2 of decision VI/7-A that endorsed Guidelines for incorporating biodiversity related issues into EIA legislation and processes and in SEA. Could be retired</p>
<p>(b) To address loss of biological diversity and the interrelated socio-economic, cultural and human-health aspects relevant to biological diversity when carrying out environmental impact assessments;</p>	<p>Superseded by paras 1 (a) and (b) and 5 of the annex of decision VI/7-A (EIA/SEA guidelines). Also by Section F of decision VII/16. Could be retired.</p>
<p>(c) To consider biological diversity concerns from the early stages of the drafting process, when developing new legislative and regulatory frameworks;</p>	<p>Superseded by para 1 (b) of the annex of decision VI/7-A (EIA/SEA guidelines). Could be retired.</p>
<p>(d) To ensure the involvement of interested and affected stakeholders in a participatory approach to all stages of the assessment process, including governmental bodies, the private sector, research and scientific institutions, indigenous and local communities and non-governmental organizations, including by using appropriate mechanisms, such as the establishment of committees, at the appropriate level;</p>	<p>Superseded by para 5 of the annex of decision VI/7-A (EIA/SEA guidelines). Also by in Section F of decision VII/16. Could be retired.</p>
<p>(e) To organize expert meetings, workshops and seminars, as well as training, educational and public awareness programmes and exchange programmes, and carry out pilot environmental impact assessment projects, in order to promote the development of local expertise in methodologies, techniques and procedures;</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>2. Encouraged Parties, Governments and relevant organizations:</p> <p>(a) To use strategic environmental assessments to assess not only the impact of individual projects, but also their cumulative and global effects, incorporating biological diversity considerations at the decision-making and/or environmental planning level;</p>	<p>Superseded by paragraph 2 and the annex of decision VI/7-A. Could be retired.</p>
<p>(b) To include the development of alternatives, mitigation measures and consideration of the elaboration of compensation measures in environmental impact assessment;</p>	<p>Superseded by para 2 and the annex of decision VI/7-A. Could be retired.</p>
<p>3. Requested Parties to include in their national reports information on practices, systems, mechanisms and experiences in the area of strategic environmental assessment and impact assessment;</p>	<p>Superseded by the guidelines for 3<sup>rd</sup> national report. Also reflected in paragraph 3 of decision VI/7-A and in decision VII/7. Could be retired.</p>

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
<p>4. Requested the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice to further develop guidelines for incorporating biodiversity-related issues into legislation and/or processes on strategic environmental assessment impact assessment, in collaboration with the scientific community, the private sector, indigenous and local communities, non-governmental organizations and relevant organizations at the international, regional, subregional and national levels, such as the Scientific and Technical Review Panel of the Convention on Wetlands, the Scientific Council of the Convention on Migratory Species, DIVERSITAS, IUCN-The World Conservation Union, the International Association for Impact Assessment and the United Nations Environment Programme, as well as the Parties, and further elaborate the application of the precautionary approach and the ecosystem approach, taking into account needs for capacity-building, with a view to completion by the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;</p>	<p>Implemented (see decision VI/7A). Could be retired.</p>
<p>5. Also requested the Executive Secretary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) To disseminate case-studies received;</li> <li>(b) To renew the call for further case-studies, including case-studies on negative impacts and, in particular, on impact assessments that take the ecosystem approach into account;</li> <li>(c) To compile and evaluate existing guidelines, procedures and provisions for environmental impact assessment;</li> <li>(d) To make this information available, together with information on existing guidelines on incorporating biological diversity considerations into environmental impact assessment, through, inter alia, the clearing-house mechanism in order to facilitate sharing of information and exchange of experiences at the regional, national and local levels;</li> </ul>	<p>Superseded by paragraph 3 of decision VI/7-A and decision VII/7. Could be retired.</p>
<b>II. LIABILITY AND REDRESS</b>	
<p>6. Renews the invitation to Parties, Governments, and relevant international organizations, contained in its decision IV/10 C, paragraph 8, to provide the Executive Secretary with information on national, international and regional measures and agreements on liability and redress applicable to damage to biological diversity, acknowledging that some Parties, Governments and organizations have already provided the Executive Secretary with such information;</p>	<p>Superseded by decisions VI/11 and VII/17. Could be retired.</p>
<p>7. Requests the Executive Secretary to update the synthesis report submitted to the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (UNEP/CBD/COP/5/16) to include information contained in further submissions by Parties, Governments and relevant international organizations, taking into account other relevant information including, in particular, information on the work of the International Law Commission and on the development and application of liability regimes under other multilateral instruments, including the Antarctic Treaty, the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal, and the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, for the consideration of the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting;</p>	<p>Superseded by decisions VI/11 and VII/17. Could be retired</p>

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
8. Welcomes the offer of the Government of France to organize a workshop on liability and redress in the context of the Convention on Biological Diversity;	Implemented. Workshop was held and a report submitted to COP 6 (see Decision VI/11 and document UNEP/CBD/COP/6/INF/5). Could be retired.
9. Decides to consider at its sixth meeting a process for reviewing paragraph 2 of Article 14, including the establishment of an ad hoc technical expert group, taking into account consideration of these issues within the framework of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, and the outcome of the workshop referred to in paragraph 8 of the present decision.	Ad hoc technical expert group established by decision VI/11. Could be retired.

## DECISION V/19. NATIONAL REPORTING

### *Overview of the decision*

This decision adopts the guidelines for the second national reports and relates to the process of submission of the second national reports and some thematic reports

### *Overall assessment and possible action by the Conference of the Parties*

This decision is of continuing relevance to the Convention process. However, considering the Executive Secretary has completed the work as requested by paragraph 3 of this decision, the Conference of the Parties may wish to retire this paragraph. In addition, paragraph 8 relates to a time-bound activity. It could also be retired.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
The Conference of the Parties,  1. Took note of recommendation V/13 of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice on guidelines for national reports;	Of continuing relevance. Should be retained.
2. Endorsed the format contained in annex I to the note by the Executive Secretary on national reporting as the recommended format for future national reports to be submitted by Parties in accordance with Article 26 of the Convention;	Provides the basis of the format for future national reports. Should be retained.
3. Requested the Executive Secretary to further develop this format to incorporate the views expressed by Parties and further questions arising from the decisions of its fifth meeting and to make the revised format available to Parties by Parties by September 2000;	The ES has further developed the guidelines for national report adopted at COP5 and made it available to Parties in September 2000. No further action is envisaged on this particular paragraph.  Could be retired.
4. Is of the view that national reports developed in this format will help Parties to measure the state of national implementation of the Convention and to review national priorities and actions;	Of continuing relevance.
5. Requested Parties to submit their next national report: (a) By 15 May, 2001; (b) In an official language of the Conference of the Parties; (c) In both hard copy and electronic format;	Although the deadline for the submission of the national reports is long gone, Parties continue to submit their respective reports. This paragraph is therefore of on-going relevance.
6. Recommended that Parties prepare their national reports through a consultative process involving all relevant stakeholders, as appropriate, or by drawing upon information developed through other consultative processes;	Recommendation remains relevant to the national reporting process.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
7. Also invites Parties to prepare detailed thematic reports on one or more of the items for in-depth consideration at its ordinary meetings, thereby providing national contributions to the work of the Conference of Parties and its subsidiary bodies;	This paragraph is of continuing relevance.
8. Accordingly, invites Parties to submit to the Executive Secretary, reports on forest ecosystems, alien species and benefit-sharing for consideration at its sixth meeting:  (a) In accordance with the formats contained, respectively, in annexes II, III and IV of the note by the Executive Secretary on national reporting; (b) By, respectively, 15 May 2001, 30 September 2000, and 30 December 2000; (c) In an official language of the Conference of the Parties; (d) In both hard copy and electronic format;	Time-bound activity. Could be retired.
9. Requested the Executive Secretary to: (a) Prepare reports based on information contained in national reports for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its meeting, and make them available through the clearing-house mechanism; (b) Keep the format of national reports under review, and provide further advice to the Conference of the Parties on its revision; (c) Proceed with the further development and implementation of the proposals for streamlining national reporting contained in section 5.2 of the Feasibility study for a harmonized information management infrastructure for biodiversity-related treaties”, in collaboration with the secretariats of other biodiversity-related conventions, with a view to simplifying reporting procedures and reducing the burden of reporting on Parties, and report on progress to the Conference of the Parties at sixth meeting;	Ongoing activities.  Para 9(a): The Executive Secretary has prepared an analysis of information contained in the second national reports and presented to COP 6.  Para 9(b): The Executive Secretary has reviewed the format for national reports and presented recommendations for consideration at COP 6.  Para 9 (c): The Executive Secretary has been participating in the process coordinated by UNEP-WCMC for harmonizing national reporting under biodiversity-related conventions.
10. Invites organizations, such as the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Environment Programme, undertaking regional or global programmes providing support to Parties in biodiversity planning, including capacity development, to provide the Executive Secretary with information on programme activities and lessons learned.	Invitation still relevant.

## DECISION V/20: OPERATIONS OF THE CONVENTION

### *Overview of the decision*

The decision amends a number of rules of procedure of the Conference of the Parties; provides a mandate for the development of the Strategic Plan of the Convention; reviews the operational procedures of SBSTTA; and decided to hold the open-ended inter-sessional meeting on strategic plan, national reports and implementation of the Convention.

### *Overall assessment and possible action by Conference of the Parties*

The elements of the decision relating to the Strategic Plan have been fully implemented and could be retired. Also, the elements relating to the review of the decisions of the Conference of the Parties and the

review of implementation of the Convention have been superseded by subsequent decisions taken by COP 6 and 7; these could be retired.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
<b>I. THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES</b>	
<p>The Conference of the Parties,</p> <p>1. Decided to amend rule 4 of its rules of procedure by replacing paragraph 1 with the following paragraph:            "1. Ordinary meetings of the Conference of the Parties shall be held every two years. The Conference of the Parties shall from time to time review the periodicity of its ordinary meetings in the light of the progress achieved in the implementation of the Convention."</p>	Of continuing effect.
<p>2. Decided that its provisional agenda should include the following standing items:</p> <p>(a) Organizational matters; (b) Reports from subsidiary bodies, the financial mechanism and the Executive Secretary; (c) Review of the implementation of the programme of work; (d) Priority issues for review and guidance; and (e) Other matters;</p>	Of continuing effect.
<p>3. Decided that, to the extent possible, its decisions should identify expected outcomes, activities to achieve those outcomes, those to whom the decisions are directed and timetables for action and follow-up;</p>	Of continuing effect and relevance.
<p>4. Decided to review its previous decisions periodically in order to assess their status of implementation;</p>	Superseded by decision VI/27B and VI/33. Could be retired.
<p>5. Decided to amend its rules of procedure:</p> <p>(a) By replacing the first two sentences of paragraph 1 of rule 21 with the following sentences:</p> <p>"At the commencement of the first session of each ordinary meeting a President and ten Vice-Presidents, one of whom shall act as Rapporteur, are to be elected from among the representatives of the Parties. They shall serve as the bureau of the Conference of the Parties. The term of office of the President shall commence straight away and the terms of office of the Vice-Presidents shall commence upon the closure of the meeting at which they are elected."; and (b) By replacing the first two sentences of paragraph 2 of rule 21 with the following sentences: "The President shall remain in office until a new President is elected at the commencement of the next ordinary meeting and the Vice-Presidents shall remain in office until the closure of the next ordinary meeting. They shall serve as the bureau of any extraordinary meeting held during their term of office and provide guidance to the Secretariat with regard to preparations for, and conduct of, meetings of the Conference of the Parties."; and (c) By replacing the words "a President for the meeting" in rule 25 with "a new President";</p>	Of continuing effect.
<p>6. Decided to review the effectiveness of the changes referred to in paragraph 5 of the present decision, in the light of experience, at its seventh meeting;</p>	Superseded by paragraph 7 of decision VII/33. Could be retired.
<p>7. Decided to revise its procedures for decision-making regarding administrative and financial matters with a view to ensuring:</p> <p>(a) Transparency; (b) Participation; and (c) Full consideration of its other decisions;</p>	The revision has not been undertaken.  The decision is therefore of continuing relevance and effect.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
<p>8. Decides that guidance to the financial mechanism should be incorporated into a single decision, including the identification of priority issues which will provide support for cross-cutting issues and capacity-building, especially for developing countries, in a manner that:</p> <p>(a) Is transparent; (b) Allows participation; and (c) Allows full consideration of its other decisions;</p>	<p>Of continuing relevance.</p>
<p>9. Requests the Executive Secretary to limit the number of pre-session documents for any of its meetings, to keep them as short as feasible, if possible less than 15 pages, and to include an executive summary in each;</p>	<p>Of continuing effect.</p>
<p><b>II. STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE CONVENTION</b></p>	
<p>10. Decides to prepare and develop a Strategic Plan for the Convention, with a view to considering and adopting the Strategic Plan at its sixth meeting;</p>	<p>Strategic Plan adopted at COP 6 (see decision VI/26).</p> <p>Could be retired.</p>
<p>11. Decided that the Strategic Plan shall be based on the longer-term programmes of work of the Conference of the Parties and of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, and that the Strategic Plan shall provide strategic and operational guidance for the implementation of these programmes of work;</p>	<p>Strategic Plan adopted at COP 6 (see decision VI/26).</p> <p>Could be retired</p>
<p>12. Decided that the Strategic Plan will initially cover the period 2002-2010;</p>	<p>Strategic Plan adopted at COP 6 (see decision VI/26).</p> <p>Could be retired</p>
<p>13. Decided that the Strategic Plan shall contain a set of operational goals that the Conference of the Parties has decided that it wishes to be achieved in the period covered by the Strategic Plan, and that these operational goals shall relate to the following three main areas of work:</p> <p>(a) The thematic programmes; (b) Cross-cutting issues and initiatives; and (c) The implementation of the provisions of the Convention;</p>	<p>Strategic Plan adopted at COP 6 (see decision VI/26).</p> <p>Could be retired</p>
<p>14. Decided that these operational goals shall reflect levels of elaboration, progress of development, stages of implementation, state of knowledge and capacities, and degrees of cooperation, with respect to the three main areas of work;</p>	<p>Strategic Plan adopted at COP 6 (see decision VI/26).</p> <p>Could be retired</p>
<p>15. Decided that within each of these goals, the Strategic Plan shall identify, as far as possible, the following parameters:</p> <p>(a) Planned activities; (b) The expected products; (c) The timing of each of these activities and products; (d) The actors carrying out these activities and cooperation with relevant organizations; (e) The mechanisms used to realize and/or support the goals and activities, or to generate the expected products; and (f) Financial, human-resource and other capacity requirements;</p>	<p>Strategic Plan adopted at COP 6 (see decision VI/26).</p> <p>Could be retired</p>
<p>16. Requested the Executive Secretary to develop the Strategic Plan, in accordance with the above parameters, and including options where appropriate, and to engage in a participatory process that ensures:</p> <p>(a) Incorporation of the views of Parties and the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties; (b) Consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and its Bureau, and other relevant subsidiary bodies of the Convention on matters relevant to their mandates; and (c) Input from other interested countries and organizations; with a view to preparing a full draft Strategic Plan in time for consideration and</p>	<p>Implemented.</p> <p>Strategic Plan adopted at COP 6 (see decision VI/26).</p> <p>Could be retired</p>

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting;	
<b>III. OPERATIONS OF THE SUBSIDIARY BODY ON SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE</b>	
17. Decided that meetings of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific Technical and Technological Advice should take place every year;	Of continuing effect.
18. Decided that the Chair of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice or other members of the Bureau authorized by him or her may represent the Subsidiary Body at meetings of the scientific bodies of other conventions and relevant biological-diversity-related conventions, institutions and processes;	Of continuing effect.
19. Encouraged the Bureau of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice to hold meetings with equivalent bodies of other relevant biological-diversity-related conventions, institutions and processes;	Of continuing effect
20. Recognized that in certain cases it will be appropriate for the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice to make recommendations that include options or alternatives;	Of continuing relevance and effect
21. Decided that the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice may establish ad hoc technical expert groups and adopt terms of reference for them, and shall seek ways to ensure transparency in the choice of experts and the rationalization of meetings, and decides to give effect to this by amending paragraph 12 (c) of the modus operandi of the Subsidiary Body (decision IV/16, annex I) to read: “(c) Within the available budgetary resources, the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice will determine the exact duration and specific terms of reference when establishing such expert groups under the guidance of the Conference of the Parties;”	Legislative basis for ADHTEGS.  Of continuing effect.
22. Confirms that the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, within the available budgetary resources for matters related to its mandate, may make requests to the Executive Secretary and utilize the clearing-house mechanism, and other appropriate means, to assist in the preparation of its meetings;	Legislative authority. Of continuing effect
23. Decided to make an assessment at its sixth meeting of the recommendations made to it by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice with a view to providing guidance to the Subsidiary Body on ways to improve its inputs;	Superseded by decision VI/27B, paragraphs 6-8.  Could be retired.
24. Decided that the guidance to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice contained in specific decisions of a meeting of the Conference of the Parties should take into account the need for a coherent and realistic programme of work for the Subsidiary Body, including the identification of priority issues, allowing flexibility in timing, and agrees that the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice may, if necessary, adjust the timing of its consideration of issues;	Of continuing relevance and effect.
25. Recognized that there is a need to improve the quality of the scientific, technical and technological advice provided to the Conference of the Parties, and to undertake sound scientific and technical assessments, including in-depth assessments of the state of knowledge on issues critical for the implementation of the Convention;	Of continuing relevance.
26. Requested the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice to continue to improve the way it conducts its scientific, technical and technological work in order to improve the quality of its advice to the Conference of the Parties;	Of continuing relevance.
27. Decided that, in its scientific, technical and technological work and, in particular, scientific assessments, the Convention should make use of existing programmes and activities of the Convention or of other bodies	Of continuing relevance and effect.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
and of expertise made available by Parties;	
28. Noted the report of the brainstorming meeting on scientific assessment (UNEP/CBD/COP/5/INF/1), and refers it to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice for consideration and, where appropriate, use in its work;	Implemented. SBSTTA considered the report.  Could be retired.
29. Requested the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice:  (a) To identify and, where needed, further develop, procedures and methods to undertake or participate in scientific assessments, or make use of existing ones, taking into account considerations of participation, effectiveness and costs;  (b) To undertake a limited number of pilot scientific assessment projects, in preparation for the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, and to invite, among others, the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment to work closely together with the Subsidiary Body in this area; and to facilitate and support the implementation of these projects; and, at an appropriate stage, to carry out an evaluation of them;  (c) To develop further its methodologies for scientific assessment, and to provide advice to Parties on scientific assessment design and implementation;  (d) To identify and regularly update, within the context of its programme of work, assessment priorities and information needs;  (e) To review the implementation of decision II/1 relating to the Global Biodiversity Outlook and provide the results of that review to the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting, together with advice on means to enhance implementation and/or any desirable amendments to the decision;	Paragraphs (a), (c) and (d) continue to be relevant.  Paragraphs (b) and (e) were implemented in preparation for COP 6. These could be retired.
30. Noted the proposed uniform methodology for the use of the roster of experts, set out in annex I to recommendation V/14 of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, and refers this to the Subsidiary Body and the Executive Secretary for consideration and, where appropriate, use in their work;	Of continuing relevance.
31. <u>Encourages</u> Parties, other Governments and relevant bodies when nominating their experts for inclusion in the roster to consider:  (a) Gender balance; (b) Involvement of indigenous people and members of local communities; (c) Range of relevant disciplines and expertise, including, <u>inter alia</u> , biological, legal, social and economic sciences, and traditional knowledge;	Of continuing relevance.
32. Decided that every effort should be made to promote the development of the clearing-house mechanism with respect to its role in facilitating the transfer of technology and know-how through exchanging and disseminating information, and in enhancing capacity-building, especially at the national level, taking into account the review of the mechanism;	Superseded by decision VII/29 on technology transfer & technology cooperation.  Could be retired.
33. Recognized that activities at the sub-regional and regional levels, including existing regional processes established for other biological-diversity-related purposes, have an important role to play in preparing for Convention meetings and enhancing implementation of the Convention, and called on Parties to participate actively in suitable sub-regional and	This paragraph has been superseded by decision VI/27B (paras. 11-13) where the role of regional and sub-regional mechanisms and processes is elaborated in greater detail.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
regional activities, as well as on the Executive Secretary, subject to necessary voluntary contributions, to facilitate the involvement in such sub-regional and regional activities of developing country Parties, in particular the least developed and small island developing States, and other Parties with economies in transition;	Could be retired.
34. Requested the Executive Secretary to continue enhancing communication with the Parties through the notification system for the Convention with respect to inter-sessional activities, documents received, selection of experts for technical panels, peer-review processes initiated by the Executive Secretary, and liaison groups and other expert bodies, and to make such information available through the clearing-house mechanism save to the extent that an expert objects to the release of information concerning him or her;	Of continuing relevance and effect.
35. Decided to improve the functioning of the existing operational procedures for the conduct of meetings under the Convention, particularly to allow small delegations to participate more effectively, including in relation to the scheduling of agenda items and dealing with timetable changes;	COP decision VI/27B addressed the issues of participation and procedures under the Convention (paras. 14-19).  Could be retired.
36. Called on the Executive Secretary to use national reports, as appropriate, to gather focused information as part of the preparatory process for issues in the work programme, and decided to reflect this approach in its decisions on national reports arising from work agreed to in decision IV/14, on national reports by Parties;	Of continuing relevance.
<b>IV. IMPLEMENTATION</b>	
37. Decided that it is necessary to enhance the review and facilitation of implementation of the Convention;	Superseded by decision VII/30 (paragraph 23) which established the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention.  Could be retired.
38. Decided to hold an open-ended inter-sessional meeting, to assist with preparations for the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The meeting will be of three days duration and is to be held in conjunction with an existing meeting. The meeting will consider, and to the extent possible develop draft elements of decisions on, the following topics:  (a) Preparation of the Strategic Plan for the Convention; (b) The second national reports; and. (c) Means to support implementation of the Convention, in particular, implementation of priority actions in national biodiversity strategies and action plans;	Implemented.  See report of the meeting to COP 6 (UNEP/CBD/COP/6/5).  Could be retired.
39. Decided to review at its sixth meeting, in the light of this experience, the role of inter-sessional processes in enhancing implementation of the Convention;	COP 6 did not undertake this review. COP 7 by its decision VII/30 (paragraph 23) established the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention, whose mandate includes the review of the impact and effectiveness of existing processes.  Could be retired.
40. Decided to enhance further the functions of subregional and regional processes in preparing for meetings under the Convention and in promoting the implementation of the Convention at the regional,	Superseded by decision VI/27B which addressed the role of regional and sub-regional mechanisms and

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
subregional and national levels;	processes in greater detail.  Could be retired.
41. Requested the Executive Secretary to provide an overview of existing mechanisms and processes for review of national implementation of environmental instruments, and invited Parties to undertake, on a voluntary basis, a review of national programmes and needs related to the implementation of the Convention and, if appropriate, to inform the Executive Secretary accordingly.	Of continuing relevance.

## DECISION V/21: COOPERATION WITH OTHER BODIES

### *Overview of the decision*

The decision notes on-going cooperation activities and calls for further strengthening of such activities with a number of organizations.

### *Overall assessment and possible action by the Conference of the Parties*

The elements of the decision relating to the Millenium Ecosystem Assessment and the GBF process are of continuing relevance and should be retained. The Conference of the Parties may wish to consider the retirement of the other elements.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
The Conference of the Parties,	
1. Took note of ongoing cooperation activities;	Could be retired.
2. Invited the Executive Secretary to strengthen cooperation, particularly in the area of scientific and technical assessment of biodiversity, bearing in mind the importance of biodiversity assessments in identifying emerging issues and reviewing the programmes of work and the impact of measures taken under the Convention;	Legislative authority. The decision is of continuing effect.
3. Invited the Executive Secretary to strengthen the cooperation with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, including its Kyoto Protocol, on relevant issues such as dry and sub-humid lands, forest biological diversity, coral reefs, and incentive measures;	Superseded by decision VI/20 on cooperation (paras. 9-14) and VII/15 on biodiversity and climate change.  Could be retired.
4. Welcomed and endorses the second joint work plan (2000-2001) between the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/5/INF/12), and commended it as a useful example of future cooperation between the Convention on Biological Diversity and other environmental conventions;	Superseded by decision VI/20 (paras. 15 & 16) which endorsed the third joint work plan with the Ramsar Convention (2002-2006).  Could be retired.
5. Noted that the second joint work plan between the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands includes a range of cooperative actions in relation to several ecosystem themes and cross-cutting issues of the Convention on Biological Diversity, as well as proposing actions to harmonize institutional processes, and requests the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the Executive Secretary to take these actions fully into consideration in furthering the respective programmes of work for these areas;	Superseded by decision VI/20 (paras. 15 & 16) which endorsed the third joint work plan with the Ramsar Convention (2002-2006).  Could be retired.

6. Recalling decision III/21, takes note of the United Nations Environment Programme/Convention on Migratory Species study on the complementarities between the Convention on Migratory Species and the Convention on Biological Diversity (UNEP/CBD/COP/5/INF/28);	Superseded by decision VI/20 (paras. 17-23) that endorsed the joint work programme with CMS.  Could be retired.
7. Requested the Executive Secretary to take the study into consideration and, in collaboration with the Secretariat of the Convention on Migratory Species, to develop a proposal on how migratory species could be integrated into the work programme of the Convention on Biological Diversity, and the role the Convention on Migratory Species could play in the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity with regard to, inter alia, the ecosystem approach, the Global Taxonomy Initiative, indicators, assessments and monitoring, protected areas, public education and awareness, and sustainable use, including tourism;	Implemented.  The Executive Secretary developed a proposal which was submitted to SBSTTA 6 (see document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/6/12).  Could be retired.
8. Requested the Executive Secretary to submit the proposal referred to in paragraph 7 above for review by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice prior to the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and requested the Subsidiary Body to provide advice to the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting;	Implemented.  The Executive Secretary developed a proposal which was submitted to SBSTTA 6 (see document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/6/12).  SBSTTA provided advice to COP in its recommendation VI/8.  Could be retired.
9. Took note of the International Biodiversity Observation Year of DIVERSITAS, to take place from 2001 to 2002, and requested the Executive Secretary and invited Parties, to find ways and means of collaborating with this initiative and ensure complementarity with the initiative foreseen to be undertaken by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity to increase scientific knowledge and public awareness of the crucial role of biodiversity for sustainable development;	Implemented.  Could be retired.
10. Requested the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice to identify opportunities for collaboration with the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment in contributing to the assessment needs of the Convention, in particular through the pilot scientific assessment projects referred to in paragraph 29 (b) of decision V/20;	Implemented.  SBSTTA 6 addressed the issue on the basis of a Note by the Executive Secretary (see UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/6/3) and provided recommendation VI/5 to COP.  Could be retired.
11. Decided to accept the invitation of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment to be represented in the Executive Committee, nominates for this purpose the Chair of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the Executive Secretary, and directed that the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice be kept informed on developments and progress;	The CBD participated effectively in the MA process.  Of continuing relevance.
12. Recognized the importance of the Global Biodiversity Forum as a mechanism for building understanding and capacity in implementing the Convention, and encouraged support of the Global Biodiversity Forum process.	Remains valid.

**DECISION V/22 – BUDGET FOR THE PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR THE BIENNIUM 2001-2002**

*Overview of the decision*

The decision addresses budgetary matters for the biennium, approving the budget for 2001-2002. The decision also introduces sanctions starting 1 January 2001 for Parties with contributions in arrears for two or more years. The decision also requested a review of the level of the post of the Executive Secretary.

*Overall assessment and possible action by the Conference of the Parties*

The requests to the Executive Secretary have been fully complied with. The following paragraphs could be retired: 1-6; 8-9; 11-14; 19 and 21.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
The Conference of the Parties, 1. Approved a programme budget of US\$8,594,000 for the year 2001 and of US\$10,049,900 for the year 2002, for the purposes listed in table 1 (below);	Could be retired.
2. Adopted the indicative scale of contributions for 2001 and 2002 contained in the annex to the present decision;	Could be retired.
3. Approved the staffing table for the programme budget contained in table 2 below and requested that all staff positions be filled expeditiously;	Superseded by subsequent decisions Could be retired.
4. Approved a drawing of US\$ 5,203,200 from the unspent balances or contributions ("carry-over") from previous financial periods to cover part of the 2001-2002 budget;	Could be retired.
5. Authorized the Executive Secretary to transfer resources among the programmes within the limits agreed to in decisions IV/17 and III/23, namely the ability to transfer between each of the main appropriation lines set out in table 1 up to an aggregate of 15 per cent of the total programme budget, provided that a further limitation of up to a maximum of 25 per cent of each such appropriation line shall apply;	Superseded by subsequent decisions Could be retired.
6. Noted with concern that a number of Parties have not paid their contributions to the core budget (BY Trust Fund) for previous years, which are due on 1 January of each year in accordance with paragraph 4 of the financial rules, and the late payment of contributions to the core budget by Parties during each calendar year of a biennium, which have contributed to the significant carry-over from one biennium to the next, and, in the event that there is no improvement in the payment of contributions by Parties, invited the Executive Secretary to submit proposals for promoting full and timely payment of contributions by Parties for the consideration and review of the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties;	A review has been undertaken by COP-7 and guidelines established on the basis of proposals by the Executive Secretary (see decision VII/34).  Could be retired.
7. Urged Parties that have still not paid their contributions to the core budget (BY Trust Fund) to do so without delay, and requested the Executive Secretary to publish and regularly update information on the status of contributions of Parties to the Convention's trust funds (BY, BE, BZ);	Of continuing relevance and effect.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
8. Decided, with regard to contributions due from 1 January 2001 onwards, that Parties whose contributions are in arrears for two or more years will be allowed to attend the meetings of the Convention's bodies with a maximum of two delegates until their arrears have been cleared;	Superseded by decision VII/ (paragraph 15) which established new guidelines.  Could be retired.
9. Further decided that, with regard to contributions due from 1 January 2001 onwards, Parties that are not least developed countries or small island developing States whose contributions are in arrears for two or more years, will not receive funding from the Secretariat to attend meetings of the Convention's bodies until their arrears have been cleared;	Superseded by decision VII/ (paragraph 15) which established new guidelines.  Could be retired.
10. Authorized the Executive Secretary to enter into commitments up to the level of the approved budget, drawing on available cash resources, including unspent balances, contributions from previous financial periods and miscellaneous income;	Of continuing effect.
11. Decided also to fund, upon request, from the core budget (BY) the participation of members of the bureaux of the Conference of the Parties, Subsidiary Body on Scientific Technical and Technological Advice and the Intergovernmental Committee on the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety at the inter-sessional meetings of the respective bureaux;	Superseded by decisions VI/29 (para. 15) and VII/34 (para. 19).  Could be retired.
12. Took note of the decisions of the Bureau of the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties authorizing the Executive Secretary to utilize savings, unspent balances from previous financial periods and miscellaneous income in the amount of US\$ 1,565,000 from the BY Trust Fund to fund the participation of developing country Parties, in particular the least developed and small island developing States, and other Parties with economies in transition, in the meetings of the Convention and requested the Executive Secretary, in consultation with the Bureau, to monitor the availability of voluntary contributions to the BZ Trust Fund in the event of any shortfall;	Superseded by subsequent decisions.  Could be retired.
13. Decided that the trust funds (BY, BE, BZ) for the Convention shall be extended for the period of two years, beginning 1 January 2002 and ending 31 December 2003;	Superseded by subsequent decisions.  Could be retired.
14. Invited all Parties to the Convention to note that contributions to the core budget (BY) are due on 1 January of the year in which the these contributions have been budgeted for, and to pay them promptly, and urged Parties, in a position to do so, to pay by 1 October 2000 for the calendar year 2001 and by 1 October 2001 for the calendar year 2002 the contributions required to finance expenditures approved under paragraph 1 above, as offset by the amount in paragraph 4, and, in this regard, requested that Parties be notified of the amount of their contributions by 1 August of the year preceding the year in which the contributions are due;	Superseded by subsequent decisions.  Could be retired.
15. Urged all Parties and States not Parties to the Convention, as well as governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and other sources, to contribute to the trust funds (BY, BE, BZ) of the	Of continuing relevance and effect.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
Convention;	
16. Took note of the funding estimates for the Special Voluntary Trust Fund (BE) for Additional Voluntary Contributions in Support of Approved Activities for the Biennium 2001-2002 specified by the Executive Secretary and included in table 3 below, and urged Parties to make contributions to this Fund;	Superseded by subsequent decisions. Could be retired.
17. Took note of the funding estimates for the special voluntary Trust Fund (BZ) for facilitating participation of developing country Parties, in particular the least developed and the small island developing States amongst them, and other Parties with economies in transition, for the biennium 2001-2002, as specified by the Executive Secretary and included in table 4 below, and urged Parties to make contributions to this Fund;	Superseded by subsequent decisions. Could be retired.
18. Authorized the Executive Secretary, in consultation with the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties, to adjust the servicing of the programme of the work, including postponement of meetings, if sufficient resources are not available to the Secretariat in a timely fashion;	Of continuing relevance and effect.
19. Requested the Executive Secretary to prepare and submit a budget for the programme of work for the biennium 2003-2004 for the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, and report on income and budget performance as well as any adjustments made to the Convention budget for the biennium 2001-2002;	Implemented. Two reports were submitted to the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting (UNEP/CBD/COP/6/10) and (UNEP/CBD/COP/6/16). Could be retired.
20. Instructed the Executive Secretary, in an effort to improve the efficiency of the Secretariat and to attract highly qualified staff to the Secretariat, to enter into direct administrative and contractual arrangements with Parties and organizations - in response to offers of human resources and other support to the Secretariat - as may be necessary for the effective discharge of the functions of the Secretariat, while ensuring the efficient use of available competencies, resources and services, and taking into account United Nations rules and regulations. Special attention should be given to possibilities of creating synergies with relevant, existing work programmes or activities that are being implemented within the framework of other international organizations;	Of continuing relevance and effect.
21. Requested the President of the Conference of the Parties to consult with the Secretary-General of the United Nations on an assessment of the level of the post of the Executive Secretary of the Convention and report to the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties, taking into account paragraph 1 of the Administrative Arrangements endorsed in decision IV/17.	Implemented. Could be retired.

**DECISION V/23 – CONSIDERATION OF OPTIONS FOR CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE USE OF BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY IN DRYLAND, MEDITERRANEAN, ARID, SEMI-ARID, GRASSLAND AND SAVANNAH ECOSYSTEMS**

*Overview of the Decision*

This decision contains the programme of work on dry and sub-humid lands.

*Overall Assessment & Action by the Conference of the Parties*

An in-depth review of this programme of work is scheduled for COP-8. Most of the elements of the decision are therefore of continuing relevance and effect. Paragraphs 6-8 have been implemented and could be retired.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
<p>The Conference of the Parties,</p> <p>1. Established a programme of work on the biological diversity of dryland, Mediterranean, arid, semi-arid, grassland, and savannah ecosystems, which may also be known as the programme on “dry and sub-humid lands”, bearing in mind the close linkages between poverty and loss of biological diversity in these areas;</p>	<p>Of continuing relevance and effect.</p>
<p>2. Endorsed the programme of work contained in annex I to the present decision;</p>	<p>Of continuing relevance and effect.</p>
<p>3. Urged Parties, countries, international and regional organizations, major groups and other relevant bodies to implement it, to support scientifically, technically and financially its activities at the national and regional levels and to foster cooperation among countries within regions and subregions sharing similar biomes;</p>	<p>Of continuing relevance and effect.</p>
<p>4. Endorsed the indicative list of levels of implementation and coordination for the various activities which are proposed in annex II, and the process described in the paragraphs 5, 6 and 7 below, and illustrated in annex III;</p>	<p>Of continuing relevance and effect.</p>
<p>5. Requests the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice to review and assess periodically the status and trends of the biological diversity of dry and sub-humid lands on the basis of the outputs of the activities of the programme of work, and made recommendations for the further prioritization, refinement and scheduling of the programme of work based on the review by the Executive Secretary referred to in paragraph 8 below;</p>	<p>Of continuing relevance and effect.</p>
<p>6. Requested the Executive Secretary to review this programme of work and identify expected outcomes, further activities to achieve these outcomes, those who should implement these activities, and timetables for action and follow-up, taking into account the suggestions of the technical group of experts, and to present these to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice for consideration at a following meeting. This process should be carried out in close collaboration with the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification and other relevant bodies to provide synergy and avoid duplication;</p>	<p>The report of the AHTEG was submitted to COP 6 (see UNEP/CBD/COP/6/INF/39).</p> <p>The Executive Secretary undertook a review of the programme of work in collaboration with UNCCD through a liaison group and presented a report to SBSTTA 7 (see UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/7/4).</p> <p>Could be retired.</p>
<p>7. Requested the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice to establish an ad hoc technical</p>	<p>The report of the AHTEG was submitted to COP 6 (see UNEP/CBD/COP/6/INF/39).</p>

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
<p>group of experts with the following tasks:            (a) Consolidate and assess information on the status and trends of biodiversity of dry and sub-humid lands, on the possible establishment of an international network of dry and sub-humid areas of particular value for biodiversity, on indicators, on processes affecting biodiversity, on global benefits derived from biodiversity, and on the socio-economic impacts of its loss, including the interrelationship between biodiversity and poverty;            (b) Assess the progress and the effects of the specific measures that have been taken for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, for resource management and for the support of sustainable livelihoods;            (c) Assess international priorities set up at the regional and global levels and make proposals for expected outcomes, further activities, possible actors that may implement them, and timetables for action;</p>	<p>Could be retired.</p>
<p>8. Requested the Executive Secretary to collaborate with the Secretariat of the Convention to Combat Desertification, including through the development of a joint work programme, drawing upon the elements contained in the note by the Executive Secretary on coordination between the Convention on Biological diversity and the Convention to Combat Desertification (UNEP/CBD/COP/5/INF/15), as well as with other relevant bodies, in the implementation and further elaboration of the programme of work and further requested the Executive Secretary to seek inputs from and collaborate with countries with sub-humid lands, and with other bodies relevant to sub-humid lands;</p>	<p>A joint work programme was agreed with UNCCD (see UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/7/4).             Could be retired.</p>
<p>9. Requested the Executive Secretary to establish a roster of experts on the biological diversity of dry and sub-humid lands. This should be carried out in close collaboration with the Executive Secretary of the Convention to Combat Desertification and other relevant bodies to provide synergy and avoid duplication;</p>	<p>Implemented but of continuing relevance and effect.</p>
<p>10. Requested the Executive Secretary to make available relevant information on the biological diversity of dry and sub-humid lands through various means, including the development in the clearing-house mechanism of a database on dry and sub-humid lands;</p>	<p>Of continuing relevance and effect</p>
<p>11. Invited bilateral and international funding agencies to provide support for the implementation of the activities of the programme of work on the biodiversity of dry and sub-humid lands, in particular for capacity-building in developing countries and countries with economies in transition.</p>	<p>Of continuing relevance and effect</p>

## DECISION V/24: SUSTAINABLE USE AS A CROSS-CUTTING ISSUE

### *Overview of the decision*

The decision addresses sustainable use as a cross-cutting issue, establishing a framework for information gathering and exchange on case studies on best practices and capacity-building initiatives to implement sustainable use practices, programmes and policies at regional, national and local levels.

*Overall assessment and possible action by the Conference of the Parties*

Several elements of the decision are of continuing relevance. These could be consolidated with other subsequent decisions on sustainable use.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
<p>The Conference of the Parties,</p> <p>1. Requested the Executive Secretary to invite organizations involved in sustainable-use initiatives, and other relevant organizations, to gather, compile and disseminate through the clearing-house mechanism and other means, case-studies on best practices and lessons learned from the use of biological diversity under the thematic areas of the Convention, drawing on the experience of Parties, Governments, relevant organizations, the private sector and indigenous and local communities;</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>2. Commended to the Executive Secretary the process being used to develop the ecosystem approach and requests him, together with relevant organizations, to adapt and immediately initiate that process for relevant work on sustainable use;</p>	<p>The process has been applied in the four workshops on sustainable use (see decision VI/13).  Could be retired.</p>
<p>3. Requested the Executive Secretary to assemble, in collaboration with relevant organizations, drawing from an assessment of the case-studies referred to in paragraph 1 above, and the process referred to in paragraph 2 above, practical principles, operational guidelines and associated instruments, and guidance specific to sectors and biomes, which would assist Parties and Governments to develop ways to achieve the sustainable use of biological diversity, within the framework of the ecosystem approach, and to present a progress report for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice prior to the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;</p>	<p>Progress report prepared and presented at SBSTTA-9 (see document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/9).  Could be retired</p>
<p>4. Invited Parties and Governments to identify indicators and incentive measures for sectors relevant to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity;</p>	<p>Ongoing.  Indicators were identified during the four workshops on sustainable use. But Parties may want to continue to work on new indicators.</p>
<p>5. Invited Parties, Governments and relevant organizations to undertake appropriate actions to assist other Parties, especially developing countries and countries with economies in transition, to increase their capacity to implement sustainable-use practices, programmes and policies at regional, national and local levels, especially in pursuit of poverty alleviation. Appropriate actions may include: (a) Workshops; (b) Assistance to Parties in the identification of sectors where priority action is required; (c) Assistance to Parties in the development of appropriate action plans; (d) Information dissemination and appropriate technology transfer under mutually agreed terms;</p>	<p>Ongoing.  Four workshops were organized by the Secretariat with financial assistance from the Governments of the Netherlands and Norway.  Part b, c and d are still valid.</p>
<p>6. Urged Parties, Governments and organizations to develop or explore mechanisms to involve the private sector and indigenous and local communities in initiatives on the sustainable use of biological diversity, and in mechanisms to ensure that indigenous and local communities benefit from</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p>

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
such sustainable use;	
7. Recognized that sustainable use can be an effective tool in imbuing value to biodiversity, and invites Parties to identify areas for conservation that would benefit through the sustainable use of biological diversity, and to communicate this information to the Executive Secretary	Ongoing.

## DECISION V/25: BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY AND TOURISM

### *Overview of the decision*

The decision endorses an assessment of the inter-linkages between biological diversity and tourism developed by SBSTTA in its recommendation IV/7 and provides guidance to Parties, Governments, relevant international organizations and stakeholders on the implementation of policies, programmes and activities in the field of sustainable tourism.

### *Overall assessment and possible action by the Conference of the Parties*

The assessment of inter-linkages remains valid. The guidance to Parties, Governments, international organizations and stakeholders has been superseded by decision VII/14 which adopted the Guidelines on Biodiversity and Tourism Development. The elements of the decision dealing with guidance could be retired by the Conference of the Parties.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
The Conference of the Parties, 1. Endorsed the assessment of the inter-linkages between biological diversity and tourism contained in the annex to the present decision, which includes: (a) The economic importance of tourism and its interrelationship with the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity; (b) The potential impacts of tourism on biological diversity, including economic, social and environmental impacts;	The assessment remains valid and should be consolidated with other decisions. ---
2. Accepted the invitation to participate in the international work programme on sustainable tourism development under the Commission on Sustainable Development process with regard to biological diversity, in particular, with a view to contributing to international guidelines for activities related to sustainable tourism development in vulnerable terrestrial, marine and coastal ecosystems and habitats of major importance for biological diversity and protected areas, including fragile riparian and mountain ecosystems, bearing in mind the need for such guidelines to apply to activities both within and outside protected areas, and taking into account existing guidelines, and requests the Executive Secretary to prepare a proposal for the contribution on guidelines, for example by convening an international workshop;	The CBD participated in the CSD process.  Workshop was organized and the guidelines developed. COP-7 adopted the CBD Guidelines on Biodiversity and Tourism Development.  Could be retired.
3. Decided to transmit the assessment of the inter-linkages between tourism and biological diversity to the Commission on Sustainable Development, with the recommendation to the Commission on Sustainable Development to incorporate the	Assessment was transmitted to CSD.  Could be retired

assessment in the international work programme on sustainable tourism development;	
<p>4. Recommended to Parties, Governments, the tourism industry and relevant international organizations, in particular the World Tourism Organization, to consider this assessment as a basis for their policies, programmes and activities in the field of sustainable tourism, and encourages them to pay particular attention to:</p> <p>a) The unique role of ecotourism - that is, tourism that relies on the existence and maintenance of biological diversity and habitats - and the need to develop clear strategies to develop sustainable ecotourism sectors which provides for full and effective participation and viable income-generating opportunities for indigenous and local communities;</p> <p>(b) The need to develop, with all the potential stakeholders, strategies and plans, based on the ecosystem approach and aiming at a balance between economic, social, cultural and environmental concerns, while maximizing opportunities for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, the equitable sharing of benefits and the recognition of traditional knowledge, in accordance with Article 8(j) of the Convention, and seeking to minimize risks to biological diversity;</p> <p>(c) The need for long-term monitoring and assessment, including the development and use of indicators to measure impacts of tourism on biological diversity and consequently to improve strategies and plans for tourism activities;</p> <p>(d) Tangible benefits to the local economies, such as job creation and the sharing of benefits arising from the sustainable use of biological diversity for tourism purposes. In this regard, small and medium-sized enterprises can play a major role;</p> <p>(e) The need to develop sustainable tourism which is an important mechanism for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, and to meet the expectations of all stakeholders, while encouraging responsible behaviour on the part of tourists and the tourist industry, tourism enterprises and the local population;</p> <p>(f) Awareness-raising, information-sharing, education and training of tourism operators and their staff and sensitization of tourists on biological diversity issues and technical and capacity-building at the local level, which enhance the goal of the respect and the conservation of biological diversity and its sustainable use;</p> <p>(g) The fact that in order to contribute to the sustainable use of biological diversity through tourism, there is a need to implement a flexible mix of instruments, such as integrated planning, multi-stakeholder dialogue that includes indigenous peoples, zoning in land-use planning, environmental impact assessment, strategic environmental assessment, standards, industry performance-recognition programmes, recognized accreditation bodies, ecolabelling, codes of good practice, environmental management and audit systems, economic instruments, indicators and limits regarding the carrying capacity of the natural areas;</p> <p>(h) The importance of the involvement and the need for the participation of indigenous and local communities and their interface with other sectors in the development and management of tourism, as well as their monitoring and assessment, including of cultural and spiritual impacts;</p> <p>(i) The importance of the understanding of the values and knowledge of use of biological diversity held by the indigenous</p>	<p>Assessment and recommendations were transmitted to relevant organizations.</p> <p>This guidance has been superseded by decision VII/14.</p> <p>Could be retired.</p>

and local communities and the opportunities these offer for sustainable tourism and the support of local tourism;	
5. Endorsed the work of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice on tourism as an example of sustainable use of biological diversity by exchanging experiences, knowledge and best practices through the clearing-house mechanism, and encourages Parties, Governments and relevant organizations to continue to submit to the Executive Secretary case-studies in this regard;	Ongoing.
6. In order to contribute further to the international work programme on sustainable tourism development under the Commission on Sustainable Development process with regard to biological diversity, and, in particular, to the review of its implementation, which will be carried out in 2002, requests the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice to transmit its findings, through the Executive Secretary, to the Commission on Sustainable Development at its tenth session;	The first draft of the guidelines were transmitted to and considered by CSD-10.  Could be retired.
7. Encouraged Parties, Governments, the tourism industry and relevant organizations to undertake activities including local capacity-building, that would be supportive of the preparations for both the International Year of Ecotourism and the International Year of Mountains, as well as activities of the International Coral Reef Initiative, and in particular: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Urges the tourism industry to work in partnership with all stakeholders and to commit to work within principles and guidelines for sustainable tourism development;</li> <li>(b) Encourages Parties and Governments to complement voluntary efforts by establishing enabling policies and legal frameworks for the effective implementation of sustainable tourism.</li> </ul>	Activities were undertaken at the time of the two events.  Decision VII/14 contains relevant provisions on capacity-building.  Could be retired

## DECISION V/26: ACCESS TO GENETIC RESOURCES

### *Overview of the decision*

The decision establishes an Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing; examines the relationship between IPRS and the TRIPS Agreement and the CBD; and addresses the issue of *ex situ* collections acquired prior to the entry into force of the CBD.

### *Overall assessment and possible action by the Conference of the Parties*

A number of elements of this decision remain relevant and should be consolidated with other decisions on access and benefit-sharing. Paragraphs A7-10; A15; B3-4; C1-3 and 5 could be retired.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
<b>A. Access and benefit-sharing arrangements</b>	
The Conference of the Parties,  1. Requested Parties to designate a national focal point and one or more competent national authorities, as appropriate, to be	As of February 2005, 41 Parties had nominated ABS NFPs and 2 Parties had nominated ABS CNAs. Process is ongoing.

responsible for access and benefit-sharing arrangements or to provide information on such arrangements within its jurisdiction;	
2. Requested Parties to notify the Executive Secretary of the names and addresses of its focal points and competent authorities;	Ongoing
3. Urged Parties to ensure that national biodiversity strategies as well as legislative, administrative or policy measures on access and benefit-sharing contribute to conservation and sustainable-use objectives;	Ongoing.
4. Recognizing the importance for Parties to promote trust-building and transparency in order to facilitate the exchange of genetic resources, particularly with regard to the implementation of Article 15 of the Convention: (a) Urged Parties to pay particular attention to their obligations under Articles 15, 16 and 19 of the Convention, and requests them to report to the Conference of the Parties on the measures they have taken to this effect; (b) Noted that legislative, administrative or policy measures for access and benefit-sharing need to promote flexibility, while recognizing the need for sufficient regulation of access to genetic resources to promote the objectives of the Convention; (c) Noted that all countries are providers and recipients of genetic resources, and urges recipient countries to adopt, appropriate to national circumstances, legislative, administrative or policy measures consistent with the objectives of the Convention that are supportive of efforts made by provider countries to ensure that access to their genetic resources for scientific, commercial and other uses, and associated knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities embodying traditional lifestyles relevant to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, as appropriate, is subject to Articles 15, 16 and 19 of the Convention, unless otherwise determined by that provider country; (d) Recognizing the complexity of this issue, with particular consideration of the multiplicity of prior informed consent considerations, invited Parties to cooperate further to find practical and equitable solutions to this issue;	Of continuing relevance and effect.
5. Noted that the promotion of a comprehensive legal and administrative system may facilitate access to and use of genetic resources and contribute to mutually agreed terms in line with the aims of the Convention;	Of continuing relevance and effect
6. Noted that, in the absence of comprehensive legislation and national strategies for access and benefit-sharing, voluntary measures, including guidelines, may help ensure realization of the objectives of the Convention, and to that end invites the Parties to consider promotion of their use;	Promotion of guidelines, in particular the implementation of the Bonn Guidelines is still relevant.
7. Stresses that it is important that, in developing national legislation on access, Parties take into account and allow for the development of a multilateral system to facilitate access and benefit-sharing in the context of the International Undertaking on Plant Genetic Resources, which is currently being revised.	The International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture was adopted on 3 November 2001.  This paragraph could be retired.
8. Noted the report of the Chairman of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (UNEP/CBD/COP/5/INF/12)	The International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture was adopted on 3 November 2001.

<p>and urges the Commission to finalize its work as soon as possible. The International Undertaking is envisaged to play a crucial role in the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity. The Conference of the Parties affirmed its willingness to consider a decision by the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations that the International Undertaking become a legally binding instrument with strong links to both the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the Convention on Biological Diversity, and called upon Parties to coordinate their positions in both forums;</p>	<p>Could be retired.</p>
<p>9. Noted the common understandings of the Panel of Experts on Access and Benefit-sharing with respect to prior informed consent and mutually agreed terms as contained in paragraphs 156 to 165 of its report (UNEP/CBD/COP/5/8);</p>	<p>Could be retired.</p>
<p>10. Decided to reconvene the Panel of Experts on Access and Benefit-sharing with a concrete mandate and agenda. The Panel will conduct further work on outstanding issues from its first meeting, especially:</p> <p>(a) Assessment of user and provider experience in access to genetic resources and benefit-sharing and study of complementary options;</p> <p>(b) Identification of approaches to involvement of stakeholders in access to genetic resources and benefit-sharing processes; and will include additional expertise. The Panel will submit its report to the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing referred to in paragraph 11 below;</p>	<p>The Panel of Experts was held in March 2001 and fulfilled its mandate.</p> <p>This paragraph could be retired.</p>
<p>11. Decided to establish an Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group, composed of representatives, including experts, nominated by Governments and regional economic integration organizations, with the mandate to develop guidelines and other approaches for submission to the Conference of the Parties and to assist Parties and stakeholders in addressing the following elements as relevant to access to genetic resources and benefit-sharing, inter alia: terms for prior informed consent and mutually agreed terms; roles, responsibilities and participation of stakeholders; relevant aspects relating to in situ and ex situ conservation and sustainable use; mechanisms for benefit-sharing, for example through technology transfer and joint research and development; and means to ensure the respect, preservation and maintenance of knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities embodying traditional lifestyles relevant for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, taking into account, inter alia, work by the World Intellectual Property Organization on intellectual property rights issues. The above-mentioned elements should, in particular, serve as inputs when developing and drafting:</p> <p>(a) Legislative, administrative or policy measures on access and benefit-sharing; and (b) Contracts or other arrangements under mutually agreed terms for access and benefit-sharing.</p> <p>The results of the deliberations of the Working Group, including draft guidelines and other approaches, shall be submitted for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting. The work of the Working Group shall take into account the reports of the Panel of Experts on Access and Benefit-sharing and other</p>	<p>The Working Group was held in October 2001 and developed the first draft of the Bonn Guidelines on ABS. The Guidelines were adopted by COP 6 (see decision VI/24). Decision VI/24 reconvened the Working Group.</p> <p>Although the Working Group discharged its initial mandate, this paragraph constitutes the legislative basis of the Working Group and defines its <i>modus operandi</i>. It should therefore be consolidated with other relevant decisions.</p>

<p>relevant information. The Working Group will be open to the participation of indigenous and local communities, non-governmental organizations, industry and scientific and academic institutions, as well as intergovernmental organizations. The Working Group shall maintain communication and exchange of information with the Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity. In order to build capacity for access and benefit-sharing, the Open-ended Working Group shall consider issues of capacity-building, including those needs identified in paragraphs 14 (a), (b), (c) and (d) below;</p>	
<p>12. Noted that information is a critical aspect of providing the necessary parity of bargaining power for stakeholders in access and benefit-sharing arrangements, and that, in this respect, there is a particular need for more information regarding: (a) User institutions; (b) The market for genetic resources; (c) Non-monetary benefits; (d) New and emerging mechanisms for benefit-sharing; (e) Incentive measures; (f) Clarification of definitions; (g) Sui generis systems; and (h) "Intermediaries";</p>	<p>Of continuing relevance and effect. Further information on these issues may still be useful. Ongoing</p>
<p>13. Requested the Executive Secretary to compile the information referred to in paragraph 12 above and disseminate it through the clearing-house mechanism and relevant meetings, and requests Parties and organizations to provide such information to assist the Executive Secretary;</p>	<p>Information made available to the Secretariat has been disseminated on a regular basis, through the CHM and relevant meetings. Ongoing</p>
<p>14. Noted that further development of capacities regarding all aspects of access and benefit-sharing arrangements is required for all stakeholders, including local governments, academic institutions, and indigenous and local communities, and that key capacity-building needs include:</p> <p>(a) Assessment and inventory of biological resources as well as information management; (b) Contract negotiation skills; (c) Legal drafting skills for development of access and benefit-sharing measures; (d) Means for the protection of traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources;</p>	<p>Of continuing relevance and effect.</p>
<p>15. Noting that the Panel of Experts on Access and Benefit-sharing was not able to come to any conclusions about the role of intellectual property rights in the implementation of access and benefit-sharing arrangements, and that the Panel developed a list of specific issues that require further study (UNEP/CBD/COP/5/8, paras. 127-138):</p>	<p>These issues were examined in document UNEP/CBD/EP-ABS/2/2 in preparation for the second meeting of the Panel of Experts held in March 2001 and in document UNEP/CBD/WG-ABS/1/4 for the meeting of the Working Group on ABS held in October 2001.</p> <p>This paragraph could be retired.</p>
<p>15. (a) Invited Parties and relevant organizations to submit to the Executive Secretary information on these issues by 31 December 2000;</p>	<p>Implemented (see UNEP/CBD/EP-ABS/2/2 and UNEP/CBD/WG-ABS/1/4) Could be retired.</p>
<p>15. (b) Requested the Executive Secretary, on the basis of these submissions and other relevant material, to make available for the second meeting of the Panel, or the first meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group, a report on these specific issues;</p>	<p>Implemented (see UNEP/CBD/EP-ABS/2/2 and UNEP/CBD/WG-ABS/1/4) Could be retired.</p>

<p>15. (c) Recalled recommendation 3 of the Inter-Sessional Meeting on the Operations of the Convention, and requests the Executive Secretary to prepare his report in consultation with, inter alia, the Secretariat of the World Intellectual Property Organization;</p>	<p>Implemented (see UNEP/CBD/EP-ABS/2/2 and UNEP/CBD/WG-ABS/1/4) Could be retired.</p>
<p>15. (d) Invited relevant international organizations, including the World Intellectual Property Organization, to analyse issues of intellectual property rights as they relate to access to genetic resources and benefit-sharing, including the provision of information on the origin of genetic resources, if known, when submitting applications for intellectual property rights, including patents;</p>	<p>Superseded by decisions VI/24 and VII/19 which provided further guidance to WIPO on this work.  The WIPO Secretariat has been carrying out substantive analytical work on these issues, in response to invitations by COP 6 and COP 7.  This paragraph could be retired.</p>
<p>15. (e) Requested relevant international organizations, for example, the World Intellectual Property Organization and the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants, in their work on intellectual property rights issues, to take due account of relevant provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity, including the impact of intellectual property rights on the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, and in particular the value of knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities embodying traditional lifestyles relevant for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity;</p>	<p>Superseded by COP decision VII/19, Annex, E, paragraphs 8 and 9 (Access and Benefit-sharing as related to genetic resources)  Could be retired.</p>
<p>15. (f) Requested the Executive Secretary to explore experience and possibilities for synergistic interactions resulting from collaboration in research, joint development and the transfer of technology following access to genetic resources.</p>	<p>Superseded by decisions VII/29 on technology transfer and the programme of work on technology transfer.  Could be retired.</p>
<p align="center"><b>B. The relationship between intellectual property rights and the relevant provisions of the Agreement on Trade-related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights and the Convention on Biological Diversity</b></p>	
<p>The Conference of the Parties,  1. Reaffirmed the importance of systems such as sui generis and others for the protection of traditional knowledge of indigenous and local communities and the equitable sharing of benefits arising from its use to meet the provisions of the Convention, taking into account the ongoing work on Article 8(j) and related provisions;</p>	<p>Of continuing relevance and effect.</p>
<p>2. Invited the World Trade Organization to acknowledge relevant provisions of the Convention and to take into account the fact that the provisions of the Agreement on Trade-related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights and the Convention on Biological Diversity are interrelated and to further explore this interrelationship;</p>	<p>Of continuing relevance and effect</p>
<p>3. Requested the Executive Secretary to transmit the present decision to the secretariats of the World Trade Organization and the World Intellectual Property Organization, for use by appropriate bodies of these organizations, and to endeavour to undertake further cooperation and consultation with these organizations;</p>	<p>The decision was transmitted to the WTO and WIPO through communications dated 4 July 2000 and 27 June 2000 respectively.  <a href="#">Could be retired.</a></p>
<p>4. Renewed its request to the Executive Secretary of the Convention to apply for observer status on the Council for the Trade-related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights, and requests him to report back to the Conference of the Parties on his efforts.</p>	<p>The request was renewed without success as of February 2005.  Superseded by paragraph 1 of decision</p>

	VI/24D Could be retired.
<b>C. Ex situ collections acquired prior to the entry into force of the Convention and not addressed by the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture</b>	
The Conference of the Parties	
1. Decided to continue the information-gathering exercise on ex situ collections acquired prior to the entry into force of the Convention and not addressed by the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations initiated by decision IV/8;	An International Review of the <i>ex situ</i> Plant Collections of the Botanic Gardens of the World: Reviewing the Plant Genetic Resource Collections of Botanic Gardens Worldwide, was prepared by Botanic Gardens Conservation International with the support of the Government of the United Kingdom and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity.  Could be retired.
2. Requested the Executive Secretary to gather available information of the type described in the annexes to the present decision, as appropriate, from Parties, Governments and relevant organizations and forums through questionnaires;	Implemented.  Could be retired.
3. Invited relevant organizations and forums already involved in consideration of these issues to provide this information to the Executive Secretary	Implemented.  Could be retired
4. Invited Parties, Governments and other organizations to provide capacity-building and technology development and transfer for the maintenance and utilization of ex situ collections;	Of continuing relevance and effect.
5. Requested the Executive Secretary to report to the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting on the implementation of the present decision.	Status of implementation of decision V/26 was reported in document UNEP/CBD/COP/6/19 prepared for COP 6.  Could be retired.

## **DECISION V/27: CONTRIBUTION OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY TO THE TEN-YEAR REVIEW OF PROGRESS ACHIEVED SINCE THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT**

### *Overview of the decision*

The decision provides for the participation of the CBD in the ten-year review of progress in the implementation of the outcome of UNCED.

### *Overall assessment and possible action by the Conference of the Parties*

The CBD participated effectively in the preparatory process of the WSSD. The Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting adopted a message to the WSSD which was transmitted both to the fourth preparatory committee and the Johannesburg Summit (decision VI/21). This decision could be retired in its entirety.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
The Conference of the Parties,  1. Welcomed General Assembly resolution 54/218, in which the General Assembly, inter alia, invited the secretariat of the Convention to provide reports on how its activities are contributing	Could be retired.

to the implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21, for the consideration of the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session,	
2. Also welcomed the invitation of the Commission on Sustainable Development extended to secretariats of UNCED-related conventions to support preparatory activities of the ten-year review, and to review and assess their respective programmes of work since United Nations Conference on Environment and Development;	Could be retired.
3. Requested the Executive Secretary to support such preparatory activities and, in particular, to report to the Commission on Sustainable Development on progress made in the implementation of the Convention;	Could be retired
4. Encouraged Parties, Governments and countries to highlight and emphasize biological diversity considerations in their contributions to the ten-year review.	Could be retired.

### **DECISION V/28: TRIBUTE TO THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF KENYA**

#### *Overview of the decision*

The decision expresses the gratitude of the Conference of the Parties to the Government and People of Kenya for hosting the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

#### *Overall assessment and possible action by the Conference of the Parties*

The decision has only historical value and can be retired.

### **DECISION V/29: DATE AND VENUE OF THE SIXTH MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES**

#### *Overview of the decision*

The decision provides for a venue and date for the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties

#### *Overall assessment and possible action by the Conference of the Parties*

The decision has only of historical value. The Conference of the Parties may wish to retire it.

<b>CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION</b>	<b>STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION</b>
The Conference of the Parties,	
1. Welcomed the kind offer of the Government of the Netherlands to host the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;	Only of historical value and could be retired.
2. Decided that the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties will take place in The Hague, the Netherlands, at a date to be specified by the Bureau, in the second quarter of 2002, and communicated to all Parties.	COP 6 took place in The Hague, The Netherlands, from 7-19 April 2002.

## **B. DECISIONS FROM THE SIXTH MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES**

### **DECISION VI/1: INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY**

#### *Overview of the decision*

This decision mainly authorizes the convening of a meeting of the ICCP for a third time, beyond what was envisaged in the work plan adopted by decision EM-I/3 of the extraordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties earlier. It also provides guidance on how and when should the first meeting of

COP-MOP be organized taking into account different scenarios that depend on the date when the Protocol enters into force.

*Overall assessment and possible action by the Conference of the Parties*

ICCP had its third meeting back to back with the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. It eventually ceased to exist after accomplishing the purpose for which it was established upon the convening of the first meeting of COP-MOP that took place in conjunction with the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The decision, except for the element dealing with the rules of procedure, has only historical significance.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
<p>The Conference of the Parties,</p> <p>1. Endorses the decision of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties regarding the authorization of the convening of a third meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety back-to-back with the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;</p>	<p>The meeting took place back to back with the sixth meeting of the COP</p> <p>Has only historical value. Hence it could be retired</p>
<p>2. Welcomes the kind invitation of the Government of the Netherlands to host the third meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety in The Hague from 22 to 26 April 2002;</p>	<p>The meeting took place back to back with the sixth meeting of the COP</p> <p>Could be retired.</p>
<p>3. Requests the Executive Secretary:</p> <p>(a) In the event that the Protocol enters into force within one year of the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, to convene the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol in conjunction with an extraordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties, no later than eight months after the entry into force of the Protocol and taking into account that adequate preparations for the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol may require at least six months;</p> <p>(b) In the event that the Protocol enters into force more than one year after the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties but before the seventh meeting, to convene the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol in conjunction with the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties, pursuant to paragraph 6 of Article 29 of the Protocol, taking into account that adequate preparations for the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties may require at least six months;</p>	<p>Implemented. The first meeting of COP-MOP was convened in conjunction with COP 7</p> <p>Could be retired.</p>
<p>4. Decides that, in the event that the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol cannot be held in conjunction with an extraordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties between the sixth and seventh regular meetings of the Conference of the Parties, further meetings of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety may be convened for preparations of the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties, and, to this end, requests the Executive Secretary, in consultation with the</p>	<p>The first meeting of COP-MOP was convened in conjunction with COP 7</p>

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
bureaux of the Conference of the Parties and of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, to keep the situation under review and make appropriate arrangements in this regard;	
5. Invites Parties and States to make contributions for the supplementary budget for biosafety to the Special Voluntary Trust Fund (BE) for Additional Voluntary Contributions in support of any inter-sessional activities and the meetings of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety referred to in paragraph 4 above;	Superseded by decisions of COP/MOP 1 Could be retired.
6. Urges Parties to renew efforts to facilitate agreement on paragraph 1 of rule 40 of the rules of procedure for meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, in light of potential implications for the effective operation of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol;	Agreement has not been reached on paragraph 1 of rule 40. The call remains valid.
7. Urged Parties to designate national focal points and competent national authorities as per Article 19.2 of the Protocol.	This is a call, which gets a positive response by Parties from time to time. But since the Protocol has already entered into force and such designation is a requirement of the Protocol, and also similar call has already made by COP-MOP at its first meeting this paragraph could be retired.

## DECISION VI/2: BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY OF INLAND WATERS

### *Overview of the decision*

The decision reviews progress in the implementation of the programme of work on biological diversity of inland water ecosystems and addresses the need for enhanced cooperation with the Ramsar Convention.

### *Overall assessment and possible action by the Conference of the Parties*

A new programme of work was adopted at COP 7 (decision VII/4). Elements of the decision dealing with the programme of work should be retired: i.e. paragraphs 1-3. The elements of the decision dealing with cooperation with Ramsar should be consolidated with other decisions.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
The Conference of the Parties,  1. Welcomed the progress made in the implementation of the programme of work on biological diversity of inland water ecosystems, and of the second joint work plan with the Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar, Iran, 1971), including the River Basin Initiative;	A revised programme of work was adopted at COP 7 (decision VII/4) and a third joint work plan with Ramsar endorsed by decision VI/20.  Could be retired.
2. Took note of the report of the World Commission on Dams, issued in November 2000, in regard to the implementation of the programme of work on biological diversity of inland water ecosystems;	Report considered during the revision of the POW (decision VII/4) Could be retired.
3. Emphasized the importance of review and elaboration of the programme of work on biological diversity of inland water ecosystems, as outlined in the progress report of the Executive Secretary on thematic programmes of work <sup>(1)</sup> , and of the implementation of activity 11 of programme of work on the Global Taxonomy Initiative;	POW review completed and a revised POW adopted (VII/4)  Could be retired.
4. Recognizing the importance of the River Basin Initiative for	Ongoing.

implementation of the programme of work on biological diversity of inland water ecosystems and application of the ecosystem approach, requested the Executive Secretary to strengthen collaboration with the Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar, Iran, 1971) on the implementation of the River Basin Initiative;	
5. Requested the Executive Secretary and Bureau of the Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar, Iran, 1971) to facilitate the implementation of the third work plan with the Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar, Iran, 1971), as endorsed by the Conference of the Parties in its decision VI/20 C, on cooperation with the Convention on Wetlands;	Ongoing
6. Urged the Global Environment Facility, other funding institutions, and development agencies to provide financial support for implementation of the programme of work on the biological diversity of inland water ecosystems as well as the River Basin Initiative.	Ongoing

### DECISION VI/3: MARINE AND COASTAL BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

#### *Overview of the decision*

The decision reviews progress in the implementation of the programme of work on marine and coastal biodiversity, including the work plan on coral bleaching.

#### *Overall assessment and possible action by the Conference of the Parties*

The decision has been superseded by decision VII/5 which reviewed the POW and adopted an elaborated POW on marine and coastal biological diversity. This decision should be retired.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
<p>The Conference of the Parties,</p> <p>1. Took note of the progress made in the implementation of the programme of work on marine and coastal biological diversity, including the integration of coral reefs into programme element 2 of the programme of work, as endorsed by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice in its recommendation VI/2;</p>	<p>Could be retired.</p>
<p>2. Requested the Executive Secretary to continue facilitating the implementation of the specific work plan on coral bleaching as contained in annex II to recommendation VI/2 of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the work plan on physical degradation and destruction of coral reefs as contained in annex I thereto, setting priorities as appropriate, with special emphasis on small island developing States and the least developed States, in active collaboration with the International Coral Reef Initiative and its partners, the regional seas programmes of the United Nations Environment Programme, the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, and other relevant organizations;</p>	<p>This is being done through implementation of decision VII/5 and its annexes.</p> <p>Could be retired.</p>
<p>3. Invited the Executive Secretary to continue developing further</p>	<p>This is being done through</p>

the work plan on physical degradation and destruction of coral reefs as contained in annex I to recommendation VI/2 of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice;	implementation of decision VII/5 and its annexes.  Could be retired.
4. Invited the Executive Secretary to strengthen collaboration with regional seas conventions and action plans;	This is being done through implementation of decision VII/5 and its annexes.  Could be retired.
5. Recognized the need for support through the financial mechanism to developing country Parties, in particular the least developed and small island developing States among them, for country-driven activities aimed at enhancing capabilities to address the impacts of mortality related to coral bleaching and physical degradation and destruction of coral reefs, including developing rapid response capabilities to implement measures to address coral-reef degradation, mortality and subsequent recovery.	Superseded by decision VII/5 which addresses related capacity-building issues and decision VII/20 which provides guidance to the financial mechanism regarding the implementation of the POW.  Could be retired.

## DECISION VI/4 –BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY OF DRY AND SUB-HUMID LANDS

### *Overview of the decision*

This decision reviews progress made in the implementation of the programme of work on dry and sub-humid lands

### *Overall Assessment & Action by the Conference of the Parties*

Elements of the decision have either been fully implemented or superseded by decision VII/2 adopted at COP 7. The decision could be retired.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
The Conference of the Parties,  1. Took note of the progress reports on the implementation of the programme of work on the biodiversity of dry and sub-humid lands prepared by the Executive Secretary and the report of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on the Biodiversity of Dry and Sub-Humid Lands	No action required.  Could be retired
2. Requested the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with the secretariats of relevant conventions, to prepare a proposal for the development of a mechanism to coordinate activities in these areas, and for linking and ensuring integration of the national biodiversity strategies and action plans under the Convention on Biological Diversity and the national action programmes under the Convention to Combat Desertification;	Implemented  Considered by SBSTTA in document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/8/10 and reflected in decision VII/2  Could be retired.
3. Recommended that the Executive Secretary and Parties enhance synergies in the implementation of this and other thematic programmes of work of the Convention.	Superseded by para 5 of decision VII/2.  Could be retired.

**DECISION VI/5: AGRICULTURAL BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY***Overview of the decision*

The decision reviews the progress made in the implementation of the programme of work, adopts a plan of action on the international pollinators initiative, and establishes an AHTEG to analyse the potential impact of GURTS.

*Overall assessment and possible action by the Conference of the Parties*

Most of the elements of the decision are under implementation or remain relevant. Paragraphs 5, 17 and 21 could be retired.

<b>CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION</b>	<b>STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION</b>
<p>The Conference of the Parties,</p> <p>1. Noted the progress made in the implementation of the programme of work and the need for emphasis and further action, within the context of the programme of work, on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The wider understanding of the functions of biodiversity in agro-ecosystems, and the interactions between its various components, at different spatial scales;</li> <li>b. The promotion of methods of sustainable agriculture that employ management practices, technologies and policies that promote the positive and prevent or mitigate the negative impacts of agriculture on biodiversity, focusing on the needs of farmers and indigenous and local communities, to participate efficiently in the process of meetings those particular goals;</li> <li>c. Capacity-building in institutions, human resource development, training, communication, education and public awareness. Moreover, funding for the implementation of the programme of work should be reviewed, in the context of decision V/5 of the Conference of the Parties; and</li> <li>d. Mainstreaming;</li> </ol>	Of continuing relevance.
<p>2. Adopted the steps for the further implementation of the programme of work by the Executive Secretary and partner organizations and the reporting schedule contained in annex I to the present decision;</p>	Of continuing effect.
<p>3. Invited Parties, other Governments, and relevant organizations to submit case-studies on their experiences with mainstreaming matters related to agricultural biodiversity in their plans, programmes and strategies, to be made available through the clearing-house mechanism;</p>	On-going
<p>4. Invited Parties and Governments to provide, thematic reports on the implementation of the programme of work on agricultural biodiversity, as part of the third national reports, prior to the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;</p>	On-going.
<p>5. Requested the Executive Secretary to prepare a draft format for the thematic report on agricultural biodiversity, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its seventh session;</p>	<p>Implemented (see document UNEP/CBD/COP/7/17/Add.2)</p> <p>Could be retired..</p>

6. Requested the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, to prepare, in time for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its the eighth meeting, syntheses of relevant studies and an analysis of gaps and opportunities in the implementation of the programme of work, drawing upon the national thematic reports referred to in paragraph 4 above, as well as information provided by relevant organizations;	Ongoing
7. Continued to encourage Parties and Governments to support the application of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity for observer status in the Committee on Agriculture of the World Trade Organization, in line with paragraph 9 of decision IV/6 and paragraph 14 of decision V/5, of the Conference of Parties;	Request for observer status pending.  Of continuing relevance.
8. Adopted, and decided to periodically review, as appropriate, the plan of action for the International Initiative for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Pollinators on the basis of annex II to the present recommendation;	Of continuing effect.
9. Welcomed the leading role played by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in facilitating and coordinating this Initiative;	Of continuing effect
10. Welcomed efforts to establish the African Pollinators Initiative, in the framework of the International Pollinators Initiative;	Of continuing relevance.
11. Invited Parties and other Governments, and relevant organizations to contribute to the implementation of the International Pollinators Initiative;	Ongoing.
12. Invited Parties, other Governments, the financial mechanism and funding organizations to provide adequate and timely support to the implementation of the Plan of Action, especially by developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition, and in particular least developed countries and small island developing States;	Ongoing.
13. Decides to establish an International Initiative for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Soil Biodiversity as a cross-cutting initiative within the programme of work on agricultural biodiversity, and invites the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, and other relevant organizations, to facilitate and coordinate this initiative;	Of continuing effect.
14. Welcomed the process initiated by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations for the preparation of the first Report on the State of World's Animal Genetic Resources, as a contribution to the Convention's programme of work on agricultural biodiversity, as adopted by decision V/5;	Ongoing
15. Encouraged Parties to participate in the development of the first Report on the State of World's Animal Genetic Resources, in particular through the preparation of country reports;	Ongoing
16. Invited Parties, other Governments, the financial mechanism and funding organizations to provide adequate and timely support to enable countries, especially developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition, and in particular least	Of continuing relevance and effect.

developed countries and small island developing States, to participate fully in the preparatory process for the first Report on the State of World's Animal Genetic Resources, and implement follow-up actions identified through the process that will contribute to conservation sustainable use, access and benefit-sharing of animal genetic resources for food and agriculture;	
17. Requested the Executive Secretary to study further the impacts of trade liberalization on agricultural biodiversity, in cooperation with the United Nations Environment Programme, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Trade Organization and other relevant organizations;	Implemented (see UNEP/CBD/COP/7/INF/14 AND 15). Could be retired.
18. Encouraged Parties and other Governments to address generic concerns regarding such technologies as genetic use restriction technologies under international and national approaches to the safe and sustainable use of germplasm;	Of continuing relevance and effect
19. Urged Parties and other Governments to assess whether there is a need to develop, and how to ensure the application of, effective regulations at national level which take into account, <i>inter alia</i> , the specific nature of variety-specific and trait-specific genetic use restriction technologies, in order to ensure the safety of human health, the environment, food security and the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity;	Of continuing relevance and effect
20. Acknowledged the need for additional research regarding the potential risks of specific genetic use restriction technologies;	Of continuing relevance and effect
21. Decided to establish an ad hoc technical expert group on genetic use restriction technologies to further analyse the potential impacts of genetic use restriction technologies on smallholder farmers, indigenous and local communities and on Farmers' Rights, taking into account relevant ongoing work, and, as far as possible, the outcome of the work described in paragraphs 23 and 24 below, as well as comments from Parties, international organizations, and smallholder farmers, indigenous and local communities in order to prepare advice for consideration at its seventh meeting. The ad hoc technical expert group included experts from smallholder farmers and indigenous and local communities, and reported to both to the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions and the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice prior to the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties;	AHTEG completed its work (see UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/INF/6).  Superseded by decision VII/3 (paras. 3 and 4)  Could be retired.
22. Invited Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to protect native species and associated traditional knowledge by paying a particular attention to smallholder farmers, indigenous and local communities and Farmers' Rights in their implementation of the programme of work on agricultural biological diversity and the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation, in order to promote the sustainable use and in situ development of genetic resources;	Of continuing relevance and effect
23. Also invited the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to study the potential impacts of the applications of genetic use restriction technologies in the framework of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and	Of continuing relevance and effect

Agriculture, and to consider genetic use restriction technologies in the further development of the Code of Conduct on Biotechnology as it relates to genetic resources for food and agriculture;	
24. Invited the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV), the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and other relevant organizations to examine, in the context of their work, the specific intellectual property implications of genetic use restriction technologies, particularly in respect of indigenous and local communities;	Of continuing relevance and effect
25. Requests the Executive Secretary: (a) To integrate the issues related to the impacts of genetic use restriction technologies on smallholder farmers, indigenous and local communities and on Farmers' Rights in the work under the Convention regarding Article 8(j) and related provisions and Article 14, paragraph 2, on liability and redress; (b) To invite the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, in collaboration with other organizations to investigate the potential impacts of the applications of genetic use restriction technologies in forestry, livestock, aquatic and other ecosystems, and to take into account the findings of the these organisations in the development of the relevant programmes of work; and (c) Given the distinct nature of genetic use restriction technologies and their potential impacts on indigenous and local communities, to invite relevant organizations to examine the applicability of existing, and to explore the need to develop new, legal mechanisms to address the application of genetic use restriction technologies.	Ongoing

## DECISION VI/6: THE INTERNATIONAL TREATY ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

### *Overview of the decision*

The decision welcomes the adoption of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture and calls for cooperative arrangements with the CGRFA as the Interim Committee for the Treaty and with the Governing Body upon entry into force of the Treaty.

### *Overall assessment and possible action by the Conference of the Parties*

The decision is of continuing relevance and should be consolidated with other relevant decisions. Paragraphs 1 and 6 could be retired.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
The Conference of the Parties,  1. Congratulated the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and its Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, where the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture was negotiated, on successfully completing this important process;	Could be retired.
2. Recognized the important role that the International Treaty on Plant	Of continuing relevance and effect.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture will have, in harmony with the Convention on Biological Diversity, for the conservation and sustainable utilization of this important component of agricultural biological diversity, for facilitated access to plant genetic resources for food and agriculture, and for the fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising out of their utilization;	
3. Appealed to Parties and other Governments to give priority consideration to the signature and ratification of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, so that it may enter expeditiously into force;	Of continuing relevance and effect
4. Decided to establish and maintain cooperation with the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture acting as the Interim Committee for the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, and, upon the entry into force of the Treaty, with the Governing Body;	Of continuing relevance and effect
5. Requested the Executive Secretary to develop cooperation with the Secretariat of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture acting as the Interim Committee for the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture and, upon its establishment, with the Secretariat of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture;	Of continuing relevance and effect
6. Requested the Executive Secretary to convey the present decision to the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture acting as the Interim Committee for the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture.	Implemented. Could be retired.

## DECISION VI/7 – IDENTIFICATION, MONITORING, INDICATORS AND ASSESSMENTS

### *Overview of the decision*

This decision contains guidelines for impact assessment (section A), guidance on national-level monitoring programmes and indicators (section B) and on scientific assessments (section C).

### *Overall Assessment & Action by the Conference of the Parties*

Section A should be retained. Sections B and C could be retired.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
<b>A. FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF GUIDELINES FOR INCORPORATING BIODIVERSITY-RELATED ISSUES INTO ENVIRONMENTAL-IMPACT-ASSESSMENT LEGISLATION OR PROCESSES AND IN STRATEGIC IMPACT ASSESSMENT</b>	
The Conference of the Parties,  1. Endorsed the draft guidelines for incorporating biodiversity-related issues into environmental impact assessment legislation and/or processes and in strategic environmental assessment contained in the annex to the present decision;	Of continuing effect.
2. Urged Parties, other Governments and organizations to apply the guidelines as appropriate in the context of their implementation of paragraph 1 of Article 14 of the Convention and share their experience, <i>inter alia</i> , through the clearing-house mechanism and national reporting;	Of continuing effect.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
<p>3. Requested the Executive Secretary to compile and disseminate, through the clearing-house mechanism and other means of communication, current experiences in environmental impact assessment and strategic environmental assessment procedures that incorporate biodiversity-related issues, as well as experiences of Parties in applying the guidelines; in light of this information, to prepare, in collaboration with relevant organizations, in particular the International Association for Impact Assessment, proposals for further development and refinement of the guidelines, particularly to incorporate all stages of the environmental impact assessment and strategic environmental assessment processes taking into account the ecosystem approach (particularly principles 4, 7 and 8) and to provide a report of this work to the Subsidiary Body prior to the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties.</p>	<p>Of continuing effect.</p>
<b>B. DESIGNING NATIONAL-LEVEL MONITORING AND INDICATORS</b>	
<p>The COP,</p> <p>1. Requested the Executive Secretary to report on the development and use of indicators in all the thematic areas and cross cutting issues to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice prior to the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties</p>	<p>Implemented (see UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/10) Could be retired</p>
<p>2. Urged Parties that have yet not done so to respond to the questionnaire on the subject of indicators that was sent by the Executive Secretary in May 2001 so as to enable the Executive Secretary to update the analysis.</p>	<p>Implemented Could be retired</p>
<p>3. Requested the Executive Secretary to convene a meeting of an expert group that is broadly representative of experts from both United Nations and biogeographical regions. The group should further develop the three annexes to the note of the Executive Secretary on ongoing work on indicators(11) on: (a) Principles for developing national-level monitoring and indicators; (b) A set of standard questions for developing national-level indicators; and</p> <p>c. A list of available and potential indicators based on a conceptual framework that has qualitative and quantitative approach;</p>	<p>Implemented and superseded by decision VII/8. Report of the expert group contained in document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/INF/7.  Could be retired</p>
<p>4. Requested the Executive Secretary to report to a meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice prior to the seventh meeting of the Conference of Parties. In doing so, the Executive Secretary should take into account the specific comments of delegates in the seventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the following guidance: (a) Give particular attention to the note by the Executive Secretary on recommendations for a core set of indicators on biological diversity prepared for the third meeting of the Subsidiary Body and background paper prepared for the same meeting by the liaison group on indicators of biological diversity and subsequent related papers;</p>	<p>Implemented (see document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/10)  Conclusions reflected in decision VII/8  Could be retired</p>

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
<p>(b) Consider development and segregation of the key questions contained in annex II to the note by the Executive Secretary on ongoing work on indicators according to the three levels of biodiversity, and reorder them to correspond to articles of the convention as far as possible, and give attention to the use of early warning indicators;</p> <p>(c) Consider developing and organizing the list of indicators for each thematic area grouped as driver, pressure, state, impact and response to pressure on biodiversity;</p> <p>(d) Regional approaches to indicator development should be promoted in order to assess the status and trends of biodiversity. For the development of the list of indicators, there is a need for harmonization and collaboration with regional and international initiatives, including the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, the Commission on Sustainable Development, the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, the Pan-European processes (the Pan-European Biological and Landscape Strategy and the Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe), the Montreal process on criteria and indicators for the conservation and sustainable management of temperate and boreal forests, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the United Nations Forum on Forests;</p> <p>e. Note that the list of indicators should provide a resource that will support users in identifying the most appropriate indicators for their needs, and to access experience in other countries, regions and sectors, and that indicators must be policy and management relevant.</p>	
<b>C. SCIENTIFIC ASSESSMENTS</b>	
<p>The COP,</p> <p>1. Welcomed the outline for the assessment reports developed by the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment;</p>	<p>No action required</p> <p>Could be retired</p>
<p>2. Encouraged Parties to support the involvement of experts in the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment process and provide assistance to developing countries and countries with economies in transition that are interested in undertaking national or regional assessments within the framework of the Millennium Ecosystems Assessment</p>	<p>Superseded by decision VII/6 (para. 3)</p> <p>Could be retired.</p>
<p>3. Requested the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical, and Technological Advice to review the findings of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment and provide recommendations to the Conference of the Parties based on the review</p>	<p>Superseded by paragraph 4 of decision VII/6.</p> <p>Could be retired</p>
<p>4. Recognizing the importance of the assessment of the status of the world's protected areas, encouraged the Executive Secretary, in close collaboration with the World Conservation Monitoring Centre of the United Nations Environment Programme and IUCN, to facilitate development and implementation of this assessment.</p>	<p>Superseded by paragraph 32 of decision VII/28 and the programme of work on Protected Areas.</p> <p>Could be retired</p>

## DECISION VI/8: GLOBAL TAXONOMY INITIATIVE

### *Overview of the decision*

The decision endorses the programme of work for the Global Taxonomy Initiative and calls for cooperation in implementation and coordination of activities with relevant international organizations.

### *Overall Assessment & Action by the Conference of the Parties*

Decision VI/8, in its entirety, has continued relevance as it contains the programme of work for the Global Taxonomy Initiative that came into effect in 2002. The Secretariat of the Convention is currently in the process of receiving thematic reports from Parties on the status of implementation. Decision VI/8 is also the subject of in-depth review at SBSTTA-11 and COP-8. In the guidelines for the in-depth review for the GTI programme of work, the programme of work is also expected to be updated and revised. Paragraph 8 of the decision could be retired.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
The Conference of the Parties,  1. Endorsed the programme of work for the Global Taxonomy Initiative, as annexed to the present decision, and the further submission and elaboration of potential pilot projects, including those listed in the progress report by the Executive Secretary on the Global Taxonomy Initiative and the report on progress and status of the Global Taxonomy Initiative;	Of continuing relevance and effect.
2. Urged Parties, Governments, international and regional organizations, and other relevant organizations to promote, and, as appropriate, carry out, the programme of work;	Of continuing relevance and effect
3. Recognizing the value of supporting and building on existing national, regional, subregional and global initiatives, partnerships and institutions, invited the Executive Secretary to encourage the involvement of such entities to support Parties, Governments and relevant organizations in carrying out the programme of work, and recommended the continuation of the regional workshops on the Global Taxonomy Initiative to facilitate this process;	Of continuing relevance and effect
4. Emphasized the need to coordinate activities with other existing initiatives, such as the Global Biodiversity Information Facility and the clearing-house mechanism of the Convention on Biological Diversity;	Of continuing relevance and effect
5. Requested the Executive Secretary to complete the guide to the Global Taxonomy Initiative, and provide information and clarification to Parties and Governments concerning the Global Taxonomy Initiative, in particular on the process for developing projects aimed at implementing the programme of work, including existing guidance from the financial mechanism;	Ongoing
6. Requested all Parties and other Governments to: a. Designate a national focal point for the Global Taxonomy Initiative, linked to other national focal points, as requested in decision V/9, paragraph 4; b. Provide updated information, through the clearing-house mechanism, about legal requirements for exchange of biological specimens and about current legislation and rules for access and benefit-sharing in terms of the needs of the Global Taxonomy Initiative; c. Initiate the setting up of national and regional networks to aid the Parties in their taxonomic needs in implementing the Convention on Biological Diversity;	Ongoing

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7. Considered capacity development at the national and regional levels as a driving force in implementing the programme of work;	Of continuing relevance and effect
8. Decided that the post of Global Taxonomy Initiative Programme Officer within the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity be made permanent, with funding from the core budget of the Convention, and that adequate operational funds be provided to enable the occupant of the post to carry out her or his duties.	Implemented. Could be retired.

## DECISION VI/9: GLOBAL STRATEGY FOR PLANT CONSERVATION

### *Overview of the decision*

The decision adopts the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation with specific outcome-oriented global targets for 2010. It also establishes a framework for the implementation of the Strategy consisting of action by Parties, Governments and relevant international organizations. A review of progress in implementation will be undertaken at COPs 8 and 10.

### *Overall assessment and possible action by the Conference of the Parties*

The decision is of continuing effect and relevance and should be retained and consolidated with other relevant decisions.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
The Conference of the Parties,	
1. Adopted the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation, including outcome-oriented global targets for 2010, annexed to the present decision;	Of continuing effect and relevance
2. Invited relevant international and regional organizations to endorse the strategy and to contribute to its implementation, including to adopt these targets, in order to promote a common effort towards halting the loss of plant diversity;	Of continuing effect and relevance
3. Emphasized that the targets should be viewed as a flexible framework within which national and/or regional targets may be developed, according to national priorities and capacities, and taking into account differences in plant diversity between countries;	Of continuing effect and relevance
4. Invited Parties and Governments to develop national and/or regional targets, and, as appropriate, to incorporate them into relevant plans, programmes and initiatives, including national biodiversity strategies and action plans;	Of continuing effect and relevance
5. Stressed the potential role of the strategy in contributing to poverty alleviation and sustainable development;	Of continuing effect and relevance
6. Emphasized the need for capacity-building, particularly in developing countries, small island developing States, and countries with economies in transition, in order to enable them to implement the strategy;	Of continuing effect and relevance
7. Invited Parties, other Governments, the financial mechanism, and funding organizations to provide adequate and timely support to the implementation of the strategy, especially by developing country Parties, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States among them, and Parties with economies in transition;	Of continuing effect and relevance
8. Decided to review, at its eighth and tenth meetings, the progress made in reaching the global targets, and provide additional guidance	Of continuing effect and relevance

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in light of those reviews, including, as necessary, refinement of the targets;	
9. Decided to consider the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation as a pilot approach for the use of outcome targets under the Convention within the context of the Strategic Plan and, also consider the wider application of this approach to other areas under the Convention, including other taxonomic groups;	Of continuing effect and relevance
10. Requested the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice: a. To take the targets into consideration in its periodic reviews of the thematic and cross-cutting programmes of work of the Convention; b. To develop ways and means, within the Convention's thematic and cross-cutting programmes of work, for promoting implementation of the global strategy for plant conservation, and for monitoring and assessing progress; and to report to the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting;	Of continuing effect and relevance
11. Welcomed the contribution of the "Gran Canaria Group" in developing this Strategy, and invited the organizations involved, and other relevant organizations, in collaboration with the Executive Secretary, to contribute to the further development, implementation and monitoring of the Strategy.	Of continuing effect and relevance

## DECISION VI/10: ARTICLE 8(J) AND RELATED PROVISIONS

### *Overview of the decision*

The decision reviews the progress in implementation of the programme of work on Article 8j, adopts an outline of the composite report on status and trends, and adopts recommendations on the conduct of cultural, environmental and social impact assessment.

### *Overall assessment and possible action by the Conference of the Parties*

The recommendations on cultural, environmental and social impact assessment have been superseded by the Akwe Kon Guidelines adopted by decision VII/16. This element of the decision and Annex II thereof should be retired.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
<b>A. Report on progress in the integration of relevant tasks of the programme of work on Article 8(j) and related provisions into the thematic programmes of the Convention on Biological Diversity</b>	
The Conference of the Parties,  1. Requested the Executive Secretary of the Convention to examine, in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the implication of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture on the issues under Article 8(j) and related provisions;	Report prepared and submitted to COP-7 (see UNEP/CBD/COP/7/INF/18).  Could be retired
2. Noted the progress made in the integration of the relevant tasks of the programme of work in the thematic programmes of the Convention and emphasizes to Parties the need for further action on:  a. With regard to forest biological diversity, the development of methodologies to advance the integration of traditional forest-related knowledge into sustainable forest management, promotion of activities to assemble management experiences and scientific, indigenous and local information at the national and local levels,	Of continuing relevance and effect.

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<p>and dissemination of research results and syntheses of reports on relevant scientific and traditional knowledge on key forest biological issues;</p> <p>b. With regard to marine and coastal biological diversity, the provision of information regarding approaches to the management of marine and coastal living resources in relation to those used by indigenous and local communities;</p> <p>c. With regard to inland water ecosystems, the implementation of the guidelines for establishing and strengthening local communities' and indigenous peoples' participation in the management of wetlands, adopted by the Conference of the Parties to the Ramsar Convention, through its resolution VII.8;</p> <p>(d) With regard to agricultural biological diversity, the need to support local dryland and sub-humid ecosystems, and capacity-building to promote farming practices and information exchange to assist farmers and indigenous and local communities to transform unsustainable agricultural practices to sustainable ones and to increase productivity;</p>	
<p>3. Urged Parties, where they have not already done so, to include information in their national reports on each of the thematic programmes dealt with under the Convention on Biological Diversity, on:</p> <p>(a) The status and trends in relation to traditional knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities;</p> <p>(b) Measures taken to enhance the participation of indigenous and local communities, particularly that of women from such communities, and their relevant organizations in the implementation of national work programmes in each of the thematic areas; and</p> <p>(c) Capacity-building measures taken to facilitate the involvement of indigenous and local communities and the application of the knowledge they hold, with their prior informed consent, in the management, conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity in each of the thematic areas at national, subnational and local levels;</p>	Ongoing.
<p>4. Requested the Executive Secretary to prepare a progress report on the integration of the relevant tasks of the programme of work on Article 8(j) into each of the thematic areas, taking into account the above information, for the consideration of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions at its third meeting;</p>	<p>Progress report prepared and submitted to WG8J (see UNEP/CBD/WG8J/3/2)</p> <p>Could be retired.</p>
<p>5. Reminded Parties of the need for further action in relation to the potential impacts of genetic use restriction technologies on the indigenous and local communities and on Farmer's Rights, according to the studies and reports elaborated by different relevant organizations, the consultations held by the Executive Secretary, and other appropriate analysis and information sources;</p>	Of continuing relevance and effect.
<p><b>B. Review of progress in the implementation of the priority tasks of the programme of work on Article 8(j) and related provisions</b></p>	
<p>The Conference of the Parties,</p> <p>6. Requested the Executive Secretary to prepare a report on progress on the implementation of the programme of work on Article 8(j) and</p>	<p>The report prepared and submitted to WG8J (see UNEP/CBD/WG8J/3/3)</p>

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related provisions based on information submitted in national reports, and other relevant information, for the next meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Inter-Sessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions;	Could be retired.
7. Decided that one meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Inter-Sessional Working Group on Article 8 (j) and Related Provisions be organized prior to the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties in order to ensure further advancement of the implementation of the work programme on Article 8(j) and related provisions;	WG8J meeting was held in December 2003.  Could be retired
<b>C. Outline of the composite report on the status and trends regarding the knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities relevant to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity</b>	
The Conference of the Parties,  8. Adopted the outline of the composite report on the status and trends regarding the knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities embodying traditional lifestyles relevant to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity as a basis for proceeding with the first phase of information-gathering and reporting, as contained in annex I to the present decision;	The report is still under preparation.  Remains relevant.
9. Requested the Executive Secretary to undertake the first phase of the composite report, based upon elements 1 and 2 in the outline, and to submit the first phase report to the next meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Inter-Sessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions. This will include recommendations for the subsequent phases and, as necessary, revision of the outline;	First Phase submitted to 8J Working Group and COP-7. Further work requested by COP-7.  Superseded by decision VII/16E. Could be retired
10. Also requested the Executive Secretary to use the information contained in the report to support further advancement of the programme of work on Article 8(j) and related provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity;	Ongoing.
11. Further requested the Executive Secretary to ensure the full and effective participation of indigenous and local communities, particularly women, in the completion of the report, through, <i>inter alia</i> , the organization of regional workshops, and encourages Parties and Governments to hold national workshops. In that regard, appropriate financing should be provided. The outcome of the workshops will be submitted to the Secretariat as a contribution to the composite report;	Ongoing.
<b>D. Recommendations for the conduct of cultural, environmental and social impact assessment regarding developments proposed to take place on, or which are likely to impact on, sacred sites and on lands and waters traditionally occupied or used by indigenous and local communities</b>	
The Conference of the Parties,  12. Adopted, pursuant to Article 8(j) and Article 14 of the	The recommendations have been superseded by the Guidelines adopted by

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Convention on Biological Diversity and decision V/16 of the Conference of the Parties, the recommendations for the conduct of cultural, environmental, and social impact assessments regarding development proposed to take place on, or which are likely to impact on, sacred sites and on lands and waters traditionally occupied or used by indigenous and local communities contained in annex II to the present decision;	decision VII/16F  Could be retired.  ---
13. Requested the Ad Hoc Open-ended Inter-Sessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions, at its third meeting, to carry out further work on guidelines for the conduct of cultural, environmental and social impact assessments regarding developments proposed to take place on, or which are likely to impact on, sacred sites and on lands and waters traditionally occupied or used by indigenous and local communities. Such work, with the aim of strengthening the social and cultural aspects, should complement and be in conjunction with the “guidelines for incorporating biodiversity-related issues into environmental assessment legislation and/or processes and in strategic environmental assessment”, endorsed by the Conference of the Parties in its decision VI/7 A, and address institutional and procedural considerations;	Draft Guidelines prepared by WG8J at its third meeting and submitted to COP-7 for adoption. COP-7 adopted the Guidelines by its decision VII/16F.  Could be retired
14. Also requested the Ad Hoc Open-ended Inter-Sessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions to submit the outcome of its work from its third meeting for consideration at the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties;	Report of the meeting submitted to COP 7.  Could be retired.
15. Invited Parties and Governments to pay due regard to these recommendations until the complete set of guidelines for impact assessment is finalized;	Superseded by decision VII/16F  Could be retired.---
16. Requested Parties and Governments to undertake education and awareness-raising and develop communication strategies that allows indigenous and local communities, with special attention to indigenous and local community women, relevant government departments and agencies, private sector developers, potential stakeholders in development projects, and the public at large to be made aware of these recommendations, for incorporation, as appropriate, into policies and processes for the assessment of proposed developments;	Superseded by paragraph 5 of decision VII/16F  Could be retired.  )
17. Invited those secretariats of intergovernmental agreements, agencies, organizations and processes whose mandates and activities involve potential significant impacts on biological diversity, or who are in the process of developing guidelines or policies regarding such impacts, to take into consideration the recommendations contained in annex II to the present decision;	Superseded by paragraph 6 of decision VII/16F.  Could be retired.
18. Also invited international funding and development agencies that provide funding and other forms of assistance to Governments, developing countries, in particular least developed countries and small island developing States, to facilitate the incorporation of the recommendations into policies and processes for the assessment of proposed developments;	Superseded by paragraph 8 of decision VII/16F.  Could be retired.
19. Further invited international funding and development agencies and relevant non-governmental organizations, where requested, and in accordance with their mandates and responsibilities, to consider providing assistance to indigenous and local communities,	Superseded by paragraph 11 of decision VII/16F.

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<p>particularly women, for the conduct of cultural, environmental and social impact assessments regarding developments proposed to take place on territories, lands and waters traditionally occupied or used by them, and which take into account the recommendations in annex II to the present decision.</p>	<p>Could be retired.</p>
<p><b>E. Participatory mechanisms for indigenous and local communities</b></p>	
<p>The Conference of the Parties,</p> <p>20. Invited Parties, Governments and relevant international, non-governmental and indigenous and local community organizations, to submit to the Executive Secretary information on their national experiences, case-studies, best practices, and lessons learned concerning participatory mechanisms for indigenous and local communities in matters related to the objectives of Article 8(j) and related provisions of the Convention;</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p>
<p>21. Requested the Executive Secretary to prepare a synthesis report based on the information referred to in paragraph 20 above, and, taking into account that conditions may vary from country to country, invites Parties and Governments to use the report as a basis for the establishment and/or strengthening of mechanisms at the national and local levels aimed at promoting full and effective participation of indigenous and local communities, especially women, in the decision-making process regarding the preservation, maintenance and utilization of traditional knowledge relevant for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity;</p>	<p>Report prepared and submitted to WG8J (see UNEP/CBD/WG8J/3/6)</p> <p>Could be retired..</p>
<p>22. Requested the Executive Secretary to explore and, as appropriate, secure potential sources of funding to facilitate the full and effective participation of indigenous and local communities of all geographical regions in meetings organized within the framework of the Convention and to report thereon to the Conference of the Parties;</p>	<p>A voluntary funding mechanism was established by COP-7 (see paragraph 10 of decision .VII/16G).</p> <p>Superseded and could be retired.</p>
<p>23. Urged Parties and Governments to strengthen their efforts to support capacity-building aimed at the full and effective participation of indigenous and local communities, particularly women, in decision-making processes regarding the preservation, maintenance and utilization of traditional knowledge relevant for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity at all levels (local, national, regional and international); and, where indigenous and local communities and Parties and Governments deem appropriate, promote their participation in the management of biological diversity; and encourage the capacity-building efforts of indigenous and local communities in getting access to existing protections in national and international laws regarding the preservation, maintenance and utilization of their traditional knowledge;</p>	<p>Of continuing relevance and effect.</p>
<p>24. Also urged Parties and Governments and, as appropriate, international organizations to encourage and support the development of communication mechanisms, such as the Indigenous Biodiversity Information Network, among indigenous and local communities in response to their need for better understanding of the objectives and provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity and for supporting discussions on guidelines, priorities, time-lines and the implementation of the thematic programmes of the Convention;</p>	<p>Of continuing relevance and effect.</p>

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25. Requested the Executive Secretary to consult with the secretariats of relevant environmental conventions and programmes, such as the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar, Iran, 1971), the Convention on the Conservation on Migratory Species of Wild Animals, and the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, and to explore the possibility of cooperating in order to facilitate collaboration among the different conventions with regard to the participation and involvement of indigenous and local communities in discussions related to the maintenance and application of traditional knowledge relevant for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity;	Implemented.  Consultations undertaken and report prepared and submitted to WG8J (see UNEP/CBD/WG8J/3/6/Add.2)  Could be retired.
26. Also requested the Executive Secretary to communicate with the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, established as a subsidiary organ of the United Nations Economic and Social Council, and other relevant bodies such as the World Intellectual Property Organization, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, in order to explore possibilities of coordination and collaboration on matters of mutual concern;	Ongoing.
27. Urged Parties and Governments to develop, implement and evaluate, in cooperation with indigenous and local communities, strategies aimed at promoting awareness and enhancing access by indigenous and local communities to information on issues relating to Article 8(j) and related provisions of the Convention;	Ongoing
28. Requested the Executive Secretary to establish a technical expert group to develop the roles and responsibilities of the thematic focal point within the clearing-house mechanism of the Convention on issues related to Article 8(j) and related provisions, in accordance with task 8 of the programme of work adopted by the Conference of the Parties in its decision V/16;	Meeting of experts held in Bolivia in 2003. Report submitted to WG8J (see UNEP/CBD/WG8J/3/6/Add.1) and relevant decisions made at COP-7 on the subject.  Could be retired.
29. Also requested funding agencies, in particular the Global Environment Facility, to provide information on activities and processes, including information on the criteria for eligibility and access to project funding, and make such information easily accessible to Parties, Governments and indigenous and local communities (for example, through electronic, print/broadcast, popular publications, and other means);	Ongoing.
30. Invited the Global Environment Facility to give special consideration in funding to projects that clearly contain elements of participation of indigenous and local communities, where appropriate, and to continue to apply the Global Environment Facility's policy on public involvement to support the full and effective participation of indigenous and local communities;	Of continuing effect.
<b>F. Assessment of the effectiveness of existing sub-national, national and international instruments, particularly intellectual property rights instruments, that may have implications for the protection of the knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities</b>	
31. Invited the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore of the World Intellectual Property Organization to	Ongoing

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<p>continue its efforts to promote the more effective participation of indigenous and local communities in its work and invites the Intergovernmental Committee to examine and consider mechanisms to protect traditional knowledge, such as the disclosure of the origin of relevant traditional knowledge in applications for intellectual property rights;</p>	
<p>32. Invited the Scientific, Technical, and Research Commission of the Organization of African Unity to continue its work and requests the Executive Secretary to encourage and assist the African Union to facilitate implementation of, in a manner consistent with the Convention on Biological Diversity, the African Model Law for the Protection of the Rights of Local Communities, Farmers and Breeders and for the Regulation of Access to Biological Resources;</p>	Ongoing
<p>33. Also invited Parties and Governments, with the approval and involvement of indigenous and local communities representatives, to develop and implement strategies to protect traditional knowledge, innovations and practices based on a combination of appropriate approaches, respecting customary laws and practices, including the use of existing intellectual property mechanisms, sui generis systems, customary law, the use of contractual arrangements, registers of traditional knowledge, and guidelines and codes of practice, with the support of relevant intergovernmental organizations such as the Working Group on Indigenous Populations of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues established by the Economic and Social Council, the World Health Organization, the World Intellectual Property Organization, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;</p>	Ongoing.
<p>34. Requested the Ad Hoc Open-ended Inter-Sessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity to address the issue of sui generis systems for the protection of traditional knowledge, focusing in particular on the following issues:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Clarification of relevant terminology;</li> <li>b. Compiling and assessing existing indigenous, local, national and regional sui generis systems;</li> <li>c. Making available this compilation and assessment through the clearing-house mechanism of the Convention;</li> <li>d. Studying existing systems for handling and managing innovations at the local level and their relation to existing national and international systems of intellectual property rights, with a view to ensure their complementarity;</li> <li>e. Assessing the need for further work on such systems at the local, national, regional and international levels;</li> <li>f. Identifying the main elements to be taken into consideration in the development of sui generis systems;</li> <li>g. The equitable sharing of benefits arising from the utilization of traditional knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities, taking into account the work carried out by the Intergovernmental Committee Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore with a view to promote mutual supportiveness, and existing regional, subregional, national</li> </ol>	<p>Superseded by decision VII/16H.</p> <p>Potential elements to be considered in the development of <i>sui generis</i> systems adopted by COP 7 on the recommendations of WG8J (see decision VII/16H).</p> <p>Could be retired.</p>

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and local initiatives;	
35. Also requested the Executive Secretary to continue to compile information provided by Parties and Governments relating to existing national legislation and other measures for the protection of traditional knowledge, innovations and practices;	Ongoing
36. Invited the World Trade Organization and the World Intellectual Property Organization to make available to the Executive Secretary information referred to in paragraph 35 above provided through their respective notification systems;	Information was provided to the Secretariat. More information needed in the future.  Of continuing relevance.
37. Requested the Executive Secretary to make the information referred to in paragraphs 35 and 36 above available through, <i>inter alia</i> , the clearing-house mechanism, with a view to enabling Parties and Governments to monitor the implementation of Article 8(j) and to identify best practices;	Report is available on the CBD website. Need for more information.  Of continuing relevance.
38. Invited the World Intellectual Property Organization to forward to the Executive Secretary all documents considered to be relevant with respect to advances made by the Intergovernmental Committee so that they be included in documentation for meetings of the Working Group on Article 8(j);	Of continuing relevance and effect.
39. Encouraged Parties and Governments, where they have not already done so, to take measures to establish or improve operational links between their national governmental intellectual-property bodies, national focal points of the Convention on Biological Diversity, and indigenous and local communities and their organizations in order to better coordinate and institute measures to protect their traditional knowledge, innovations and practices relevant to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, particularly with regard to traditional-knowledge documentation initiatives and community-based registries of traditional knowledge;	Ongoing
40.. Also encouraged Parties and Governments, with the assistance of international development agencies and other relevant organizations, as appropriate, and with the participation, involvement and consent of the concerned indigenous and local communities, to undertake pilot projects in order to evaluate the effectiveness of existing intellectual property rights regimes, contractual methods and new systems being developed as a means of protection of traditional knowledge;	Ongoing
41. Invited Parties and Governments, with the approval and involvement of indigenous and local communities to examine the feasibility of establishing mechanisms to protect the traditional knowledge, innovations and practices of these communities relevant to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, taking into consideration customary laws and practices, and subject to national legislation;	Ongoing
42. Also invited Parties, Governments, international development agencies, and other relevant international organizations and institutions to provide technical and financial assistance to developing country Parties, in particular the least developed and small island developing States among them, and countries with economies in transition, and to indigenous and local communities, in consultation with the national focal points, where appropriate, for the enhancement of national capacities for the establishment and maintenance of mechanisms to protect traditional knowledge at	Of continuing effect.

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national and subnational levels, and for building the capacity of indigenous and local communities to develop strategies and systems for the protection of traditional knowledge;	
43. Further invited Parties and Governments, indigenous and local communities and relevant organizations to exchange national experiences among countries where progress has been made in incorporating elements of customary law relevant for the protection of traditional knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities in national legislation;	Of continuing effect.
<p>44. Also invited Parties and Governments, indigenous and local community organizations and other relevant organizations to submit case-studies and other relevant information for the Executive Secretary to compile and disseminate through the clearing-house mechanism concerning:</p> <p>(a) Information regarding the nature, diversity and status under national laws of customary laws of indigenous and local communities, collected with their full and effective participation;</p> <p>(b) The development of strategies by indigenous and local communities to protect their traditional knowledge, innovations and practices, emphasizing the approaches used, the method of implementation and problems encountered;</p> <p>(c) The establishment of operational links between national intellectual-property authorities and indigenous and local communities to facilitate the protection of their traditional knowledge, innovations and practices relevant to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity;</p> <p>(d) Experiences in the implementation of regionally harmonized sui generis systems; and</p> <p>(e) The activities and conduct of researchers and academic institutions pertinent to the protection and promotion of traditional knowledge, innovations and practices;</p>	Ongoing.
45. Requested the Executive Secretary to disseminate the case-studies and information referred to in paragraph 44 above through the clearing-house mechanism and other relevant means;	Ongoing
46. Invited Parties and Governments to encourage the disclosure of the origin of relevant traditional knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities relevant to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity in applications for intellectual property rights, where the subject matter of the application concerns or makes use of such knowledge in its development;	Of continuing effect
47. Urged Parties and Governments to examine, as appropriate, relevant provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity with respect to prior informed consent and mutually agreed terms where traditional knowledge is used in its original form or in the development of new products and/or new applications;	Of continuing effect.
48. Invited Parties and Governments, with the assistance of the	Of continuing effect.

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World Intellectual Property Organization, to take into account traditional knowledge in the examination of novelty and inventive step in patent applications;	
49. Also invited Parties, Governments and relevant international organizations to submit information on the feasibility of establishing appropriate dispute-settlement or arbitration procedures and mechanisms, including the possible application of Article 27 of the Convention on Biological Diversity, to address cases of disputes between contracting Parties concerning the interpretation or application of the Convention relating to traditional knowledge, innovations and practices.	Ongoing

## DECISION VI/11: LIABILITY AND REDRESS

### *Overview of the decision*

The decision established a process for the review of Article 14, paragraph 2, of the Convention. It requested the Executive Secretary to convene a group of legal and technical experts and specified its mandate.

### *Overall assessment and possible action by the Conference of the Parties*

The group did not meet during the inter-sessional period between COP 6 & 7 due to funding problems. COP 7 renewed the request contained in decision VI/11. The Group held its meeting in Montreal from 12-14 October 2005 and made recommendations for the consideration of COP 8 (see document UNEP/CBD/COP/8/27/Add. 3). COP 8 may wish to consider whether this decision could be retired taking into account the outcome of the meeting of the Group.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
<p>The Conference of the Parties,</p> <p>1. Requested the Executive Secretary to convene a group of legal and technical experts composed of government-nominated experts based on a fair and equitable geographical representation and including observers from relevant international organizations, including non-governmental organizations and convention secretariats, and with the mandate to review information gathered in accordance with paragraph 2 below, and conduct further analysis of pertinent issues relating to liability and redress in the context of paragraph 2 of Article 14 of the Convention, and in particular:</p> <p>a. Clarifying basic concepts and developing definitions relevant to paragraph 2 of Article 14 (such as the concept of damage to biological diversity, its valuation, classification, and its relationship with environmental damage, the meaning of "purely internal matter");</p> <p>b. Proposing the possible introduction of elements, as appropriate, to address specifically liability and redress relating to damage to biological diversity into existing liability and redress regimes;</p> <p>c. Examining the appropriateness of a liability and redress regime under the Convention on Biological Diversity, as well as exploring issues relating to restoration and compensation;</p>	<p>Legislative authority for the group of experts.</p> <p>The group did not meet during the inter-sessional period between COP 6 &amp; 7 due to funding problems. COP 7 renewed the request contained in decision VI/11.</p> <p>The Group held its meeting in Montreal from 12-14 October 2005 and made recommendations for the consideration of COP 8 (see document UNEP/CBD/COP/8/27/Add. 3).</p> <p>COP 8 may wish to consider whether this paragraph could be retired taking into account the outcome of the meeting of the Group.</p>

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
<p>d. Analysing activities and situations that contribute to damage to biological diversity, including situations of potential concern; and</p> <p>e. Considering preventive measures on the basis of the responsibility recognized under Article 3 of the Convention.</p> <p>The legal and technical expert group shall report to the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties;</p>	
<p>2. Requested the Executive Secretary to continue collecting relevant information and to conduct analysis of such information and other relevant issues, with the cooperation of Parties, Governments and relevant organizations, and to make such information and analysis available prior to convening the group of legal and technical experts. Such information-gathering should focus, as appropriate, on: updating the documentation on sectoral international and regional legal instruments dealing with activities which may cause damage to biological diversity (oil, chemicals, hazardous wastes, wildlife conventions, etc.), as well as developments in private international law; national legal and policy frameworks allowing for mutual recognition and enforcement of judgments, access to justice, liability and redress (restitution, restoration and compensation), extra-judicial settlements, contractual agreements, etc; and case-studies pertaining to transboundary damage to biological diversity including but not limited to case law. Further analysis to be undertaken should relate to the coverage of existing international regimes regarding damage to biological diversity; activities/situations causing damage, including situations of potential concern and whether they can be effectively addressed by means of a liability and redress regime; and concepts and definitions relevant to paragraph 2 of Article 14;</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p> <p>Further analysis undertaken in preparation for the meeting.</p>
<p>3. Urged Parties, Governments and relevant international organizations to cooperate with a view to strengthening capacities at the national level with regard to measures for the prevention of damage to biological diversity, establishment and implementation of national legislative regimes, and policy and administrative measures on liability and redress, and to provide financial resources for this purpose.</p>	<p>Of continuing relevance and effect.</p>

## DECISION VI/12: ECOSYSTEM APPROACH

### *Overview of the decision*

The decision calls for the submission of case-studies and lessons-learned in the development and implementation of the ecosystem approach; addresses the development of proposals for the further refinement of the principles and operational guidelines; and calls for the organization regional workshops for the exchange of experiences.

### *Overall assessment and possible action by the Conference of the Parties*

The Executive Secretary completed the work requested by the decision. In addition, the other elements of the decision have been superseded by decision VII/11. This decision should be retired in its entirety.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
<p>The Conference of the Parties,</p> <p>1. Urged Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations that have not done so to submit case-studies and lessons learned on the development and implementation of the ecosystem approach at the national and regional levels;</p>	<p>This paragraph can be retired because the work has been carried over to paragraphs 9 (c) and 10(a) of decision VII/11.</p>
<p>2. Requested the Executive Secretary:</p> <p>a. To continue the collection, compilation and dissemination of case-studies and lessons learned and to prepare a report for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at a meeting prior to the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties;</p> <p>b. Within the availability of resources and in collaboration with relevant organizations and bodies, in particular the United Nations Forum of Forests, to convene a meeting of experts to compare the ecosystem approach with sustainable forest management, and develop proposals for their integration;</p> <p>c. To develop proposals for the refinement of the principles and operational guidance of the ecosystem approach on the basis of case-studies and lessons learned, including indicators and strategies for the integration of the ecosystem approach into the programmes of work of the Convention, taking into account regional differences;</p>	<p>a. This paragraph can be retired because the work has been carried out by the Executive Secretary with assistance of an Expert Meeting, and considered by SBSTTA 9 (recommendation IX/6).</p> <p>b. This paragraph can be retired. The Expert Meeting on the ecosystem approach was convened from 7 to 11 July 2003 in Montreal with generous funding from the Government of the Netherlands.</p> <p>c. This paragraph can be retired because the work has been completed. The E.S undertook the work with assistance of the Expert Meeting described above. The work subsequently resulted in recommendation IX/6 and decision VII/11.</p>
<p>3. Invited Parties, other Governments and organizations to provide technical and financial resources for the organization of regional workshops to promote the exchange of experiences and regional, national and local capacity-building, and to enhance awareness.</p>	<p>This paragraph may still be valid. However, much of its content regarding sharing of experiences and capacity building is now included in decision VII/11, except for the specific request for regional workshops. Could likely be retired.</p>

## DECISION VI/13: SUSTAINABLE USE

### *Overview of the decision*

The decision recognizes sustainable use as a cross-cutting issue and the need to investigate its role in the conservation of biological diversity. It welcomes the outcome of the three regional workshops held in response to decision V/24 and calls for a fourth workshop.

### *Overall assessment and possible action by the Conference of the Parties*

The workshop process resulted in the Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines for the Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity adopted at COP 7 (decision VII/12). Paragraphs 1 to 5 should be retired.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
<p>The Conference of the Parties,</p> <p>1. Welcomed the outcome of the three regional workshops on the Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity, which took place in Maputo (Mozambique) in September 2001, Hanoi (Viet Nam) in January 2002 and Salinas (Ecuador) in February 2002;</p>	<p>Should be retired. ---</p>
<p>2. Expressed its appreciation to the Government of the Netherlands for the financial support for these three workshops;</p>	<p>Should be retired ---</p>

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
<p>3. Noted with appreciation the collaborative efforts and synergies developed during the three workshops by the Convention on Biological Diversity and other international organizations such as the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, the Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar, Iran, 1971), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, IUCN, the International Tropical Timber Organization and the World Wide Fund For Nature, welcomes their future contributions to the process, and invites other relevant international organizations to participate in the process;</p>	<p>Process completed and decision VII/12 adopted.</p> <p>Should be retired.</p> <p>---</p>
<p>4. Requested the Executive Secretary to organize a fourth open-ended workshop on the sustainable use of biodiversity to synthesize the outcomes of the three workshops, integrate different views and regional differences and develop a set of practical principles and operational guidelines for the sustainable use of biological diversity, to be submitted to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice for its consideration prior to the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties;</p>	<p>Workshop organized in Addis Ababa (Ethiopia) in May 2003.</p> <p>The Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines for the Sustainable Use of Biodiversity were developed and forwarded to SBSTTA-9 and adopted at COP-7.</p> <p>Should be retired.</p>
<p>5. Invited Parties, other Governments and relevant international organizations to provide appropriate financial support for the organization of the fourth workshop on the sustainable use of biological diversity, with a view to ensuring broad-based participation in the fourth open-ended workshop on the sustainable use of biodiversity;</p>	<p>See above.</p> <p>Norway and Netherlands provided financial assistance.</p> <p>Should be retired.</p>
<p>6. Reiterated its invitation to Parties, other Governments, international organizations and other relevant organizations to submit case-studies on the sustainable use of biological diversity;</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p>
<p>7. Requested the Executive Secretary to continue compiling case-studies submitted by Parties, other Governments, international organizations and other relevant organizations on the sustainable use of biological diversity and make them available through the clearing-house mechanism of the Convention.</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p>

## DECISION VI/14: BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY AND TOURISM

### *Overview of the decision*

The decision addresses the process for the development of guidelines on sustainable tourism development.

### *Overall assessment and possible action by the Conference of the Parties*

The Guidelines on Biodiversity and Tourism Development were adopted by COP 7 in its decision VII/14. Decision VI/14 has been superseded by decision VII/14 and could therefore be retired.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
<p>The Conference of the Parties,</p> <p>1. Welcomed the joint efforts of the Convention on Biological Diversity, the United Nations Environment Programme, the Commission on Sustainable Development and the World Tourism Organization with regard to the international work programme on sustainable tourism development;</p>	<p>Should be retired</p> <p>---</p>

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
2. Took note of the progress made in the development of the guidelines for activities related to sustainable tourism development and biological diversity in vulnerable terrestrial, marine and mountain ecosystems;	Should be retired. ---
3. Requested the Executive Secretary:  a. To transmit the draft guidelines on sustainable tourism development in vulnerable areas to the World Ecotourism Summit, which will take place in Quebec City from 19 to 22 May 2002; b. To review the current draft guidelines taking into account the results of the electronic consultation on the draft international guidelines for activities related to sustainable tourism development and the outcome of the World Ecotourism Summit, and to transmit the reviewed draft to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific Technical and Technological Advice for its consideration at a meeting prior to the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties for its consideration; c. To gather and compile existing case-studies on the implementation of the guidelines and make them available to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice for its consideration at a meeting prior to the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties.	(a) Draft Guidelines were transmitted to the World Ecotourism Summit as requested.  (b) Guidelines were reviewed accordingly and transmitted to SBSTTA, and adopted by COP-7.  Should be retired.  (c) Case studies were compiled and made available at SBSTTA  Should be retired

## DECISION VI/15: INCENTIVE MEASURES

### *Overview of the decision*

The decision reviews progress in the implementation of the programme of work on incentive measures and endorses proposals for the design and implementation of such measures.

### *Overall assessment and possible action by the Conference of the Parties*

The proposals regarding the design and implementation of incentive measures remain in effect. Paragraphs 1 and 5 to 7 could be retired.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
The COP,  1. Took note with appreciation of the progress made in the implementation of the programme of work on incentive measures, established in decision V/15 of the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;	Could be retired.
2. Endorsed the proposals for the design and implementation of incentive measures and the recommendations for further cooperation on incentive measures, contained respectively in annexes I and II to the present decision, as far as they are consistent with Parties' national policies and legislation as well as their international obligations;	The proposals are of continuing effect.
3. Invited Parties to take these proposals into consideration when designing and implementing incentive measures for conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity;	Of continuing effect.
4. Recognized that further work has to be undertaken on positive incentives and their performance, as well as on perverse incentives and ways and means for their removal or mitigation;	Of continuing relevance and effect.

5. Encouraged Parties and relevant organizations to submit case-studies, lessons learned and other relevant information on incentive measures, especially on positive and perverse incentives, to the Executive Secretary;	Superseded by decision VII/18 (paragraphs. 6 and 8). Could be retired.
6. Requested the Executive Secretary to continue compiling and disseminating the information on incentive measures submitted by Parties and organizations, through the clearing-house mechanism of the Convention and other means;	Superseded by decision VII/18 (paragraphs 6, 8 & 9). Could be retired.)
7. Also requested the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with relevant organizations, to elaborate proposals for the application of ways and means to remove or mitigate perverse incentives, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at a meeting prior to the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties;	Proposals were elaborated and submitted to COP-7 and resulted in decision VII/18.  Could be retired.
8. Requested Parties, Governments, international and other relevant organizations to provide financial support for the programme of work on incentive measures, taking into consideration the specific circumstances of countries, in particular small island developing States and countries with economies in transition.	Of continuing relevance and effect.

## DECISION VI/16: ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES

### *Overview of the decision*

This decision is focused on actions to be taken by Governments, the Secretariat and the financial mechanism.

### *Overall assessment and possible action by the Conference of the Parties*

A natural extension of its previous decisions, this decision restructured actions with a focus on key stakeholders. Most of the provisions, though implemented, will remain to be relevant.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
The Conference of the Parties,  1. Commends the Executive Secretary for the information concerning access to funding for biodiversity projects that has been provided on the website of the Convention;	Statement.  Could be retired.
2. Commended also the efforts made by some Governments and organizations to develop partnerships aiming at promoting financial investments in biodiversity;	Statement.  Could be retired.
3. Noted the recent initiation of the Conservation Finance Alliance (CFA) facilitated by The Nature Conservancy, the Bureau of the Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar, Iran, 1971) and the Wildlife Conservation Society, involving non-governmental organizations, bilateral and multilateral agencies;	Statement.  Could be retired.
4. Welcomed the strong support for a substantial third replenishment of the Global Environment Facility, expressed by both developing and developed countries at the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity;	Statement.  Could be retired.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
5. Urged donor countries to substantially replenish the Global Environment Facility to levels higher than the current for supporting developing countries, in particular the least developed and the small island developing States, and countries with economies in transition, to implement the Convention on Biological Diversity;	Second replenishment was completed.  Could be retired.
6. Invited Parties and Governments, funding institutions and development agencies, as well as other donors to communicate to the Executive Secretary their funding procedures, eligibility criteria and programme priorities in relation to biological diversity as well as their experience in mainstreaming biodiversity into funding operations;	Of continuing effect.  Should be consolidated with other decisions.
7. Invited Parties and Governments to:  a. Share, through the clearing-house mechanism, their experiences on developing and implementing financial measures for supporting national biodiversity strategies and action plans, such as biodiversity trust funds and promotion of the private sector in supporting biological diversity;  b. Review national budgets and monetary policies, including the effectiveness of official development assistance allocated to biological diversity, with a view to promoting the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, paying particular attention to positive incentives and their performance as well as perverse incentives and ways and means for their removal or mitigation;	Of continuing effect.  Should be consolidated with other decisions
8. Urged Parties and Governments, the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, the United Nations Development Programme and other relevant institutions to take concrete action to review and further integrate biodiversity considerations in the development and implementation of major international development initiatives, such as the Highly Indebted Poor Countries (HIPC) Initiative, Poverty Reduction Strategies (PRSS), and Comprehensive Development Frameworks (CDF), as well as in national sustainable development plans and relevant sectoral policies and plans;	Of continuing effect.  Should be consolidated with other decisions
9. Requested the Global Environment Facility to explore opportunities to further develop, enhance and strengthen its catalytic role in identifying and promoting co-financing resources, and, also, to take definitive actions to explore and examine innovative and creative financing modalities to leverage increased funds from the private sector and non-traditional sources of funding;	Ongoing  Should be consolidated with other decisions
10. Encouraged the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development to integrate data collection efforts on aid targeting the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity into its regular data-collection activities, and invites the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development to provide information on financial flow statistics relating to the objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity to the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting;	Ongoing.  Partly implemented  Should be consolidated with other decisions
11. Requested the Executive Secretary: a. In collaboration with the Global Environment Facility, to promote coordination, coherence, and synergies in financing for biological diversity among donor Parties and Governments, bilateral, regional and multilateral funding institutions and development agencies in order to	Ongoing  Should be consolidated with other decisions

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
avoid duplication of work, identify gaps in activities, and identify necessary activities and funding;	
b. In consultation with the Global Environment Facility, to make available, through the clearing-house mechanism, relevant funding information including success stories and best practices of utilizing available financial resources;	Ongoing Should be consolidated with other decisions
c. To explore possible cooperation with relevant institutions to address the need for centralizing information on biodiversity related activities of funding institutions and other donors;	Ongoing Should be consolidated with other decisions
d. In collaboration with the Global Environment Facility, to explore with interested partners opportunities of developing a global initiative on banking, business and biodiversity, taking into account the existing mechanisms and institutions, and other global and regional initiatives or processes, with a view to increasing funding for biodiversity and mainstreaming biodiversity into the financial sector;	Ongoing Should be consolidated with other decisions
e. To follow up on the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development that are relevant to additional financial resources;	Ongoing Should be consolidated with other decisions
f. To compile information concerning the impacts of external debts on the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, and examine the possibility of utilizing debt for nature initiatives for supporting the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity, and make this information available on the website of the Convention;	Ongoing Should be consolidated with other decisions
g. To prepare a progress report on the implementation of the present decision for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting.	Report prepared for COP 7 Could be retired.

## DECISION VI/17: FINANCIAL MECHANISM UNDER THE CONVENTION

### *Overview of the decision*

This decision combines further guidance to the financial mechanism and the outcomes of the second review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism. It suggests to the financial mechanism to strengthen its responsiveness to the guidance from the Conference of the Parties.

### *Overall assessment and possible action by the Conference of the Parties*

Paragraphs 1, 9 and 11 could be retired. The rest of the elements of the decision should be consolidated with other decisions on guidance.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
The Conference of the Parties,  1. Noted the strong support expressed by developing countries, in particular the least developed and the small island developing States amongst them, and countries with economies in transition, as well as developed countries, for assistance from the Global Environment	Statement. Could be retired.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
Facility in the implementation of the Convention;	
2. Noting the importance of the Small Grants Programme of the Global Environment Facility, welcomed its continued expansion to other developing countries, in particular the least developed countries and the small island developing States;	Ongoing Should be consolidated with other decisions
3. Noting the efforts of the Global Environment Facility in providing financial resources to Parties with economies in transition for biodiversity-related projects, welcomed the continuation of these efforts;	Ongoing Should be consolidated with other decisions
4. Reiterated the call to the Global Environment Facility for improving and further streamlining its processes for increased flexibility and improving access to resources from the Global Environment Facility, taking into consideration the findings included in the Second Overall Performance Study of the Global Environment Facility and the second review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism;	Ongoing Should be consolidated with other decisions
5. Requested the Global Environment Facility to consider the benefits to Parties, particularly small island developing States, of an appropriate balance between national and regional projects in the implementation of decisions of the Conference of the Parties;	Ongoing Should be consolidated with other decisions
6. Requested the Global Environment Facility, in consultation with the Executive Secretary and other multilateral and bilateral organizations, to explore funding modalities for facilitating the preparation of future national reports and thematic reports from Parties, taking into account the comments made by Parties on their experience in accessing relevant funds during the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties as well as the recommendations included in the second Overall Performance Study of the GEF and the second review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism;	Ongoing Should be consolidated with other decisions
7. Requested the Global Environment Facility, in consultation with the Executive Secretary of the Convention, to initiate a dialogue to more effectively implement the guidance to the financial mechanism, drawing from the experiences and lessons learned from projects and programmes funded by the Global Environment Facility, and explore opportunities for streamlining the guidance;	Ongoing Should be consolidated with other decisions
8. Requested the Global Environment Facility, in its plan of action to respond to the Second Overall Performance Study, to take into consideration the recommendations of the second review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism, and to report to the Conference of the Parties on how it has done so;	Ongoing Should be consolidated with other decisions
9. Requested the Executive Secretary and the Global Environment Facility to explore possible synergies between the review processes of the Convention and the Global Environment Facility, and make suggestions on the arrangements for the third review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism;	Action taken. New decision adopted (see decision VII/22 on the third review). Could be retired.
10. Decided to provide the following additional guidance to the Global Environment Facility in the provision of financial resources, in accordance with Article 20 and Article 21, paragraph 1 of the	Ongoing Should be consolidated with other

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
<p>Convention and in conformity with decisions I/2, II/6, III/5, IV/13 and V/13 of the Conference of the Parties. In this regard, the Global Environment Facility shall provide financial resources to developing countries Parties, taking into account the special needs of the least developed countries and the small island developing States amongst them, for country-driven activities and programmes, consistent with national priorities and objectives, recognizing that economic and social development and poverty eradication are the first and overriding priorities of developing countries, and taking fully into consideration all relevant decisions from the Conference of the Parties. The Global Environment Facility as the institutional structure operating the financial mechanism should provide financial resources:</p> <p>(a) As a priority, for the elaboration, development, and revision as necessary, of national biodiversity strategies and action plans, and for activities which assist their implementation consistent with guidance to the Global Environment Facility from the Conference of the Parties;</p>	<p>decisions</p>
<p>(b) For national capacity-building in biosafety, in particular for enabling effective participation in the Biosafety Clearing-House and in the implementation of the Action Plan for Building Capacities for the Effective Implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety proposed by the Intergovernmental Committee on Cartagena Protocol at its second meeting, and for other needs identified in the recommendations of the Intergovernmental Committee at its second meeting for assisting developing countries to prepare for the entry into force of the Protocol;</p>	
<p>(c) For country-driven projects focusing on the identified national priorities, as well as regional and international actions that assist the implementation of the expanded work programme considering conservation of biological diversity, sustainable use of its components and fair and equitable sharing of the benefits from genetic resources in a balanced way, underscoring the importance of ensuring long-term conservation, sustainable use, and benefit-sharing of native forests;</p>	
<p>(d) For country-driven capacity-building activities by developing country Parties, in particular, least developed countries and small island developing States among them, for the implementation of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation;</p>	
<p>(e) For country-driven activities aimed at enhancing capabilities to address the impacts of mortality related to coral bleaching and physical degradation and destruction of coral reefs, including developing rapid response capabilities to implement measures to address coral-reef degradation, mortality and subsequent recovery;</p>	
<p>(f) For national and regional taxonomic capacity-building, as a basis for implementing the programme of work for the Global Taxonomy Initiative, with particular attention to funding country-driven pilot projects identified under the Global Taxonomy Initiative, taking into consideration the special needs of least developed countries and small island developing States;</p>	

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
(g) For projects that assist with the implementation of the Plan of Action for the International Initiative for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Pollinators by developing country Parties, in particular, least developed countries and small island developing States;	
(h) To build capacity of developing country Parties, in particular least developed countries and small island developing States, to participate effectively in the preparatory process for the first Report on the State of World's Animal Genetic Resources;	
(i) For projects that assist with the implementation of the programme of work on biological diversity of inland water ecosystems;	
(j) For projects that assist with the implementation of the programme of work on incentive measures, taking into consideration the specific circumstances of countries, in particular, least developed countries and small island developing States;	
(k) As a priority, for projects that assist with the development and implementation, at national and regional levels, of the invasive alien species strategies and action plans called for in paragraph 6 of decision V/8, in particular those strategies and actions related to geographically and evolutionarily isolated ecosystems, paying particular attention to the needs of least developed countries and small island developing States, including needs related to capacity-building;	
(l) In a timely manner, to eligible Parties for the preparation of national reports;	
(m) For projects that assist with the implementation of the Action Plan on Capacity-building for Access and Benefit-sharing in support of the implementation of the Bonn Guidelines on Access to Genetic Resources and Fair and Equitable Sharing of the Benefit Arising out of their Utilization;	
(n) For the enhancement of national capacities for the establishment and maintenance of mechanisms to protect traditional knowledge at national and subnational levels, and for building the capacity of indigenous and local communities to develop strategies and systems for the protection of traditional knowledge;	
(o) For capacity development and country-driven projects prioritized in the Global Initiative on Communication, Education and Public Awareness;	
11. Requested the Global Environment Facility to report on the implementation of the present decision to the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting.	Report submitted to COP7 Could be retired.

## DECISION VI/18: SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND THE CLEARING-HOUSE MECHANISM (ARTICLE 18)

### *Overview of the decision*

The decision outlines a number of activities to be undertaken by Parties and the Executive Secretary in order to improve the effectiveness of the CHM.

*Overall assessment and possible action by the Conference of the Parties*

Paragraphs 2 and 3 of the decision have been fully implemented and can be retired. Activities with respect to the remaining paragraphs are ongoing.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
<p>The Conference of the Parties,</p> <p>1. Invited Parties to use effectively the central portal of the clearing-house mechanism and to establish or strengthen national, subregional or regional focal points for the clearing-house mechanism, if they have not done so already;</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p>
<p>2. Requested the Executive Secretary to commission a review to assess the current and potential role of the clearing-house mechanism in promoting technical and scientific cooperation, including its role in facilitating the transfer of technology and know-how and capacity-building to support implementation of the Convention at the national level, and to report on this review to the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting;</p>	<p>Implemented See report : UNEP/CBD/COP/7/INF/12 See also decision VII/23, para. 8</p> <p>Could be retired.</p>
<p>3. Recommended that the Executive Secretary update and further develop the clearing-house mechanism tool kit referred to in decision IV/2 of the Conference of the Parties, incorporating the use of guidelines, best practices and new information formats, protocols and standards to assist Parties in the establishment or improvement of national, subregional or regional focal points for the clearing-house mechanism;</p>	<p>Implemented New CHM Toolkit developed and distributed at COP-7 (also available on the CBD website) See also decision VII/23, 7(c)</p> <p>Could be retired.</p>
<p>4. Urged the Executive Secretary to convene additional capacity-building workshops at the national, subregional and regional levels referred to in decision V/14 of the Conference of the Parties for clearing-house activities and training in support of national capacities to implement the Convention;</p>	<p>Ongoing Asia region workshop is being organized. See also : decision VII/23, para. 7(b).</p> <p>Could be consolidated with other relevant decisions.</p>
<p>5. Urged the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with existing international networks of indigenous and local communities and, as appropriate, national focal points, to assist in the further development of communication networks for use by these communities, with an initial emphasis on information-sharing formats, protocols and standards, having regard to ethical issues pertaining to traditional knowledge. These networks would not be used to exchange or disclose traditional knowledge.</p>	<p>Ongoing See report : UNEP/CBD/AHTEG/TK-CHM/1/3 of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Traditional Knowledge and the Clearing-House Mechanism.</p> <p>Could be consolidated with other relevant decisions.</p>

**DECISION VI/19: COMMUNICATION, EDUCATION AND PUBLIC AWARENESS**

*Overview of the decision*

This decision addresses several elements of the Global Initiative on Communication, Education and Public Awareness and the Programme of Work attached as an annex to the decision.

*Overall assessment and possible action by the Conference of the Parties*

This decision is of continuing relevance to the Convention process. The seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties called for further development of the programme of work on communication, education and public awareness for in-depth consideration at COP-8. All the key elements of decision VI/19 and in particular the programme of work continue to serve as on-going inputs in the further development of the programme of work. The retirements or consolidation of this decision with other

decisions should be considered after COP-8 has reviewed and approved the revised programme of work on communication, education and public awareness.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
<p>The Conference of the Parties,</p> <p>1. Decides to adopt the programme of work for a Global Initiative on Communication, Education and Public Awareness, as contained in the annex to the present decision;</p>	<p>Legislative basis of the programme of work.</p>
<p>2. Invited Parties to strongly and effectively promote biodiversity-related issues through the press, the various media, and public relations and communications networks at national levels;</p>	<p>On-going</p>
<p>3. Requested the Parties to the Convention and other Governments:</p> <p>a) To support the national, regional and international activities prioritized by the Global Initiative on Education and Public Awareness;</p> <p>b) To develop adequate capacity to deliver initiatives on communication, education and public awareness, taking into account special needs of developing countries, in particular, the least developed countries and small island developing States;</p>	<p>On-going</p>
<p>4. Requested the Executive Secretary, in consultation with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the United Nations Environment Programme, the IUCN Commission for Education and Communication, and other members of the Consultative Working Group of Experts established by decision V/17, as well as any relevant institutions, to:</p> <p>a. Monitor and evaluate the implementation of the Global Initiative according to the conditions established in the annex to the present decision for its start-up phase and report regularly on its implementation to the meetings of the Conference of the Parties;</p> <p>b. Review the communication, education and public-awareness dimensions of existing and new cross-cutting issues and thematic areas, and specifically those priorities and action plans established in the Strategic Plan for the Convention;</p> <p>c. Promote, in collaboration with the relevant agencies, the development and implementation of demonstration projects that can serve as models to initiate similar projects that can be adopted by Parties, and to report thereon to the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting;</p> <p>d. Seek the submission of relevant case-studies on biodiversity communication, education and public awareness from relevant sources;</p> <p>e. Develop and implement a corporate communication strategy for the Secretariat.</p>	<p>On-going. The work outlined in this paragraph will be taken up by the Informal Advisory Committee established by COP-7 Decision VII/24. Although the consultative working group will no longer meet, the retirement or consolidation of this paragraph would be considered only after COP-8 has approved the revised CEPA programme of work which will incorporate the tasks set out in this particular paragraph</p>
<p>5. Invited the Global Environment Facility to include expertise relating to communication, education and public awareness when evaluating projects for funding approval and to strengthen its involvement in and support of the national implementation of the Global Initiative;</p>	<p>On-going</p>

<p>6. Invited the private sector to become an active player in the Global Initiative and encourages the private sector to mobilize resources for this Initiative;</p>	<p>On-going</p>
<p>7. Invited the United Nations Environment Programme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. To promote biodiversity-related communication, education and public-awareness activities across multilateral environmental agreements and programmes;</li> <li>b. To promote capacity-building for communication, education and public awareness at the regional level in cooperation with IUCN and others;</li> <li>c. To develop international mechanisms that facilitate access to environmental information, environmental justice and public participation;</li> </ul>	<p>On-going</p>
<p>8. Urged the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to develop a plan to integrate biodiversity into all levels of formal education;</p>	<p>On-going</p>
<p>9. Invited other agencies such as the United Nations Development Programme, the World Bank, and development banks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. To reflect in their funding policies the Global Initiative on Communication, Education and Public Awareness according to the conditions established in the annex to the present decision;</li> <li>b. To include expertise on communication, education and public awareness when evaluating projects for funding approval;</li> </ul>	<p>On-going</p>
<p>10. Invited indigenous people's organizations, community-based organizations and non-governmental organizations to include communication, education and public awareness in their relevant activities and to support the global initiative on education and public awareness according to the conditions established in the annex to the present decision;</p>	<p>On-going</p>
<p>11. Invited Parties to facilitate the increase in the number of biodiversity-related publications in their national libraries in order to facilitate further dissemination of knowledge on biodiversity issues among the general public;</p>	<p>On-going</p>

<p>12. Requested the Executive Secretary to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop appropriate partnerships with public and private research and academic institutions for the exchange of publications related to biodiversity;</li> <li>Examine the possibility of establishing formal liaison with schools of environmental education to further disseminate decisions of the Conference of the Parties to future specialists;</li> <li>Make available all publications in the area of biodiversity communication, education and public awareness that have been produced by the Secretariat in the six official United Nations languages, subject to the availability of funding, and promote the translation of those publications in the languages of indigenous and local communities;</li> </ol>	On-going
<p>13. Invited United Nations bodies and other international and regional organizations to send copies of their biodiversity-related publications to the library of the Secretariat</p>	On-going

## DECISION VI/20: COOPERATION WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, INITIATIVES AND CONVENTIONS

### *Overview of the decision*

This is a decision that calls for cooperation with a number of other conventions, organizations and other processes. The one on World Trade Organization (WTO) recognizes the need for cooperation with the organization with a view to ensuring mutual supportiveness between the Biosafety Protocol and the relevant WTO agreements, in particular with the Agreement on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS) and the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT). In fact, the decision requests the Executive Secretary to apply to WTO for an observer status in the Committees of the two agreements. The decision encourages also cooperation with the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC).

### *Overall assessment and possible action by the Conference of the Parties*

The decision still stands. The Executive Secretary is under regular contact with the WTO with a view to get the request for an observer status in the SPS and the TBT accepted by the relevant committees. The cooperation with IPPC as regards matters related to the Biosafety Protocol is also underway. Therefore, those elements of the decision that involve cooperation with the WTO and IPPC regarding matters related to the Biosafety Protocol are not only being implemented, but they also continue to have relevance in the future.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
<p>The Conference of the Parties,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reaffirmed the importance of cooperation and the need to design and implement mutually supportive activities with other conventions, international organizations and initiatives, as specified under this and other decisions;</li> </ol>	Of continuing relevance and effect.
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Welcomed the further contribution that the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment, the Global International Waters Assessment, the Forest</li> </ol>	Of continuing relevance.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
Resources Assessment 2000, the report on the State of the World's Plant and Animal Resources of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Water Assessment Programme and the IUCN Red List assessment have made to the work of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the Convention;	
3. Invited those conducting these assessments to keep the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice informed of their work, and further invited them to report to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at its eighth and ninth meetings;	Ongoing
4. Welcomed the work of the United Nations Environment Programme on the harmonization of environmental reporting and encouraged its continuation, whilst recognizing the need to ensure that this does not affect the ability of the Conference of the Parties to adjust national reporting procedures under the Convention in order to better meet the needs of Parties;	Ongoing
5. Recognized the importance of collaboration with the United Nations Forum on Forests on issues related to forest biological diversity and encouraged practical cooperation at the level of the respective secretariats;	Ongoing.  The Secretariat of the CBD is a member of the UNFF Collaborative Partnership on Forests. The Secretariat is the focal agency on forest biodiversity and related traditional knowledge in the CPF.
6. Recognized the need to establish cooperation with the United Nations Permanent Forum for Indigenous Issues, in particular on matters relevant to Article 8(j) and related provisions;	Cooperation with the Forum was established by the Executive Secretary and COP 7 welcomed the increasing collaboration with the Permanent Forum.  Legislative basis for cooperation and therefore of continuing effect.
7. Invited the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to continue its close working relationships with the Executive Secretary and to extend its cooperation on those relevant areas identified in the decisions of the current meeting under the item on agricultural biological diversity, in particular on the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture;	Of continuing relevance and effect.
8. Urged Parties to take steps to harmonize policies and programmes, at the national level, among the various multilateral environmental agreements and relevant regional initiatives, with a view to optimising policy coherence, synergies and efficiency in their implementation, at the national, regional and international levels;	Ongoing.
9. Welcomed the activities being undertaken with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, including its Kyoto Protocol, and requests the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the Executive Secretary to continue to cooperate with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, including its Kyoto Protocol, and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) on relevant issues such as dry and sub-humid lands, agricultural biological diversity, forest biological diversity, marine and coastal biological diversity, especially coral reefs, and incentive measures and impacts of measures envisaged under the Kyoto Protocol with a view to maximizing synergies between these processes;	Ongoing.  A liaison group of the Secretariats of the three Rio Conventions was established by the Executive Secretaries to enhance cooperation.
10. Recognized that there is a need to take immediate actions under the Convention on Biological Diversity and the United Nations	Of continuing relevance.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
Framework Convention on Climate Change to reduce and mitigate the impacts of climate change on the biological diversity of coral reefs and their associated socio-economic effects;	An AHTEG on biodiversity and climate change reported to SBSTTA9 (see UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/11. The report was also transmitted to the UNFCCC.
11. Welcomed the conclusions of the sixth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change regarding cooperation among the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification and the Convention on Biological Diversity;	Of continuing relevance.
12. Welcomed further the establishment of the joint liaison group among the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification and the Convention on Biological Diversity and urged the joint liaison group to become fully operational in order to facilitate cooperation between the conventions both at national and international levels;	Of continuing relevance.  Basis for the joint liaison group.
13. Took note of the terms of reference of the joint liaison group of the secretariats of the Convention on Biological Diversity, the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, and the proposed programme of work agreed upon at the fifteenth session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and encourages further coordinated work, especially on issues relating to the national level;	Of continuing effect.
14. Invited Parties to provide views to the Executive Secretary on the need for further enhanced cooperation between the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice of the Convention on Biological Diversity, including suggestions for specific actions by 30 May 2002;	Implemented.  See report of the Executive Secretary to COP7 (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/19).  Could be retired.
15. Welcomed and endorsed the third joint work plan (2002-2006) between the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar, Iran, 1971);	Of continuing relevance and effect.
16. Noted that the third joint work plan includes a range of cooperative actions in relation to several ecosystem themes and cross-cutting issues of the Convention on Biological Diversity, as well as proposing actions to harmonize institutional processes, and requests the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the Executive Secretary to take these actions fully into consideration in furthering the respective programmes of work for these areas;	Of continuing relevance and effect.
17. Welcomed and endorsed the joint work programme between the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals;	Of continuing relevance and effect.
18. Noted that the joint work programme between the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Convention on Migratory Species includes a range of cooperative actions in relation to several ecosystem themes and cross-cutting issues of the Convention on Biological Diversity, as well as proposing actions to harmonize institutional processes, and requests the Subsidiary Body on	Of continuing relevance and effect.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the Executive Secretary to take these actions fully into consideration in furthering the respective programmes of work for these areas;	
19. Recognized migratory species as a unique globally important component of biological diversity under the Convention on Migratory Species, and further recognized that the conservation and sustainable use of migratory species need to be undertaken in their migratory range and through cooperative actions.;	Of continuing relevance and effect.
20. Invited the Secretariat of the Convention on Migratory Species and Parties to that Convention, to compile and disseminate through the clearing-house mechanism of the Convention on Biological Diversity case-studies on migratory species and their habitats, relevant to thematic areas and cross-cutting issues under the Convention on Biological Diversity;	Ongoing.
21. Invited the Executive Secretary to generate, in collaboration with the Secretariat of the Convention on Migratory Species and relevant organizations, guidance for the integration of migratory species into the national biodiversity strategies and action plans and ongoing and future programmes of work under the Convention on Biological Diversity;	Ongoing
22. Urged Parties to report through their national reports on the extent to which they address migratory species at the national level, and on their cooperation with other range States;	Ongoing
23. Recognized the Convention on Migratory Species as the lead partner in conserving and sustainably using migratory species over their entire range and also recognizes that the Convention on Migratory Species provides an international legal framework through which range States can cooperate on migratory species issues;	Of continuing effect.
24. Invited the secretariats of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora and the Convention on Biological Diversity to continue to cooperate and coordinate activities with a view to facilitating the exchange of relevant information and experience and enhancing synergies in areas of mutual interest;	Ongoing.
<p><i>Cooperation with the WTO:</i></p> <p>25. Reaffirms the need to promoting increased mutual supportiveness of trade and environment agreements in achieving sustainable development, as stressed in decision IV/15 of the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, and reiterated in the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the Doha Ministerial Declaration of the World Trade Organization adopted on 14 November 2001;</p>	<p>This is a principle that will continue to guide the relationship between trade (WTO, Doha declaration) and environmental agreements (CBD, CPB)</p> <p>Of continuing relevance and effect.</p>
26. Notes the Doha Ministerial Declaration, which welcomes a continued cooperation by the World Trade Organization with United Nations Environment Programme and other intergovernmental environmental organizations, and encourages efforts to promote cooperation between the World Trade Organization and relevant international environmental and developmental organizations;	Of continuing relevance and effect
27. Recognizes the importance of cooperation with the World Trade Organization with regard to matters that are relevant to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and in preparing for the implementation of the Protocol, emphasizes the need to ensure mutual supportiveness with the relevant agreements under the World Trade Organization, in particular with the Agreement on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures and the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade, with a view to achieving sustainable development;	Efforts at enhancing cooperation ongoing.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
28. Welcomed the practice established between the Executive Secretary and the World Trade Organization to exchange information regarding developments under the Intergovernmental Committee for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety;	Of continuing relevance and effect.
29. Requested the Executive Secretary to apply to the World Trade Organization for an observer status and to represent the Convention on Biological Diversity in the meetings of the Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures and the Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade;	Application has been made and formal acceptance is still pending.  Of continuing relevance.
30. Further requested the Executive Secretary to renew the application to the World Trade Organization for observer status in the Council for the Agreement on Trade-related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights;	Application for observer status was renewed and formal acceptance is still pending.  Of continuing relevance and effect.
<i>Cooperation with IPPC:</i>	
31. Welcomed the recommendations of the Open-ended Working Group of the Interim Commission on Phytosanitary Measures on Specifications for an International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures on Living Modified Organisms, in particular to include expertise on the provisions and implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and on the requirement for consistency with the Protocol;	The Working Group completed its work by specifying the standards, which were later adopted with the participation of the CBD Secretariat.  Could be retired.
32. Requests the Executive Secretary to continue to maintain close cooperation with the Interim Commission on Phytosanitary Measures of the International Plant Protection Convention as regards the development of standards for plant pest risk analysis involving living modified organisms;	Of continuing relevance and effect.
33. Encourages Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity and Governments participating in the International Plant Protection Convention process to include experts on the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the Convention on Biological Diversity in their delegations to meetings under the International Plant Protection Convention;	Ongoing.
34. Urges the Interim Commission on Phytosanitary Measures to ensure that the international standards to be developed for the purpose of phytosanitary measures regarding living modified organisms are in harmony with the objective and all relevant requirements of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety;	Of continuing relevance and effect.
35. Recognizes the leading role of the Convention on Biological Diversity in international biological diversity issues and the role of the World Intellectual Property Organization as the lead specialized agency to address intellectual property rights, and emphasizes continued cooperation between the Convention and the Organization;	Of continuing relevance and effect.
36. Encourages the Executive Secretary to pursue, in accordance with paragraph 17 of decision IV/9, the Memorandum of Understanding between the secretariat of the Convention and the World Intellectual Property Organization with a view to enhancing cooperation between the Convention and the Organization on intellectual property issues arising from the implementation of the Convention such as those in access and benefit-sharing and Article 8(j) and related provisions;	A Memorandum of Cooperation has been signed between the Secretariat and WIPO.  Legal basis of MOC.  Of continuing relevance and effect.
37. Invites the World Intellectual Property Organization to address, as a matter priority, the invitation extended to it under paragraph 4 of its decision VI/24 C, on the role of intellectual property rights in the implementation of access and benefit-sharing arrangements;	A technical study was undertaken by WIPO and submitted to COP 7 (see decision VII/19E)  Could be retired.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
38. Encourages the World Intellectual Property Organization to take into account the objectives and principles of the Convention on Biological Diversity when dealing with issues related to access and benefit-sharing and traditional knowledge;	Of continuing relevance and effect.
39. Invites the World Intellectual Property Organization to further strengthen the complementarity of its work programme with that of the Convention on intellectual property issues arising from access and benefit-sharing and Article 8(j) and related provisions and to provide appropriate information on these issues with a view to enhancing mutual supportiveness in the relevant work programmes that fall within the respective mandates of the Convention and the Organization.	Ongoing.

## DECISION VI/21: ANNEX TO THE HAGUE MINISTERIAL DECLARATION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

### *Overview of the decision*

The decision addresses the CBD's contribution to the WSSD process. It adopted a message to the WSSD which was transmitted to the fourth preparatory meeting and to the Summit.

### *Overall assessment and possible action by the Conference of the Parties*

The decision was an important input to the WSSD and informed most of the decisions taken at the Summit relating to biological diversity. The decision is of only historical value and could be retired.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
The Conference of the Parties,  1. Welcomed the contribution of the Executive Secretary to the preparations for the World Summit on Sustainable Development;	
2. Adopted the annexed contribution to the World Summit on Sustainable Development and requests the President of the Conference of the Parties to transmit this contribution from the Conference of the Parties to the World Summit on Sustainable Development, as well as prior to and on the occasion of the fourth preparatory committee meeting to be held in Bali, Indonesia;	Implemented.  The contribution was submitted to both the fourth preparatory meeting and the Johannesburg Summit.  Could be retired.
3. Requested the Executive Secretary to continue to participate actively in the preparatory process for the World Summit on Sustainable Development, and in the Summit itself, with a view to ensuring that the objectives of the Convention, particularly those relating to poverty eradication and sustainable development; are duly reflected in its outcome, and to report to the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties accordingly;	Implemented.  The Executive Secretary effectively participated in the preparatory process.  Could be retired.
4. Encouraged Governments to promote partnership initiatives for biodiversity programmes involving the public and private sectors and other major stakeholders to be included in the outcome of the World Summit on Sustainable Development;	Implemented.  Several biodiversity related partnerships were adopted prior to and during the Summit.  Could be retired.
5. Encouraged Governments to involve national focal points for	Implemented.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
the Convention on Biological Diversity in the World Summit on Sustainable Development process, and other major stakeholders, including non-governmental organizations, to participate in that process, and invites developed countries to provide support to that end through appropriate channels;	Could be retired.
6. Requested the President of the Conference of the Parties, in close cooperation with the Bureau and the Executive Secretary, to analyse the outcome of the World Summit on Sustainable Development as it relates to the Convention process and to report thereon to the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting.	An analysis of the outcome was undertaken and submitted to COP 7 (see UNEP/CBD/COP/7/20).  Could be retired.

## DECISION VI/22: FOREST BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

### *Overview of the decision*

The decision welcomes the report of the AHTEG on forest biological diversity established at COP 5; takes note of the Ghana workshop on forest biological and the first meeting of the AHTEG on Biological Diversity and Climate Change; and adopts an expanded programme of work on forest biological diversity.

### *Overall Assessment & Action by the Conference of the Parties*

The programme of work is under implementation. The elements of the decision relating to the AHTEG on forest biological diversity, the workshop and the AHTEG on biodiversity and climate change are fully implemented. The following paragraphs could be retired: paragraphs 1-8; 19(a), (b), (d) and (f); 27; 41; 43; and 45.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
The Conference of the Parties,  1. Welcomed the report of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Forest Biological Diversity established by the Conference of the Parties at its fifth meeting, <sup>1/</sup> and took note of the assessment of status and trends of, and major threats to, forest biological diversity contained in the report;	.  The report has been published in 2002 and distributed to Parties, and other relevant users (CBD Technical Series no. 7).  Could be retired.
2. Expressed its gratitude to the Government of Canada and to the Government of the United Kingdom for their financial support to the work of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Forest Biological Diversity, and to the other Governments and international organizations for the participation of their representatives;	.  Could be retired.
3. Also expressed its gratitude to the Co-Chairs, the experts and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity for their work regarding the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Forest Biological Diversity;	.  Could be retired
4. Welcomed the report of the Workshop on Forests and Biological Diversity, held in Accra from 28 to 30 January 2002 <sup>2/</sup> and took note of the recommendations of the Workshop for an effective collaboration on forests and biodiversity among	Concrete actions for collaboration between CBD and UNFF are contained in many substantive paragraphs in the decision, particularly par. 19.

<sup>1/</sup> UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/7/INF/3.

<sup>2/</sup> UNEP/CBD/COP/6/INF/7.

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the Convention on Biological Diversity, the United Nations Forum on Forests, and their partners contained in the report;	Could be retired.
5. Expressed its gratitude to the Government of Ghana for hosting the Workshop on Forests and Biological Diversity and the Government of the Netherlands for its financial support, and to the other Governments and international organizations for the participation of their representatives;	Could be retired.
6. Expressed its gratitude to the Co-Chairs, the experts and the Secretariats of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the United Nations Forum on Forests for their work regarding the Workshop;	Could be retired
7. Welcomed the report of the first meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Biological Diversity and Climate Change, held in Helsinki from 21 to 25 January 2002, <sup>3/</sup> and expressed its gratitude to the Government of Finland for hosting the workshop and the Government of Switzerland for financial support, and to the Co-Chairs and the experts;	The final report was published in 2003 (CBD Technical series 10) and welcomed by COP at its seventh meeting.  Could be retired.
8. Took note of the report of the Expert Meeting on Harmonization of Forest-related Definitions, <sup>4/</sup> held in Rome from 23 to 25 January 2002, under the auspices of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, the Center for International Forestry Research, and other partners;	Could be retired.
9. Welcomed the establishment of the liaison group of the secretariats of the Convention on Biological Diversity, the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and <i>encourages</i> the activities of the group in promoting complementarity and synergies in their activities on forests and forest ecosystems;	Of continuing relevance and effect
<b>Expanded programme of work</b> 10. Adopted the expanded programme of work on forest biological diversity as contained in the annex to the present decision;	The programme of work is under implementation.  The programme of work will be reviewed in depth at COP9.
11. Recognized that Parties should implement the expanded programme of work on forest biological diversity in the context of their national priorities and needs. Activities implemented domestically by Parties will be prioritized based on country and regionally specific needs, national determination, legislation, circumstances and priorities concerning forest-related issues, and their national forest and biodiversity strategies. Inclusion of an activity in the work programme does not mean relevance of that activity to all Parties;	Of continuing relevance and effect.

<sup>3/</sup> UNEP/CBD/COP/6/INF/6.

<sup>4/</sup> UNEP/CBD/COP/6/INF/26.

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12. Invited Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to take note of the information pertaining to potential actors, timeframes, performance measures and indicators of progress contained in the note by the Executive Secretary on the subject; <u>5/</u>	Ongoing
13. Expressed the need for action to ensure conservation of biological diversity, the sustainable use of its components, and fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising out of utilization of genetic resources, and arising from the utilization of traditional knowledge, innovations and practices from indigenous and local communities, in accordance with Article 8(j) and related provisions, of all types of forests, considering the need for urgent action for forests that are ecologically significant and/or most important for biological diversity on national and regional scales and according to national priorities, where forest biodiversity loss or threats of loss are significant or of great concern, and in areas with greatest potential for conservation, sustainable use and benefit-sharing;	Ongoing.
14. Recognized that all the activities in the work programme are important, though not equally for all Parties, and as a package of mainly nationally prioritized activities, will contribute significantly to advancing the Convention's objectives as stated in Article 1 of the Convention;	Of continuing relevance and effect.
15. Recognized the important role of international and regional organizations and processes in supporting Parties in their implementation of the work programme, <i>agrees</i> that these organizations and processes are important in the implementation of the programme of work, and <i>invites</i> their participation in its implementation;	Of continuing relevance and effect.
16. Urged donors and the international community to contribute through financing and technology transfer to country-identified or regionally-identified priorities for forest biodiversity, with an understanding of the impact of scarce resources on the effective implementation of the objectives of the Convention;	Of continuing relevance and effect
17. Agreed that the availability of new and additional financial resources from public, private, domestic or international sources, with the transfer of technology and capacity-building is necessary to facilitate the effective implementation of the expanded work programme by developing countries, in particular the least developed and small island developing States among them, and in countries with economies in transition;	Of continuing relevance and effect
18. Recognized that the work programme contains a number of activities that call for regional and international actions and collaboration and <i>encourages</i> Parties, other Governments and international and regional organizations and	Ongoing

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5/ UNEP/CBD/COP/6/INF/9.

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<p>processes to collaborate on the implementation of regional and international activities;</p>	
<p>19. Requested the Executive Secretary to initiate the following actions addressing some initial focus areas which are identified as important first steps towards the implementation of regional and international activities of the expanded programme of work, which should facilitate or complement national implementation. The initiation of these actions should not delay implementation of other activities within the expanded work programme at international, regional or national level:</p>	
<p>(a) <i>Ecosystem approach.</i> In collaboration with the Coordinator and Head of Secretariat of the United Nations Forum on Forests to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Carry out a comparative study to clarify the conceptual basis of the ecosystem approach in relation to the concept of sustainable forest management with adequate consideration for regional conditions;</li> <li>(ii) Undertake a synthesis of case-studies on the ecosystem approach provided to the Convention on Biological Diversity by Parties;</li> <li>(iii) Invite the Collaborative Partnership on Forests members to provide a discussion paper, drawing on concrete national or regional experiences and inter-sessional meetings for consideration by the Convention on Biological Diversity.</li> </ul> <p>The study should evaluate the link between the concepts in their application and the differences and similarities with a view to improve the conservation of biological diversity, sustainable use of its components, and the fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising out of the utilization of genetic resources, taking an integrated approach, and in accordance with Article 8(j) and related provisions. The study should be reported to and provide recommendations to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice for consideration as part of its work on the ecosystem approach and to the United Nations Forum on Forests at its fourth session for information;</p>	<p>Fully implemented.</p> <p>The guidance has been superseded by par. 7 and annex II of decision VII/11.</p> <p>Could be retired.</p>
<p>(b) <i>Collaboration with other bodies/enabling environment.</i> In collaboration with the Coordinator and Head of the Secretariat of the United Nations Forum on Forests, Collaborative Partnership on Forests members, and other relevant bodies, institutions and processes to undertake an assessment of the relationship between the proposals for action of the Intergovernmental Panel on Forests/Intergovernmental Forum on Forests and the activities of the expanded programme of work on forest biological diversity. The purpose of this assessment is to enable better implementation of common objectives in the context of national forest programmes and national biodiversity strategies and action plans. The assessment should consider, <i>inter alia</i>, the existing national forest programmes and national biodiversity strategies and action plans, and the way countries promote their</p>	<p>Fully implemented.</p> <p>Further guidance on activities contained in par. 3 of decision VII/1.</p> <p>Could be retired.</p>

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<p>implementation in an integrated manner. This should lead to more effective and cost-efficient implementation, with better synergies between sectors concerned with the conservation and sustainable use of forest biological diversity. This assessment should be reported to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and to the United Nations Forum on Forests at its fourth session for information and be disseminated through the clearing-house mechanism ;</p>	
<p>(c) <i>Cross-sectoral integration.</i> To compile best practices available to promote and support integrated approaches to reduce negative impacts and enhance positive impacts of other sectoral policies on forest biological diversity with a view to developing a tool kit for building capacity in integrated approaches and planning. The best practices and proposed components of the tool kit should be made available to Parties;</p>	Ongoing.
<p>(d) <i>Protected areas.</i> To collaborate with the United Nations Forum on Forests, IUCN and other relevant member of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests, and other relevant bodies, institutions and processes, non-governmental organizations, indigenous and local communities, and other relevant stakeholders to prepare and hold an international workshop on protected areas as a measure to conserve and sustainably use forest biological diversity. Results of regional workshops or international workshops, including the IFF International Experts Meeting on Forest Protected Areas (March 1999 in Puerto Rico) as well as the World Parks Congress scheduled for September 2003, on this subject should be taken into account. The purpose of the international workshop on protected areas is to exchange current knowledge and experience on opportunities and challenges to establishing and ensuring long-term sustainability of protected forest areas. Participants from Parties and other Governments should include senior officials from forest and environment ministries, the decision makers and other stakeholders. This workshop should provide recommendations for the further implementation of activities relevant to protected forest areas in the work programme (element 1, goal 3, objective 3), and should be held for three days just prior to the ninth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, to report to the Subsidiary Body at its ninth meeting under the agenda item on protected areas;</p>	<p>Fully implemented (see UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/INF/39).</p> <p>Could be retired.</p>
<p>(e) <i>Forest law enforcement and related trade.</i> In collaboration with Collaborative Partnership on Forests members and relevant bodies, to develop at least two case-studies from each region, with voluntary participation by countries, on the effects on forest biological diversity of insufficient forest law enforcement. The studies and resulting report would address, <i>inter alia</i> the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Assessment of the unauthorized harvesting of forest biodiversity on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Fauna (including bushmeat) and flora;</li> <li>b. Indigenous and local communities;</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Ongoing

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<p>c. Revenue loss, at the national and local level;</p> <p>(ii) Identify the relationship between consumption in consumer countries and unauthorized harvesting activities, including through international trade, noting the decisions and pending work of International Tropical Timber Organization, and identifying and analysing how market access measures can be used to support conservation of forest biodiversity, sustainable use of its components, and the fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising out of the utilization of genetic resources, and also identifying and analysing market access obstacles for legally-obtained forest biodiversity products;</p> <p>The resulting report should be submitted to the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties for its consideration. The report should include recommendations for further implementation of the relevant areas of the work programme (element 1, goal 4, objective 2 and element 2, goal 1, objective 4), and should be provided for use by the liaison group on non-timber forest resources agreed in paragraph 42 of the present decision;</p>	
<p>(f) <i>Sustainable use / benefit-sharing.</i> In collaboration with United Nations Forum on Forests and Collaborative Partnership on Forests members, and other relevant bodies including indigenous peoples organizations, institutions and processes to compile a report, with recommendations, addressing the management of forest biological diversity, sustainable use to derive products and services, and benefit-sharing. The purpose of this report is to help implement the activities under element 1, goal 4, objective 1 of the programme of work, by looking at how Parties consider long-term sustainability and conservation of forest biological diversity in the context of the commerce and related harvesting of forest products. The report should be based on information provided by Parties and members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests and should cover <i>inter alia</i> sustainable use and management of forests, including by indigenous and local communities, planning and modelling tools, criteria and indicators, economic valuation of forest biodiversity goods and services, monitoring unsustainable use, needs of indigenous and local communities and information pertaining to the consideration of the needs of future generations. This report should be submitted to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice for consideration as part of its work on sustainable use and to the United Nations Forum on Forests at its fourth session for information;</p>	<p>Fully implemented (see UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/9).</p> <p>Could be retired.</p>
<p>(g) <i>Servicing capacity-building.</i> The Executive Secretary shall provide through the clearing-house mechanism a service for Parties, including through an Internet portal, to seek and provide support and partnerships in order to facilitate implementation of the expanded work programme on forest biodiversity. To this end, the Executive Secretary shall encourage Parties to communicate their national priorities and shall invite other Governments, regional and international</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p>

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organizations, and non-governmental organizations to support the programme of work through capacity-building, technology transfer and provision of financial resources;	
20. Invited Parties, other Governments and funding organizations to provide adequate and timely financial support to facilitate the international and regional actions. These actions should not prejudice the financing and support for other international and regional actions in the work programme including projects by Parties and other Governments in the context of their national priorities;	Ongoing
21. Requested Parties to report on progress in implementing relevant objectives and related activities of the expanded programme of work on forest biological diversity, through their national reports, starting with the third national report, bearing in mind the national reporting cycles of Parties;	Ongoing.
22. Requested the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with Collaborative Partnership on Forests members, to develop a format for the section on implementation of the expanded work programme on forest biological diversity in the third and subsequent national reports, and to consider the need to minimize the reporting burden on Parties by taking into account reporting under the United Nations Forum on Forests and other international mechanisms;	Ongoing.
23. Requested the Executive Secretary in consultation with the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the clearing-house mechanism focal points and using appropriate mechanisms, to identify and/or foster partners, partnerships, and regional and international cooperative initiatives to undertake or support implementation activities under the programme of work;	Ongoing.
24. Requested the Executive Secretary to compile information on the implementation of the programme of work, including information on the actors involved in the implementation, disseminate this through the clearing-house mechanism, and provide progress reports on implementation to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at each meeting;	Ongoing.
25. Requested the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice to review implementation of the programme of work, with a view to identifying appropriate amendments that will further implementation of the Convention in relation to forest biological diversity, and to report thereon to Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting;	Ongoing.
26. Agreed to establish an ad hoc technical expert group to provide advice to the Executive Secretary and to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice in the review of the implementation of the programme of work, with the following terms of reference:	Ongoing.

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<p>(a) <i>Tasks:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) To provide advice on the way in which the review of the implementation of the programme of work would be undertaken;</li> <li>(ii) To provide technical input to the review of the implementation of the programme of work;</li> <li>(iii) To provide scientific and technical information on successes, challenges and obstacles to implementation of the programme of work;</li> <li>(iv) To provide information on the effects of the types of scientific and technical measures taken and tools used in implementing the programme of work;</li> </ul>	
<p>(b) <i>Duration.</i> The work of the group will be completed before the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, and its duration should not exceed two years;</p>	
<p>(c) <i>Membership.</i> In appointing members in accordance with the <i>modus operandi</i>, the Executive Secretary is requested to ensure geographical balance and representation of indigenous peoples;</p>	
<p>27. Agreed that a voluntary thematic national report will be called for in relation to implementation of the programme of work on forest biological diversity by Parties, to elicit information on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Priority actions that Parties have identified under the programme of work;</li> <li>(b) Successes in implementing the programme of work;</li> <li>(c) Challenges and impediments to implementing these priority actions and, as appropriate, the programme of work;</li> </ul> <p>and requested the Executive Secretary to prepare a format for that thematic national report for approval by the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties, after consultation with the national focal points and the Bureau of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, and urges Parties to submit the thematic national report by the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention;</p>	<p>Fully implemented (see UNEP/CBD/COP/7/INF/7).</p> <p>Could be retired.</p>
<p>National level</p> <p>28. Urged Parties and other Governments to incorporate relevant objectives and related activities of the programme of work into their national biodiversity strategies and action plans and national forest programmes and promote compatibility and complementarity between these plans/programmes and other related initiatives;</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>29. Invited Parties to undertake national-level implementation and to coordinate their work relating to forest biological diversity at an international level, particularly in respect of work relating to the Convention on Biological Diversity, the United Nations Forum on Forests, as well as other relevant bodies, and to achieve greater integration and collaboration between their implementing agencies at the national level through, for example, joint strategies or policies, and coordinating committees at political and/or technical levels;</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

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30. Urged Parties and other governments to address the effectiveness of forest and forest-related laws and their enforcement and implementation of policies and related trade as a matter of urgency, recognizing the negative impacts on biodiversity in the absence of these actions;	Ongoing
31. Recognized the important role that indigenous and local communities can play in the implementation of the programme of work and, in addition, <i>encourages</i> the development of community-based approaches for the conservation and sustainable use of forest biodiversity, integrating traditional forest-related knowledge and benefit-sharing considerations, in accordance with Article 8(j) and related provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity;	Ongoing
32. Urged Parties to recognize in particular the vital role that women in indigenous and local communities play in the sustainable use and conservation of forest biological diversity, especially but not limited to the sustainable use and conservation of non-timber resources, and values;	Of continuing relevance and effect
33. Encouraged Parties and other Governments to develop closer collaboration for the conservation and sustainable use of transboundary forest ecosystems and populations of species;	Of continuing relevance and effect
34. Recognized existing criteria and indicators for sustainable forest management including forest biological diversity at the national and regional levels, and <i>agrees</i> that these should be applied where criteria and indicators are needed for the purposes of the expanded work programme, and recognizes the need for further development and selection of criteria and indicators for the assessment of the status and trends of forest biological diversity at the national and regional levels;	Of continuing relevance and effect
Collaboration on specific issues 35. Invited Parties to foster cooperation and synergies between the expanded work programme on forest biological diversity under the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Multi-Year Programme of Work and Plan of Action of the United Nations Forum on Forests;	Ongoing
36. Requested the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, as a member of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests, to continue its active support for and participation in the work of the United Nations Forum on Forests and the Collaborative Partnership on Forests in their promotion of the management, conservation and sustainable development of all types of forests and in the strengthening of the political commitment to this end;	Ongoing.
37. Requested the Executive Secretary to implement collaborative actions for selected items in the expanded programme of work on forest biological diversity, in	Ongoing.

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<p>collaboration with the Coordinator and Head of the Secretariat of the United Nations Forum on Forests, and taking into account the need for effective collaboration on forests and biological diversity among the Convention on Biological Diversity, the United Nations Forum on Forests, and their partners, recognizing the work done by the Workshop on Forests and Biological Diversity held in Accra from 28 to 30 January 2002; <sup>6/</sup></p>	
<p>38. Invited the members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests to support the implementation of the expanded programme of work on forest biological diversity, recognizing that the Collaborative Partnership on Forests provides a mechanism for enhancing collaboration on activities addressing common goals of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the United Nations Forum on Forests;</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p>
<p>39. Urged the Collaborative Partnership on Forests to consider the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity to be the focal point for forest biological diversity within the Collaborative Partnership on Forests, in addition to its role as the focal point for traditional forest-related knowledge, and <i>requests</i> the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, in collaboration with the Collaborative Partnership on Forests members, <i>inter alia</i>:</p> <p>(a) To identify the proposals for action of the Intergovernmental Panel on Forests/Intergovernmental Forum on Forests directly related to the conservation of forest biological diversity, sustainable use of its components, and fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising from genetic resources;</p> <p>(b) To identify the relationship between these proposals for action and the expanded work programme; and</p> <p>(c) To facilitate coordination and cooperation of Collaborative Partnership on Forests members in the implementation;</p>	<p>The Secretariat has been designated the focal agency for forest biological diversity within the CPF.</p> <p>The activities are ongoing.</p>
<p>40. Also invited the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, the International Geosphere-Biosphere Programme, in the context of its global change and terrestrial ecosystems global transect programme, and the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment to enhance collaboration in research and monitoring activities on forest biological diversity and climate change, and explore possibilities of establishing an international network to monitor and assess the impact of climate change on forest biological diversity;</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p>
<p>41. Further invited the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Biological Diversity and Climate Change to consider issues related to inter-linkages between biological diversity and climate change in the report of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Forest Biological Diversity and the note by the Executive Secretary on consideration of specific threats to</p>	<p>Fully implemented.</p> <p>The AHTEG delivered its report to COP7 which welcomed it and published under CBD Technical Series no. 10. (see decision VII/15).</p>

<sup>6/</sup> UNEP/CBD/COP/6/INF/7.

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forest biological diversity, prepared for the seventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, 7/ as well as the outcome of the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties with respect to forest biological diversity, including the expanded programme of work on forest biological diversity;	Could be retired.
42. Requested the Executive Secretary, on the basis of goal 4, objective 2, of programme element 1 for an expanded work programme on forest biological diversity, to establish a liaison group on non-timber forest resources, including members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests, the Secretariat of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, IUCN, and other relevant organizations. On the basis of the work of the liaison group, the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice will prepare recommendations on this matter for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting;	Ongoing.
43. Invited members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests and its network to explore possibilities for enhancing the integration of non-timber forest resources in the forest inventory and management, and to report on progress to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice prior to the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties;	Fully implemented (see UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/INF/14)  Could be retired.
44. Invited the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Tropical Timber Organization and the Global Fire Monitoring Center, as well as other relevant organizations, to include forest biodiversity in their assessments of fire impacts; to explore possibilities for a joint work programme with the Convention on Biological Diversity, including, <i>inter alia</i> , fire impact assessments, development of guidelines on fire management, and community-based approaches to fire prevention and management; and to report on progress to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice prior to the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties;	Ongoing.
45. Requested the Executive Secretary to transmit the report of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Forest Biological Diversity to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification and their bodies, to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, and to ensure follow-up through the liaison group between the Convention on Biological Diversity, the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification and United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.	Fully implemented. The report was transmitted to the UNFCCC and UNCCD.  Could be retired.

7/ UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/7/7.

## DECISION VI/23: ALIEN SPECIES THAT THREATEN ECOSYSTEMS, HABITATS OR SPECIES

### *Overview of the decision*

The decision adopts the Guiding Principles for the Prevention, Introduction and Mitigation of Impacts of Alien Species that threaten Ecosystems, Habitats or Species. It also outlines a number of activities to be undertaken by the Executive Secretary as well as by relevant international and regional organizations.

### *Overall Assessment & Action by the Conference of the Parties*

The Guiding Principles are of continuing effect since they provide guidance to Parties on implementation. The activities outlined are under implementation. No action by the Conference of the Parties is therefore recommended. Paragraphs 1-3, 7, and 9 could be retired.

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The Conference of the Parties,  1. Noted the report on the status, impacts and trends of alien species that threaten ecosystems, habitats and species;	Could be retired.
2. Noted the consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice of the scientific and technical matters relevant to the Guiding Principles;	Could be retired
3. Noted that some non-scientific and technical matters have been identified for its consideration along with options for addressing those matters;	Could be retired
4. Having considered these options, adopted the Guiding Principles annexed to the present decision;	Of continuing effect.
5. Urged Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to promote and implement the Guiding Principles;	Ongoing
6. Recommended that Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity and other Governments, as appropriate, consider ratifying the revised International Plant Protection Convention, and called on Parties, Governments, and relevant organizations to actively work to enhance the implementation of the International Plant Protection Convention;	Of continuing relevance and effect
7. Urged the International Maritime Organization to complete the preparation of an international instrument to address the environmental damage caused by the introduction of harmful aquatic organisms in ballast water and to develop as a matter of urgency, mechanisms to minimize hull-fouling as an invasion pathway, and called on Governments and relevant organizations to urgently act to ensure full implementation;	The IMO has adopted the International Convention for the Control and Magement of Ship's Ballast Water and Sediments.  Could be retired.
8. Invited the International Plant Protection Convention, the Office International des Epizooties, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Maritime Organization, the World Health Organization and other relevant international instruments and organizations, as they elaborate further standards and agreements, or revise existing standards and agreements, including for risk assessment/analysis, to consider incorporating criteria related to the threats to biological diversity posed by invasive alien species; and invited further such instruments and organizations to report on any such ongoing, planned, or potential initiatives;	Of continuing relevance and effect

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<p>9. Requested the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and other international organizations such as the Global Invasive Species Programme to identify and explore, in light of the inter-sessional work referred to in recommendation VI/4 A of the Subsidiary Body, further specific gaps and inconsistencies in the international regulatory framework (including binding and non-binding instruments as well as instruments at the regional level and standards) from a technical perspective of the threats of invasive alien species to biological diversity, including consideration of various pathways for the transmission of invasive alien species, and to report back to the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting, taking into account further relevant information arising from the implementation of the present decision;</p>	<p>Superseded by decision VII/13, paragraphs 7 and 9.</p> <p>Could be retired.</p>
<p>10. Urged Parties and other Governments, in implementing the Guiding Principles, and when developing, revising and implementing national biodiversity strategies and action plans to address the threats posed by invasive alien species, to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Identify national needs and priorities;</li> <li>b. Create mechanisms to coordinate national programmes;</li> <li>c. Review, in the light of the Guiding Principles, relevant policies, legislation and institutions to identify gaps, inconsistencies and conflicts, and, as appropriate, adjust or develop policies, legislation and institutions;</li> <li>d. Enhance cooperation between the various sectors, including the private sector that might provide pathways or vectors for the unintended transfer of invasive alien species, in order to improve prevention, early detection, eradication and/or control of invasive alien species, and in particular, ensure communication between focal points of respective relevant international instruments;</li> <li>e. Promote awareness of the threats to biological diversity and related ecosystem goods and services posed by invasive alien species and of the means to address such threats, among policy makers at all levels of government, and in the private sector; quarantine, customs and other border officials; and the general public;</li> <li>f. Facilitate the involvement of all stakeholder groups, including in particular indigenous and local communities, and the private sector, as well as all levels of government, in national invasive alien species strategies and action plans, and in decisions related to the use of alien species that may be invasive;</li> <li>g. Collaborate with trading partners and neighbouring countries, regionally, and with other countries, as appropriate, in order to address threats of invasive alien species to biological diversity in ecosystems that cross international boundaries, to migratory species, and to address matters of common interest;</li> </ol>	<p>Ongoing.</p>
<p>11. Urged existing regional organizations and networks to work cooperatively to actively support the development and implementation of invasive alien species strategies and action plans, and to develop regional strategies where appropriate;</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p>
<p>12. Encouraged Parties and other Governments, in undertaking this work and, in particular, when developing priority actions, to consider the need to:</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p>

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<p>a. Develop capacity to use risk assessment/analysis to address threats of invasive alien species to biological diversity, and incorporate such methodologies in environmental impact assessments, and strategic environmental assessments, as appropriate and relevant;</p> <p>b. Develop financial measures, and other policies and tools, to promote activities to reduce the threat of invasive alien species;</p> <p>c. When necessary, develop recommendations and strategies to take account of effects of alien species on populations and naturally occurring genetic diversity;</p> <p>d. Incorporate invasive alien species considerations into national biodiversity strategies and action plans and into sectoral and cross-sectoral policies, strategies and plans, taking into account the ecosystem approach, and in order to ensure full implementation of the national invasive alien species strategies and action plans as called for in paragraph 6 of decision V/8 of the Conference of the Parties;</p>	
<p>13. Noted the technical information developed by the Executive Secretary, the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the Global Invasive Species Programme and commends this information to Parties for use in national implementation of Article 8(h) and requested the Executive Secretary to ensure that the technical information developed within the Convention on Biological Diversity is readily available to Parties in an appropriate form, including through technical publications and the clearing-house mechanism;</p>	Ongoing
<p>14. Urged the Global Invasive Species Programme and other relevant organizations to evaluate known and potential pathways for the introduction of invasive alien species and identify opportunities to minimize incursions and manage risks, and:</p> <p>a. Provide advice to Governments and organizations on actions to be taken at national and regional levels; and</p> <p>b. Provide recommendations to the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting on actions to be taken at the international level;</p>	Ongoing.
<p>15. Urged Parties, Governments, multilateral organizations and other relevant bodies to consider the potential effects of global change on the risk of invasive alien species to biodiversity, and related ecosystem goods and services and, in particular:</p> <p>a. Invited the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change to consider this matter when it considers measures for adaptation to and mitigation of climate change in particular with respect to the lifestyles of indigenous and local communities;</p> <p>b. Invited the World Trade Organization, through its Committee on Trade and the Environment, to take this matter into account when considering the impacts of trade and trade liberalization;</p> <p>c. Invited the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Health Organization, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Environment Programme, the World Bank and other development agencies to take this matter into account when</p>	Ongoing.

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considering the impacts of land-use change, agriculture, aquaculture, forestry, health and development policies and activities;	
16. Invited the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals, the Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar, Iran, 1971), the Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats, the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, the World Heritage Convention, and the Man and the Biosphere Programme of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, in collaboration with relevant organizations, to promote further the implementation of Article 8(h) within their mandates, through, <i>inter alia</i> , the development of guidance, best practices and pilot projects that address the threats of invasive alien species to particular sites or habitats, including means to enhance the capacity of ecosystems to resist or recover from alien species invasions;	Ongoing.
17. Invited international organizations to develop financial and other measures for the promotion of activities aiming to reduce the harmful effects of invasive alien species;	Ongoing
18. Acknowledged the contribution of the Global Invasive Species Programme to the sixth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, particularly the provision of technical advice and therefore: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Welcomed phase II of the Global Invasive Species Programme and urges Parties, countries and other organizations to support the work of the Global Invasive Species Programme to minimize the spread and impact of invasive alien species, and consider the Global Strategy on Invasive Alien Species when developing national plans and regional strategies;</li> <li>b. Recommended continuing cooperation with the Global Invasive Species Programme and requests the Executive Secretary to explore the development of arrangements for this further cooperation;</li> </ul>	Ongoing
19. Endorsed the international cooperative initiative on invasive alien species on islands, developed by the Government of the New Zealand, the Invasive Species Specialist Group, and the Global Invasive Species Programme, and called on the Global Environment Facility, Parties, Governments and relevant organizations to support and participate in these initiatives;	Of continuing relevance and effect
20. Invited the International Maritime Organization, the Global Invasive Species Programme, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, and the Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar, Iran, 1971) to work together to develop an international cooperative initiative to address impediments to the management of marine alien species, particularly to address technical problems related to the identification and control of marine invasions;	Of continuing relevance and effect
21. Welcomed the initiative of the Council of Europe in the framework of the Bern Convention to help the implementation of Article 8(h), including the development of a European Strategy on Invasive Alien Species;	Of continuing relevance and effect
22. Also welcomed the "I3N" (Inter-American Biodiversity Information Network (IABIN) Invasives Information Network)	Of continuing relevance and effect

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<p>initiative on invasive alien species, and called on the Global Environment Facility, Parties, Governments and relevant organizations to support and participate in these initiatives;</p>	
<p>23. Welcomed the initiative of the Interim Commission on Phytosanitary Measures and the secretariat of the International Plant Protection Convention to develop closer relationships to the Convention on Biological Diversity and its work;</p>	<p>Of continuing relevance and effect.</p>
<p>24. Urged Parties, Governments and relevant organizations, at the appropriate level, with the support of relevant international organizations to promote and carry out, as appropriate, research and assessments on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The characteristics of invasive species and the vulnerability of ecosystems and habitats to invasion by alien species, and the impact of climate change on these parameters;</li> <li>b. The impact of alien species on biological diversity;</li> <li>c. Analysis of the importance of various pathways for the introduction of invasive alien species;</li> <li>d. The socio-economic implications of invasive alien species particularly the implications for indigenous and local communities;</li> <li>e. The development of environmentally benign methods to control and eradicate invasive alien species, including measures for use in quarantine and to control fouling of ship hulls;</li> <li>f. The costs and benefits of the use of biocontrol agents to control and eradicate invasive alien species;</li> <li>g. Means to enhance the capacity of ecosystems to resist or recover from alien species invasions;</li> <li>h. Priorities for taxonomic work through, <i>inter alia</i>, the Global Taxonomy Initiative;</li> <li>i. Criteria for assessing risks from introduction of alien species to biological diversity at the genetic, species and ecosystem levels;</li> <li>j. The use of the traditional knowledge of indigenous and local communities in the development and implementation of measures to address invasive alien species, in accordance with Article 8(j) of the Convention;</li> </ul>	<p>Ongoing.</p>
<p>25. Decided that the clearing-house mechanism will be used to facilitate scientific and technical cooperation on the topics listed under paragraph 24 above, in order to enhance the ability of the clearing-house mechanism to promote and facilitate scientific and technical cooperation, and welcomed the Global Invasive Species Programme as an international thematic focal point for alien species under the clearing-house mechanism, and called on Parties, countries and relevant organizations to contribute to the creation and maintenance of the global information network, in particular to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Ensure effective international cooperation and expertise sharing;</li> <li>b. Provide information to assist countries to perform effective risk analysis;</li> <li>c. Provide information on potential pathway of alien invasive species; and</li> <li>d. Provide support for management and control efforts, particularly for locating technical support for rapid response activities;</li> </ul>	<p>Of continuing relevance and effect</p>

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<p>26. Requested the Executive Secretary in cooperation with the Global Invasive Species Programme and other relevant organizations to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Compile information on topics listed in paragraph 24 above, in collaboration with relevant organizations;</li> <li>b. Identify the key scientific, technical and public awareness impediments to implementation of priority actions at the national and regional levels;</li> <li>c. Develop, in partnership with relevant Parties, countries and relevant organizations, solutions to those impediments;</li> <li>d. Disseminate those solutions to Parties and regional organizations; and</li> <li>e. Develop a joint programme of work through the Global Invasive Species Programme partnership network among the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar, Iran, 1971), the International Maritime Organization, the International Plant Protection Convention and other relevant bodies;</li> </ol>	Ongoing.
<p>27. Urged Parties, Governments and relevant organizations, at the appropriate level, to develop and make available technical tools and related information to support efforts for the prevention, early detection, monitoring, eradication and/or control of invasive alien species and to support public awareness-raising and environmental education to the extent possible;</p>	Ongoing.
<p>28. Requested the Executive Secretary, within the availability of resources and in collaboration with relevant organizations, to support the development and dissemination of technical tools and related information on the prevention, early detection, monitoring, eradication and/or control of invasive alien species through, <i>inter alia</i>:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Compilation and dissemination of case-studies submitted by Parties, other Governments and organizations, best practices and lessons learned, drawing upon, as appropriate, tools listed in information document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/6/INF/3 and the "Toolkit" compiled by the Global Invasive Species Programme<sup>(54)</sup>;</li> <li>b. Further compilation and preparation of anthologies of existing terminology used in international instruments relevant to invasive alien species, and to develop, and update as necessary, a non-legally binding list of terms most commonly used;</li> <li>c. Compilation and making available lists of procedures for risk assessment/analysis and pathway analysis which may be relevant in assessing the risks of invasive alien species to biodiversity, habitats and ecosystems;</li> <li>d. Identification and inventory of existing expertise relevant to the prevention, early detection and warning, eradication and/or control of invasive alien species, and restoration of invaded ecosystems and habitats, which may be made available to other countries, including the roster of experts for the Convention on Biological Diversity;</li> <li>e. Development of databases and facilitated access to such information for all countries including repatriation of information to source countries, through, <i>inter alia</i>, the clearing-house mechanism;</li> </ol>	Ongoing

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f. Development of systems for reporting new invasions of alien species and the spread of alien species into new areas;	
29. Requested the Executive Secretary to take appropriate actions to ensure that invasive alien species considerations are fully integrated into thematic work programmes of the Convention and when reporting on the thematic work programmes to report specifically on how the threats and impacts of invasive alien species will be addressed;	Ongoing.
30. Noted that, in implementing this decision, Parties, Governments, the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, the Executive Secretary and relevant organizations are referred to annex II of the report of the liaison group meeting on invasive alien species;	Of continuing relevance and effect
31. Requested the Executive Secretary to explore means to facilitate capacity enhancement for eradication work on alien species on continents and islands;	Ongoing
32. Given the constraints to implementation of Article 8(h) identified in the assessment of second national reports with respect to cross-cutting issues and urges the Executive Secretary to use the clearing-house mechanism to provide an on-line educational programme;	Ongoing.
33. Requested the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with the Global Invasive Species Programme, the Global Environment Facility, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, to identify a mechanism(s) for providing Parties with access to financial support for rapidly responding to new incursions by alien species, and report to the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting on progress to establish that mechanism(s);	Ongoing
34. Urged bilateral donors and other funding sources to provide, as an urgent priority funding for the development and implementation, at national and regional levels, of the invasive alien species strategies and action plans called for in paragraph 6 of decision V/8 and with a particular priority for those strategies and actions related to geographically and evolutionarily isolated ecosystems, and to developing countries and countries with economies in transition, paying particular attention to the needs of the least developed countries and small island developing States, including needs related to capacity-building.	Of continuing relevance and effect

## DECISION VI/24: ACCESS AND BENEFIT-SHARING AS RELATED TO GENETIC RESOURCES

### *Overview of the decision*

The decision adopts the Bonn Guidelines on Access to Genetic Resources and Fair and Equitable Sharing of the Benefits Arising Out of Their Utilization. It also addresses the issue of capacity building for ABS and establishes a process for the development of an Action Plan for Capacity Building. It further addresses the issue of the role of intellectual property rights in the implementation of ABS arrangements.

*Overall assessment and possible action by the Conference of the Parties*

A large component of the elements of the decision remain relevant and should be incorporated in a consolidated decision on ABS. The elements relating to the process of developing an Action Plan for capacity-building could be retired since COP 7 adopted an Action Plan through its decision VII/19F.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
<b>A. Bonn Guidelines on Access to Genetic Resources and Fair and Equitable Sharing of the Benefits Arising out of their Utilization</b>	
The Conference of the Parties	
1. Took note of the report of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing;	Could be retired.
2. Took note also of the work done by the group convened by the Executive Secretary to develop elements of a draft decision on the use of terms in paragraph 6 of the Bonn Guidelines on Access to Genetic Resources and Fair and Equitable Sharing of the Benefit Arising out of their Utilization;	Could be retired
3. Decided to adopt the Bonn Guidelines on Access to Genetic Resources and Fair and Equitable Sharing of the Benefit Arising out of their Utilization as annexed to the present decision;	Of continuing relevance and effect. Legislative basis for the Bonn Guidelines.
4. Invited Parties and Governments to use the Guidelines when developing and drafting legislative, administrative or policy measures on access and benefit-sharing, and contracts and other arrangements under mutually agreed terms for access and benefit-sharing;	Of continuing relevance and effect
5. Invited Parties and relevant organizations to provide financial and technical assistance to support developing countries, in particular least developed countries, small islands developing states, as well as countries with economies in transition, in implementing the Bonn Guidelines on Access to Genetic Resources and Fair and Equitable Sharing of the Benefit Arising out of their Utilization;	Of continuing relevance and effect
6. Recognized that the Guidelines are a useful first step of an evolutionary process in the implementation of relevant provisions of the Convention related to access to genetic resources and benefit-sharing;	Of continuing relevance and effect
7. Decided to keep under review the implementation of the guidelines and consider the need for their further refinement on the basis of, <i>inter alia</i> , relevant work under the Convention, including work on Article 8(j) and related provisions;	Of continuing relevance and effect
8. Decided to reconvene the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing to advise the Conference of the Parties on:  a) Use of terms, definitions and/or glossary, as appropriate;  b) Other approaches as set out in decision VI/24 B;  c) Measures, including consideration of their feasibility,	The second meeting of the Working Group was held in December 2003. The report of the meeting was made available to COP 7 as document UNEP/CBD/COP/7/6. Could be retired.

<p>practicality and costs, to support compliance with prior informed consent of the Contracting Party providing such resources and mutually agreed terms on which access was granted in Contracting Parties with users of genetic resources under their jurisdiction;</p> <p>d) Its consideration of any available reports or progress reports arising from the present decision;</p> <p>e) Needs for capacity-building identified by countries to implement the Guidelines.</p>	
<p>9. Requested the Executive Secretary to invite Parties, Governments and relevant international organizations to submit information on the issues referred to in paragraphs 8 (a), (b), (c) and (e) above, and to make this information available to the Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing and through the clearing-house mechanism;</p>	<p>Notifications were sent out to Parties in accordance with this request and information was made available in document UNEP/CBD/WG-ABS/2/INF/1 and through the CHM. Could be retired.</p>
<p>10. Requested the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions to consider the Guidelines as relevant to its ongoing work.</p>	<p>Of continuing relevance and effect</p>
<p><b>B. Other approaches, including the development of an action plan for capacity-building</b></p>	
<p>The Conference of the Parties,</p> <p>1. Decided to convene an Open-ended Expert Workshop on Capacity-building for Access to Genetic Resources and Benefit-sharing. The Workshop will be open to participation by representatives, including experts, nominated by Governments and regional economic integration organizations; as well as representatives of relevant intergovernmental organizations (including donor organizations), non-governmental organizations, and indigenous and local communities. The Workshop should further develop the draft elements for an Action Plan on Capacity-building for Access and Benefit-sharing annexed to the present decision;</p>	<p>The Expert Workshop was held in December 2002. The report of the workshop is available as document UNEP/CBD/ABS/EW-CB/1/3. Could be retired.</p>
<p>2. Requested the Executive Secretary to make appropriate arrangements for the Workshop;</p>	<p>The Expert Workshop was held in December 2002. The report of the workshop is available as document UNEP/CBD/ABS/EW-CB/1/3. Could be retired.</p>
<p>3. Invited Parties and indigenous and local communities to provide to the Executive-Secretary information regarding capacity-building needs, priorities and existing initiatives for capacity-building for access to genetic resources and benefit-sharing;</p>	<p>A synthesis of submissions is available as document UNEP/CBD/ABS/EW-CB/1/2. In addition, a compilation of submissions received is available in documents UNEP/CBD/EW-CB/1/INF/2, UNEP/CBD/EW-CB/1/INF/2/Add.1, UNEP/CBD/EW-CB/1/INF/2/Add.2. Could be retired.</p>
<p>4. Invited relevant intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations and the private sector to provide information regarding existing initiatives and activities for capacity-building for access to genetic resources and benefit-sharing;</p>	<p>Same as above. In addition, information received was included in a database on capacity-building projects available at the following address: <a href="http://www.biodiv.org/programmes/socio-eco/benefit/projects.aspx">http://www.biodiv.org/programmes/socio-eco/benefit/projects.aspx</a> Ongoing.</p>
<p>5. Welcomed the complementary initiative of the United Nations Environment Programme to provide capacity-building to developing countries on access to</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

genetic resources and benefit-sharing, and invites the United Nations Environment Programme to provide information to the Executive Secretary on its activities;	
6. Requested the Executive Secretary to prepare a report for the workshop on capacity-building, providing a compilation of needs and priorities of countries, and ongoing capacity-building activities on access and benefit-sharing, with a view to developing an action plan for capacity-building on access and benefit-sharing which responds to the needs of Parties, focuses on priority areas and also complements capacity-building efforts under way in the area of access and benefit-sharing;	The report was made available as document UNEP/CBD/ABS/EW-CB/1/2. Could be retired.
7. Invited the financial mechanism and other relevant intergovernmental organizations to participate in the Workshop and to support the implementation of the Action Plan on Capacity-building for Access and Benefit-sharing;	The invitation to provide support to the implementation of the Action Plan is still relevant.
8. Requested the Executive Secretary to establish a roster of experts on access to genetic resources and benefit-sharing;	The roster of experts was established and is available at the following address: <a href="http://www.biodiv.org/programmes/socio-eco/benefit/roster.aspx">http://www.biodiv.org/programmes/socio-eco/benefit/roster.aspx</a> Of continuing relevance and effect.
9. Urged Parties, other Governments and relevant bodies when nominating their experts for inclusion in the roster to consider gender balance, involvement of representatives of indigenous and local communities, and a range of relevant disciplines and expertise;	Of continuing relevance and effect
10. Recognized that a package of measures may be necessary to address the different needs of Parties and stakeholders in the implementation of access and benefit-sharing arrangements.	Reproduced in the preamble to decision VII/19C. Could be retired.
11. Recognized also that other approaches could be considered to complement the Bonn Guideline, such as model contractual agreements, existing regional agreements and model laws on access to genetic resources and benefit-sharing.	Reproduced in the preamble to decision VII/19C. Could be retired.
12. Requested the Executive Secretary to compile information on existing complementary measures and approaches, and experiences with their implementation, and to disseminate such information to Parties and relevant stakeholders through, <i>inter alia</i> , the clearing-house mechanism of the Convention.	This information was compiled and made available in document UNEP/CBD/WG-ABS/2/2 for the second meeting of the WG-ABS, held in December 2003. It was also made available through the CHM.  Could be retired
<b>C. Role of intellectual property rights in the implementation of access and benefit-sharing arrangements</b>	
The Conference of the Parties	
1. Invited Parties and Governments to encourage the disclosure of the country of origin of genetic resources in applications for intellectual property rights, where the subject matter of the application concerns or makes use of genetic resources in its development, as a possible contribution to tracking compliance with prior informed consent and the mutually agreed terms on which access to those resources was granted;	Of continuing relevance and effect

<p>2. Also invited Parties and Governments to encourage the disclosure of the origin of relevant traditional knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities relevant for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity in applications for intellectual property rights, where the subject matter of the application concerns or makes use of such knowledge in its development;</p>	<p>Of continuing relevance and effect</p>
<p>3. Requested the Executive Secretary, with the help of other international and intergovernmental organizations such as the World Intellectual Property Organization and through the Ad Hoc Open-ended Inter-Sessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention, where appropriate, to undertake further information gathering and analysis with regard to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Impact of intellectual property regimes on access to and use of genetic resources and scientific research;</li> <li>b) Role of customary laws and practices in relation to the protection of genetic resources and traditional knowledge, innovations and practices, and their relationship with intellectual property rights;</li> <li>c) Consistency and applicability of requirements for disclosure of country of origin and prior informed consent in the context of international legal obligations;</li> <li>d) Efficacy of country of origin and prior informed consent disclosures in assisting the examination of intellectual property rights applications and the re-examination of intellectual property rights granted;</li> <li>e) Efficacy of country of origin and prior informed consent disclosures in monitoring compliance with access provisions;</li> <li>f) Feasibility of an internationally recognized certificate of origin system as evidence of prior informed consent and mutually agreed terms; and</li> <li>g) Role of oral evidence of prior art in the examination, granting and maintenance of intellectual property rights;</li> </ul>	<p>In response to this request, documents UNEP/CBD/WG-ABS/2/3 and UNEP/CBD/WG-ABS/2/INF/2 were prepared and made available to the second meeting of the Working Group on ABS, held in December 2003. Could be retired.</p>
<p>4. Invited the World Intellectual Property Organization to prepare a technical study, and to report its findings to the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting, on methods consistent with obligations in treaties administered by the World Intellectual Property Organization for requiring the disclosure within patent applications of, <i>inter alia</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Genetic resources utilized in the development of the claimed inventions;</li> <li>b) The country of origin of genetic resources utilized in the claimed inventions;</li> <li>c) Associated traditional knowledge, innovations and practices utilized in the development of the claimed inventions;</li> <li>d) The source of associated traditional knowledge,</li> </ul>	<p>A technical study was prepared by WIPO and made available to COP 7 as document UNEP/CBD/COP/7/INF/17.  Could be retired.</p>

innovations and practices; and e) Evidence of prior informed consent;	
5. Requested the Executive Secretary to collect, compile and disseminate information on the matters specified in paragraphs 3 and 4 above, including through the clearing-house mechanism of the Convention and other appropriate means;	Information was compiled and made available in document UNEP/CBD/WG-ABS/2/3 and through the CHM.  Could be retired
6. Invited Parties and Governments to submit case-studies that they consider relevant to the issues specified in paragraphs 3 and 4; and	Could be retired
7. Requested the Executive Secretary to gather information and prepare a report on national and regional experiences;	Information was made available in document UNEP/CBD/WG-ABS/2/3 prepared for the second meeting of the WG-ABS. Could be retired.
8. Invited other relevant international organizations (such as the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the World Intellectual Property Organization, the World Trade Organization, and the United Nations Commission on Human Rights), as well as regional organizations, Parties and Governments to contribute to the further study and analysis of the issues specified in paragraphs 3 and 4;	WIPO responded to the invitation through its technical study made available as document UNEP/CBD/COP/7/INF/17.  Decision was transmitted to all relevant organizations.  Could be retired.
9. Encouraged the World Intellectual Property Organization to make rapid progress in the development of model intellectual property clauses which may be considered for inclusion in contractual agreements when mutually agreed terms are under negotiation;	An Electronic Database of Contractual Practices and Clauses Relating to Intellectual Property, Access to Genetic Resources and Benefit-Sharing is available on the WIPO website at the following address: <a href="http://www.wipo.int/tk/en/databases/contracts/index.html">http://www.wipo.int/tk/en/databases/contracts/index.html</a>  Ongoing.
10. Recognized the importance of the work being undertaken by the World Intellectual Property Organization on international models and encourage the World Intellectual Property Organization to also consider means by which Parties could collaborate to protect traditional knowledge for further consideration by the Conference of the Parties;	Work ongoing in the WIPO Intergovernmental Committee on IPRs, Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge, and Folklore (IGC).  Ongoing.
11. Urges the World Intellectual Property Organization to provide to the Conference of the Parties with the results of its deliberations of relevance to access to genetic resources and benefit-sharing related to traditional knowledge;	WIPO has provided regular reports of developments related to ABS and TK. Ongoing.
12. Encouraged Parties to facilitate the participation of indigenous and local communities and other relevant stakeholders in the various forums, in particular the World Intellectual Property Organization, the Convention on Biological Diversity, the World Trade Organization, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and regional forums, as well as in the preparation of national strategies, policies, regulatory frameworks and legislation related to access to genetic resources and benefit-sharing, from a very early stage;	Of continuing relevance and effect

<p>13. Requested the Executive Secretary to compile information, and to make it available through the clearing-house mechanism of the Convention and other means, on the principles, legal mechanisms and procedures for obtaining prior informed consent of indigenous and local communities under national access regimes for genetic resources, and also on assessments of the effectiveness of such mechanisms and procedures, and requests Parties to provide such information to assist the Executive Secretary.</p>	<p>Ongoing.  Information contained in document UNEP/CBD/WG-ABS/3/5 prepared for the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the WG-ABS.</p>
<p><b>D. Other issues relating to access and benefit-sharing</b></p>	
<p>The Conference of Parties,  1. Requested the Executive Secretary of the Convention to renew the application for observer status on the Council for Trade-related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights, and to report back to the Conference of Parties on his efforts;</p>	<p>The application was renewed by the ES to the WTO in a letter dated 23 May 2002. Observer status has still not been granted.  Superseded by paragraph 4 of decision VII/26.  Could be retired.</p>
<p>2. Requested the Executive Secretary to follow discussions and developments in the Committee on Trade and Environment of the World Trade Organization and the Council for Trade-related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights regarding the relationship between the Agreement on Trade-related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights and the Convention;</p>	<p>Ongoing  The SCBD has participated in meetings of the Committee on Trade and Environment on a regular basis and followed developments in the TRIPs Council, although it cannot participate in its meetings.</p>
<p>3. Acknowledged relevant work being carried out by other intergovernmental organisations, such as the World Intellectual Property Organization, the World Trade Organization, the Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, on issues related to access to genetic resources and benefit-sharing;</p>	<p>Of continuing relevance and effect</p>
<p>4. Requested the Executive Secretary to further collaborate with the above relevant organisations to ensure mutual supportiveness and avoid duplication of work;</p>	<p>Of continuing relevance and effect</p>
<p>5. Recognized the important role that the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture will have, in harmony, with the Convention, for facilitated access to plant genetic resources for food and agriculture and for the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising out of their utilization and refers to decision VI/6, on the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture;</p>	<p>Of continuing relevance and effect</p>
<p>6. Requested Parties and relevant organizations, as appropriate, to make available to the Executive Secretary:</p>	<p>Ongoing.  Information made available to the SCBD is available on the CBD website, including in a database on ABS</p>

<p>a) Detailed information on the measures adopted to implement access and benefit-sharing, including the text of any legislation or other measures developed to regulate access and benefit-sharing</p> <p>b) Case-studies on the implementation of access and benefit-sharing arrangements;</p> <p>c) Other information, such as that listed in decision V/26, paragraph 12;</p>	<p>measures available at the following address: <a href="http://www.biodiv.org/programmes/socio-eco/benefit/measures.aspx">http://www.biodiv.org/programmes/socio-eco/benefit/measures.aspx</a></p>
<p>7. Requested the Executive Secretary to compile the information received and to make it available, through, <i>inter alia</i>, the clearing-house mechanism, including in hard copy and CD-ROM and relevant meetings under the Convention on Biological Diversity in order to facilitate access to this information by Parties and relevant stakeholders;</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Information made available has also been made available in the documentation prepared for meetings of the Working Group on ABS.</p>
<p>8. Noted with appreciation the report International Review of the <i>ex situ</i> Plant Collections of the Botanic Gardens of the World: Reviewing the Plant Genetic Resource Collections of Botanic Gardens Worldwide, prepared by Botanic Gardens Conservation International with the support of the Government of the United Kingdom and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity.</p>	<p>Could be retired.</p>

## DECISION VI/25. NATIONAL REPORTS

### *Overview of the decision*

This decision relates to the guidance provided for the preparation of the format for the third national reports as well as the preparation of the second edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook.

### *Overall assessment and possible action by the Conference of the Parties*

This decision is of continuing relevance to the Convention process. However, considering that the Executive Secretary has completed the work as requested by paragraph 3 (a), (b) (c) and (d), the Conference of the Parties may wish to retire these paragraphs. Paragraph 2 has been superseded by decision VII/25 which requested Parties to prepare their third national reports and could therefore be retired. Paragraph 10 was time-bound and has been implemented; it could be retired.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
<p>The Conference of the Parties,</p> <p>1. Welcomed the second national reports and the thematic reports submitted by Parties in accordance with decision V/19;</p>	<p>Could be retired.</p>
<p>2. Urged Parties that have not submitted a second national report to do so without further delay;</p>	<p>Superseded by decision VII/25 which requested Parties to prepare their third national reports.</p> <p>Could be retired.</p>

<p>3. Requested the Executive Secretary:</p> <p>(a) Draw appropriate conclusions from the analysis of the second national reports and of the experience of Parties in preparing national reports that can serve to facilitate the implementation of the Convention by Parties;</p> <p>(b) Continue to identify, and analyse the reasons for Parties not being able to complete their national reports, with a view to facilitating the preparation of the third national reports;;</p> <p>(c) Make this information available through the clearing-house mechanism and other appropriate channels prior to the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties;</p> <p>(d) Prepare for the consideration of the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting a draft format for the third national reports</p> <p>...</p>	<p>Para 3(a): The Executive Secretary prepared an analysis of the second national reports and presented it for consideration at COP 7.</p> <p>Para 3(b): The Executive Secretary identified and analysed the reasons for late or no submission of national reports and presented it for consideration at COP 7.</p> <p>Para 3(c): This information was made available through CHM before COP 7.</p> <p>Para 3(d) The Executive Secretary developed the format for the third national report, with due consideration given to these requirements, and presented it for consideration at COP 7.</p>
<p>4. Invited Parties to submit thematic reports on mountain ecosystems, protected areas or areas where special measures need to be taken to conserve biological diversity, and transfer of technology and technology cooperation in accordance with the formats prepared by the Executive Secretary, which should identify priorities in national biodiversity strategies and action plans, impediments to implementation, and existing and potential areas of cooperation and capacity-building, and aim to support the work of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice;</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p>
<p>5. Requested the Global Environment Facility, as the institutional structure operating the financial mechanism, to continue to provide, in a timely manner, support to eligible countries for the preparation of national reports;</p>	<p>On-going</p>
<p>6. Welcomed the publication of the Global Biodiversity Outlook and decides that the Global Biodiversity Outlook should continue to be prepared as a periodic report on biological diversity and implementation of the Convention, and be made available in all official United Nations languages;</p>	<p>Of continuing relevance and effect</p> <p>The preparation of the second edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook is underway.</p>
<p>7. Decided that the second edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook should be prepared for publication in 2004, drawing upon information contained in the second national reports, the thematic reports on the items for in-depth consideration at its sixth and seventh meetings, and on the review of progress in the implementation of the Strategic Plan to be undertaken in 2003;</p>	<p>The publication of the second edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook in 2004 was postponed due to lack of funding and the report will now be published in late 2005 for launch at COP-8 on 2006.</p>
<p>8. Welcomed the work of the United Nations Environment Programme on the harmonization of environmental reporting and encourages its continuation, whilst recognizing the need to ensure that this does not affect the ability of the Conference of the Parties to adjust national reporting procedures under the Convention in order to better meet the needs of Parties;</p>	<p>Of continuing relevance and effect</p>
<p>9. Took note of the difficulty experienced by some developing countries and countries with economies in transition in accessing funding for preparing their second national reports, and requests the Secretariat of the Convention and the Global Environmental Facility to explore innovative funding modalities for facilitating the preparation of future national reports and thematic reports;</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>The Executive Secretary held consultations with the Secretariat of the Global Environment Facility to facilitate access to funding for preparation of national reports.</p>

<p>10. Approved the formats for thematic reports on mountain ecosystems, protected areas or areas where special measures need to be taken to conserve biological diversity, and transfer of technology and technology cooperation, as contained in annexes I to III below, with the respective deadlines for submission of 31 October 2002, 30 March 2003 and 30 March 2003.</p>	<p>Implemented.</p> <p>Synthesis of information in thematic reports were prepared for SBSTTA 8 (mountains-see UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/8/INF/9); SBSTTA 9 (protected areas- see UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/INF/2), COP 7 (technology transfer – see UNEP/CBD/COP/7/INF/9).</p> <p>Could be retired.</p>
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## DECISION VI/26: STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

### *Overview of the decision*

As its title indicates, this decision adopted the Strategic Plan of the Convention, which also includes a number of strategic goals and objectives relating to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.

### *Overall assessment and possible action by the Conference of the Parties*

As a strategic plan, adopted only at the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, it is expected to stay unchanged for sometime. It is supposed to be implemented through the various programmes of work, including national biodiversity strategies and action plans, and other national, regional and international activities. Progress of implementation would be evaluated. Thus, there is nothing required from the Conference of the Parties other than monitoring/evaluating progress in the implementation of targets, goals and objectives through methods that need to be developed, as appropriate.

Paragraphs 1 and 4 of the decision could be retired.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
<p>The Conference of the Parties,</p> <p>1. Took note of the conclusions of the Seychelles Workshop on the Strategic Plan and the report of the Open-ended Inter-Sessional Meeting on the Strategic Plan, National Reports and Implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity,</p>	<p>Could be retired</p>
<p>2. Adopted the text of the Strategic Plan for the Convention on Biological Diversity contained in the annex to the present decision;</p>	<p>Of continuing effect</p>
<p>3. Urged Parties, States, intergovernmental organizations and other organizations to review their activities, especially their national biodiversity strategies and action plans, where appropriate, in the light of the Strategic Plan for the Convention on Biological Diversity;</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>4. Requested the Executive Secretary to provide appropriate information to the Parties at an inter-sessional meeting for consideration of the future evaluation of progress in the implementation of the Convention and the Strategic Plan, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Convention.</p>	<p>Implemented.</p> <p>Information was provided in document UNEP/CBD/MYPOW/3</p> <p>Could be retired.</p>

## DECISION VI/27: OPERATIONS OF THE CONVENTION

### *Overview of the decision*

The decision focuses on the implementation of the Convention, in particular, the implementation of NBSAPS; the review of the status of implementation of decisions from the Conference of the Parties and of the recommendations of SBSTTA; regional and sub-regional mechanisms for implementation; and participation and procedures under the Convention.

### *Overall assessment and possible action by the Conference of the Parties*

The decision remains relevant, in particular the elements relating to implementation of the Convention. A number of elements could, however, be retired. These are paragraphs A13; B2, B4 – 6, B7-B8 and B16.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
<b>A. Implementation of the Convention, in particular, implementation of priority actions in national biodiversity strategies and action plans</b>	
The Conference of the Parties,  1. Stresses that the development and implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans constitute the cornerstone of national implementation of the Convention;	Of continuing relevance and effect.
2. Urges Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity:  a. To develop and adopt national biodiversity strategies and action plans, where they have not yet done so; b. To give priority to the integration of the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, as well as benefit-sharing, into relevant sectoral or cross-sectoral plans, programmes and policies, in accordance with Article 6 of the Convention; c. To identify priority actions in national biodiversity strategies and action plans and other relevant national strategies; d. To implement national biodiversity strategies and action plans; and to periodically revise them in the light of the experience of implementation; e. To establish national mechanisms or consultative processes, with particular regard, where appropriate, to the special needs of indigenous and local communities, for coordinating, implementing, monitoring, evaluating and periodically revising national biodiversity strategies and action plans; f. To identify constraints and impediments to implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans, and to reflect them in the national reports; g. To make their national biodiversity strategies and action plans, including periodic revisions, available through their national clearing-house mechanism and the Convention website;	Of continuing relevance and effect
3. Encourages Parties to develop regional, subregional or bioregional mechanisms and networks to support implementation of the Convention including, as appropriate, through the development of regional or subregional biodiversity strategies and action plans, the identification of common constraints and impediments to implementation; and promotion of joint measures for addressing these;	Ongoing
4. Calls upon multilateral, regional, bilateral and private donors	Ongoing

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
and institutions able to support implementation of national and regional biodiversity strategies and action plans, in particular priority actions, to target such priority actions in an effective and coordinated manner within the framework of the Strategic Plan of the Convention;	
5. Encourages private foundations and other donors that provide funding in support of sustainable-development activities to support implementation of nationally-identified priority actions in national biodiversity strategies and action plans;	Ongoing
6. Requests donor institutions and agencies to simplify, to the extent possible, their administrative procedures in order to expedite access by eligible countries to the financial resources needed to assist the implementation of the national biodiversity strategies and action plans;	Ongoing
7. Emphasizes the importance of access to and transfer of technology and of technical and scientific cooperation in the implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans;	Of continuing relevance and effect
8. Transmits to the Council of the Global Environment Facility its view that a strategic approach to capacity-building for the global environment at the national level is urgently needed and that promoting cross-convention synergies, national policy integration, national institutional development and cooperation among stakeholders in capacity-building activities is a priority in order to promote efficiency and quality, and notes the contribution of the preliminary results of the Capacity Development Initiative;	Of continuing relevance and effect
9. Encourages Parties to avail themselves of the assistance available through the financial mechanism for preparation of a national capacity self-assessment;	Ongoing
10. Welcomes the contribution to the implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans provided by the Biodiversity Planning Support Programme established by the United Nations Environment Programme and the United Nations Development Programme with core financial support from the Global Environment Facility and requests the agencies and partners involved to consider how regional support for biodiversity planning and capacity-building can be enhanced through core financial support by the Implementing Agencies;	Of continuing relevance and effect
11. Welcomes the Biodiversity Service for the implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans in Central and Eastern Europe, established by the United Nations Environment Programme, IUCN, the European Centre for Nature Conservation and the Regional Environmental Centre and financially supported by a number of donors, and invites Parties and intergovernmental and other organizations to review the operation of the Biodiversity Service and to benefit from its experience with a view to considering the establishment of regional capacity-building mechanisms to support the implementation of priority actions in national biodiversity strategies and action plans in other regions;	Ongoing
12. Commends the assessments of implementation carried out by Parties in the Central and Eastern Europe and Central American regions to the attention of Parties in other regions, and encourages Parties in other regions to undertake similar assessments;	Of continuing relevance and effect
13. Requests the Executive Secretary to provide appropriate information to the Parties at an inter-sessional meeting for consideration of the future evaluation of progress in the implementation of the Convention and the Strategic Plan, in	Implemented. Information was provided in document UNEP/CBD/MYPOW/3

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
accordance with the relevant provisions of the Convention.	Could be retired.
<b>B. Operations of the Convention</b>	
<b>Review of the status of implementation of the decisions of the Conference of the Parties</b>	
1. Welcomes the Handbook on the Convention on Biological Diversity and encourages the Executive Secretary to seek ways and means to make it available in other United Nations official languages;	Of continuing relevance and effect
2. Decides to review, on the basis of the proposals by the Executive Secretary, the status of implementation of all its decisions at its next meeting with a view to adopting a consolidated body of decisions and to inform decision-making on the long-term work plan of the Convention;	Superseded by decision VII/33  Could be retired
3. Decides to retire the decisions and elements of decisions listed in the annex to the present decision;	Of continuing effect
4. Requests the Executive Secretary to make proposals to the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties regarding, <i>inter alia</i> , the retirement of decisions and elements of decisions taken at the third and fourth meetings of the Conference of the Parties and the consolidation of its decisions and to communicate such proposals to Parties, Governments and relevant international organizations at least six months prior to its seventh meeting;	Implemented (see UNEP/CBD/COP/7/20/ADD. 2).  Could be retired.
5. Invites Parties, Governments and relevant international organizations to submit to the Executive Secretary written comments on the proposals referred to in paragraph 4 above, at least three months prior to its seventh meeting;	Implemented.  Could be retired.
<b>Review of recommendations of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice</b>	
6. Decides that this assessment will be undertaken under the authority of the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting;	The issue was examined by SBSTTA 8 but no specific recommendation was made to COP 7 (see SBSTTA recommendation VIII/6). COP 7 did not address the issue. The decision may have been superseded by decision VII/30 regarding review of implementation. Could be retired.
7. Requests the Executive Secretary to undertake, in consultation with the bureaux of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the Conference of the Parties, a review of the recommendations of the Subsidiary Body with a view to improving its inputs and to report thereon to Subsidiary Body at its ninth meeting and to the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting;	Implemented (see document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/8/13).  Could be retired.
8. Requests the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, on the basis of the review mentioned in paragraph 7 above, to prepare proposals for the improvement of the quality of its advice and to submit a report thereon to the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting;	SBSTTA took note of document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/8/13 but did not prepare proposals to COP 7  Has been superseded by decision VII/30 on review of implementation. Could be retired.
<b>Roster of experts</b>	
9. Requests the Executive Secretary to make full use of the roster of experts identified by Parties through national nodes of the clearing-house mechanism, including for peer review and for Internet-based discussion groups;	Ongoing
10. Requests the Executive Secretary to retire the roster of experts	Of continuing relevance and effect

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
nominated by Parties for specific tasks or activities once those tasks or activities have been completed;	
<b>Regional and subregional mechanisms for implementation of the Convention</b>	
<p>11. Acknowledging the important role that regional and subregional mechanisms and networks such as the Pan-European Biological and Landscape Diversity Strategy, the Strategic Plan on Biodiversity for Tropical Andean Countries, the Central American Commission of Environment and Development and the South Pacific Regional Environment Programme play in promoting the implementation of the Convention, which, <i>inter alia</i>, provide forums for the preparation of regional inputs to meetings of the Convention and for translating decisions of the Conference of the Parties into regional actions,</p> <p>a. Requests the Executive Secretary, with the assistance of the United Nations Environment Programme and in consultation with Parties, to identify, assess and report on the potential of existing regional and subregional instruments, institutions, networks and mechanisms in various regions as a basis for enhancing the implementation of the Convention, including as partners for capacity-building, taking into account:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The benefits to be gained through the utilization of regional and sub-regional institutions, mechanisms or networks;</li> <li>ii. The views from regions as to the types of assistance required to respond to difficulties in implementing the Convention and their level of priority;</li> <li>iii. The requirements necessary to strengthen such mechanisms and networks for the purposes of the implementation of the Convention;</li> </ol> <p>b. Encourages Parties to strengthen regional and subregional cooperation, enhance the integration and promote synergies with relevant regional and subregional processes;</p> <p>c. Invites all donors and institutions in a position to do so to support the work of existing regional coordination mechanisms and the development of regional and subregional networks or processes, as appropriate;</p> <p>d. Invites Parties, Governments, and relevant organizations to strengthen their existing regional and subregional mechanisms and initiatives for capacity-building and to contribute inputs regarding their experiences into the wider assessment process;</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>The Executive Secretary reported to COP 7 on this assessment (see UNEP/CBD/COP/20).</p>
12. Invites those countries in a position to do so, individually or collectively, on a bilateral or multilateral basis, to consider providing financial resources and technically qualified person(s) recruited from either government or the private sector to collaborate in the preparation of the assessment in the candidate regions;	Ongoing
13. Decides to further consider this issue, based on the assessment, at its seventh meeting;	COP 7 did not consider the issue since the assessment is pending.
<b>Participation and procedures under the Convention</b>	
14. Takes note of concerns about procedural issues raised at inter-sessional meetings, and calls for the implementation of the rules of procedure for meetings of the Conference of the Parties and Subsidiary Bodies;	Of continuing relevance and effect.
15. Requests the bureaux of the Conference of the Parties and of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological	The issue is still pending.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
Advice to develop proposals for the further improvement of existing procedures for conducting meetings in order to allow a more effective participation of one-person delegations and report to the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting;	
16. Recognizes the increasing workload for Bureau members, particularly the Chairs, and confirms the need for financial support for Bureau members from developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition, and, in particular, to provide funding for the attendance of Bureau members at meetings and support for the Chair of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice;	Superseded by paragraph 19 of decision VII/34 which decided to provide funding for such participation.  Could be retired.
17. Decides to consider at its seventh meeting the possibility of providing financial support for at least two representatives from each developing country-Party through the Voluntary Trust Fund for Facilitating Participation of Parties in the Convention Process (BZ Trust Fund);	COP 7 did not address the issue. It therefore remains pending.
18. Requests the Executive Secretary, as a matter of priority, to identify potential sources of financial support for facilitating the participation of non-governmental organizations from developing countries and countries with economies in transition in meetings organized under the Convention;	The Executive Secretary has been compiling a comprehensive <i>Guide to Sources of International Assistance to Biological Diversity</i> , which will contain potential sources of assistance that could be made available to non-governmental organizations for purposes of participating in international meetings. This type of information has also been made available regularly on the <i>Interactive Info-Bulletin on Financing for Biological Diversity</i> , which is available on the following website: <a href="http://www.biodiv.org/financial/forums.aspx">http://www.biodiv.org/financial/forums.aspx</a> . The Conference of the Parties may wish to further consider how to facilitate available financial resources to non-governmental organizations from developing countries and countries with economies in transition.
19. Requests the Executive Secretary to establish a focal point within the Secretariat for non-governmental organizations in order to facilitate interaction with non-governmental organizations and to support, <i>inter alia</i> , dissemination of information on the Convention, awareness raising and improved coordination amongst stakeholders.	Implemented. The Executive Secretary designated a staff member of the Secretariat to assume day-to-day responsibility for liaison, coordination and consultation with non-governmental organizations.  Of continuing relevance and effect

## DECISION VI/28: MULTI-YEAR PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE CONFERENCE OF PARTIES UP TO 2010

### *Overview of the decision*

The decision establishes a process for the development of a multi-year programme of work of the Conference of the Parties.

*Overall assessment and possible action by the Conference of the Parties*

The Multi-year Programme of Work of the Conference of the Parties up to 2010 was adopted by COP 7 in its decision VII/31. Decision VI/28 could therefore be retired in its entirety.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
<p>The Conference of the Parties,</p> <p>1. Requests the Executive Secretary, on the basis of the draft multi-year programme of work, with special consideration to items for in-depth consideration and review of the programmes of work, taking fully into consideration the Strategic Plan of the Convention and based upon submissions by Parties to the Convention, and the views of the Bureau of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, to prepare a multi-year programme of work for the Conference of the Parties up to 2010, covering the programme of work dealing with its eighth, ninth and tenth meetings. The programme of work dealing with its ninth and tenth meetings will be finalized by the Conference of the Parties at its next meeting;</p>	<p>Implemented.</p> <p>Could be retired</p>
<p>2. Requests Parties to submit to the Executive Secretary proposals on issues to be included in the multi-year programme of work for the Conference of the Parties up to 2010;</p>	<p>Implemented.</p> <p>Could be retired.</p>
<p>3. Decides to hold an open-ended inter-sessional meeting to consider the multi-year programme of work for the Conference of the Parties up to 2010. The meeting will have a duration of two days and will be held back-to-back with the eighth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice. The inter-sessional meeting will report to the next meeting of the Conference of the Parties.</p>	<p>The Inter-sessional Meeting on the Multi-year Programme of Work of the Conference of the Parties up to 2010 was held in March 2003 and provided its report to COP 7 (see UNEP/CBD/COP/7/5).</p> <p>Could be retired.</p>

### **DECISION VI/29 – ADMINISTRATION OF THE CONVENTION AND THE BUDGET FOR THE PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR THE BIENNIUM 2003-2004**

*Overview of the decision*

The decision addresses budgetary matters for the biennium, approving the budget for 2003-2004. The decision also introduces a working capital reserve, and requests the extension of the post of the Executive Secretary.

*Overall assessment and possible action by the Conference of the Parties*

The requests to the Executive Secretary have been fully complied with. The following paragraphs could be retired: 1-3; 5; 8; 10; 11-13; 15-18; and 20-28.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
<p>The Conference of the Parties,</p> <p>1. Welcomed the annual contribution of US\$ 1,000,000 from Canada, the host country of the Secretariat, to offset contributions from Parties for the biennium 2003-2004;</p>	<p>Could be retired</p>
<p>2. Approved a core budget (BY Trust Fund) of US\$ 10,742,500 for the year 2003 and of US\$ 11,214,300 for the year 2004, for the purposes listed in table 1(below);</p>	<p>Could be retired</p>

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
3. Adopted the indicative scale of contributions for 2003 and 2004 contained in the annex to the present decision;	Could be retired.
4. Decided to establish a working capital reserve at a level of 4 per cent of the core budget (BY Trust Fund) expenditure, including programme support costs,	Of continuing relevance and effect.
5. Approved a Secretariat staffing table for the programme budget contained in table 2 below; requests that all staff positions be filled expeditiously and authorizes the Executive Secretary to redeploy staff within the Secretariat, where appropriate, to meet evolving needs and priorities and to ensure the smooth functioning of the Secretariat;	Superseded by subsequent decisions  Could be retired.
6. Welcomed with appreciation the decision of the Secretary-General of the United Nations of 8 December 2000, to upgrade the post of the Executive Secretary of the Convention from D-2 to Assistant Secretary-General (ASG), pursuant to paragraph 21 of its decision V/22; and endorsed the decision of the Bureau of the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties approving the upgrading of the post of the Executive Secretary to Assistant Secretary-General in April 2001;	Post was upgraded as per decision.  Of continuing relevance and effect.
7. Requested the President of the Conference of the Parties, taking into account paragraph 6 above, to invite the Secretary-General of the United Nations to appoint the Executive Secretary at the level of Assistant Secretary-General, for a three-year term of office, starting on 1 July 2002;	Action was taken as per decision.  Of continuing relevance.
8. Approved a drawing of US\$ 5 million from the unspent balances or contributions ("carry-over") from previous financial periods to cover part of the 2003-2004 budget;	Could be retired
9. Authorized the Executive Secretary to transfer resources among the programmes within the limits agreed to in decisions V/22, IV/17 and III/23, namely the ability to transfer between each of the main appropriation lines set out in table 1 up to an aggregate of 15 per cent of the total programme budget, provided that a further limitation of up to a maximum of 25 per cent of each such appropriation line shall apply;	Of continuing relevance and effect.
10. Noted with concern that a number of Parties have not paid their contributions to the core budget (BY Trust Fund) for 2002 and prior years, which are due on 1 January of each year in accordance with paragraph 4 of the financial rules, and the late payment of contributions to the core budget by Parties during each calendar year of a biennium, which have contributed to the significant carry-over from one biennium to the next, and, in the event that there is no improvement in the payment of contributions by Parties, and invited the Executive Secretary to submit proposals for promoting full and timely payment of contributions by Parties for consideration and review by the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting;	Superseded by decision VII/34 (paragraph 13).  Could be retired.
11. Urged Parties that have still not paid their contributions to the core budget (BY Trust Fund) to do so without delay, and requests the Executive Secretary to publish and regularly update information on the status of contributions of Parties to	Superseded by decision VII/34 (paragraph 14).  Could be retired.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
the Convention's trust funds (BY, BE, BZ);	
12. Reiterated, with regard to contributions due from 1 January 2001 onwards, that Parties whose contributions are in arrears for two or more years will be allowed to attend the meetings of the Convention's bodies with a maximum of two delegates until their arrears have been cleared;	Superseded by decision VII/34 (paragraph 15).  Could be retired.
13. Further reiterated that, with regard to contributions due from 1 January 2001 onwards, Parties that are not least developed countries or small island developing States whose contributions are in arrears for two or more years, will not receive funding from the Secretariat to attend meetings of the Convention's bodies until their arrears have been cleared;	Superseded by decision VII/34 (paragraph 15)  Could be retired.
14. Authorized the Executive Secretary to enter into commitments up to the level of the approved budget, drawing on available cash resources, including unspent balances, contributions from previous financial periods and miscellaneous income;	Of continuing relevance and effect.
15. Decided to fund, upon request, from the core budget (BY Trust Fund) the participation of members of the bureaux of the Conference of the Parties and Subsidiary Body on Scientific Technical and Technological Advice at the inter-sessional meetings of the respective bureaux;	Superseded by decision VII/34 (paragraph 19).  Could be retired.
16. Endorsed the decisions of the Bureau of the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties authorizing the Executive Secretary to utilize savings, unspent balances from previous financial periods and miscellaneous income in the amount of US\$ 2,319,500 from the BY Trust Fund, of which US\$ 1,157,142 was spent, to fund inter-sessional activities recommended by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, the Intergovernmental Committee for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing, which were not envisaged and therefore for which no budgetary allocations were approved by the Conference of the Parties at its fifth meeting, including the participation of developing country Parties, in particular the least developed and small island developing States, and Parties with economies in transition, in the meetings of the Convention as well as to carry out activities approved by the Conference of the Parties and requested the Executive Secretary, in consultation with the Bureau, to continue to monitor the availability of voluntary contributions to the BE and BZ Trust Funds in the event of any shortfalls;	Could be retired.
17. Decided that the Trust Funds (BY, BE, BZ) for the Convention shall be extended for the period of two years, beginning 1 January 2004 and ending 31 December 2005;	Superseded by decision VII/34 (paragraph 20).  Could be retired.
18. Invited all Parties to the Convention to note that contributions to the core budget (BY) are due on 1 January of the year in which these contributions have been budgeted for, and to pay them promptly, and urges Parties, in a position to do so, to pay by 1 October 2002 for the calendar year 2003 and by 1 October 2003 for the calendar year 2004 the contributions required to finance expenditures approved under paragraph 2 above, as offset by the amount in	Superseded by decision VII/34 (paragraph 21).  Could be retired.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
paragraph 4, and, in this regard, <i>requests</i> that Parties be notified of the amount of their contributions by 1 August of the year preceding the year in which the contributions are due;	
19. Urged all Parties and States not party to the Convention, as well as governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and other sources, to contribute to the trust funds (BY, BE, BZ) of the Convention;	Of continuing relevance and effect.
20. Took note of the funding estimates for the Special Voluntary Trust Fund (BE) for Additional Voluntary Contributions in Support of Approved Activities for the Biennium 2003-2004 specified by the Executive Secretary and included in table 3 below, and urges Parties to make contributions to this Fund;	Could be retired.
21. Took note also of the funding estimates for the special voluntary Trust Fund (BZ) for facilitating participation of developing country Parties, in particular the least developed and the small island developing States among them, and Parties with economies in transition, for the biennium 2003-2004, as specified by the Executive Secretary and included in table 4 below, and urges Parties to make contributions to this Fund;	Could be retired.
22. Authorized the Executive Secretary to consult with the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties on any adjustments which may be necessary in the servicing of the programme of the work as foreseen in the core budget (BY Trust Fund) for the biennium 2003-2004, including the postponement of meetings, in the event that sufficient resources are not available to the Secretariat in a timely fashion from the approved budget (BY Trust Fund), including available cash resources, unspent balances, contributions from previous financial periods and miscellaneous income;	Superseded by decision VII/34 (paragraph 26)  Could be retired.
23. Authorized the Executive Secretary to draw, in consultation with the bureau of the Conference of the Parties, on available cash resources, including unspent balances, contributions from previous financial periods and miscellaneous income within the approved core budget (BY Trust Fund) for the biennium 2003-2004, to cover any shortfalls in the special voluntary Trust Fund (BZ) for facilitating participation of developing country Parties, in particular the least developed and the small island developing States among them, and Parties with economies in transition, for the biennium 2003-2004, in priorities <u>8</u> / identified in the core budget (BY Trust Fund);	Superseded by decision VII/34 (paragraph 25).  Could be retired.
24. Authorized the Executive Secretary, in consultation with the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties, to draw on available cash resources, including unspent balances, contributions from previous financial periods and miscellaneous income within the approved core budget (BY Trust Fund) for the biennium 2003-2004, to fund inter-sessional activities recommended by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, the Intergovernmental Committee for the Cartagena Protocol on	Superseded by decision VII/34 (paragraph 25)  Could be retired.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
Biosafety and the ad hoc open-ended working groups, that have not been envisaged and for which no budgetary allocations were approved by the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting, up to a maximum of 20 per cent (US\$ 855,523) of the cost of the priorities <u>8</u> / identified within the core budget (BY Trust Fund) for the biennium 2003-2004;	
25. Approved a contingency of US\$ 250,000 to meet the costs of the conference services if a second meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety takes place in 2004, back-to-back with the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, and in the event that the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol does not decide on budgetary arrangements to this end;	Implemented.  COP/MOP 1 took place in conjunction with COP 7 in February 2004.  Could be retired.
26. Requested the Executive Secretary, in accordance with the provisions of Article 31, paragraph 3 of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, to identify the costs of the secretariat services for the Protocol, to the extent that they are distinct, for inclusion in a proposed budget for the consideration of the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol;	A report was submitted to the Conference of the Parties serving as the first meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/1/11).  Could be retired
27. Decided to establish, pursuant to paragraphs 6 and 7, section B, of recommendation 2/9 of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, and on a pilot phase basis, a trust fund, to be administered by the Secretariat, for voluntary contributions from Parties and Governments for the specific purpose of supporting developing country Parties, in particular the least developed and the small island developing States among them, and Parties with economies in transition to pay for the use of experts selected from the roster of experts on biosafety; and <i>requests</i> the Executive Secretary to seek submissions from Governments on the operation of this Fund, and to report thereon to the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol;	Superseded by COP/MOP 1 decision BS-I/10 (paragraph 2 and footnote)  Could be retired.
28. Requested the Executive Secretary to prepare and submit a budget for the programme of work for the biennium 2005-2006 for the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties, and report on income and budget performance as well as any adjustments made to the Convention budget for the biennium 2003- 2004;	Two reports were submitted to the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/2) and (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/10).  Could be retired.
29. Authorized the Executive Secretary, in an effort to improve the efficiency of the Secretariat and to attract highly qualified staff to the Secretariat, to enter into direct administrative and contractual arrangements with Parties, governments and organizations—in response to offers of human resources and other support to the Secretariat—as may be necessary for the effective discharge of the functions of the Secretariat, while ensuring the efficient use of available competencies, resources and services, and taking into account United Nations rules and regulations. Special attention should be given to possibilities of creating synergies with relevant, existing work programmes or	Of continuing relevance and effect.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
activities that are being implemented within the framework of other international organizations;	
30. Welcomed the generous offer of the Botanic Gardens Conservation International to second a staff member to the Secretariat to promote the implementation of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation and <i>requested</i> the Executive Secretary to enter arrangements to this end, in accordance with paragraph 29 above.	Implemented but of continuing relevance and effect.

### DECISION VI/30: PREPARATION FOR THE SEVENTH MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF PARTIES

#### *Overview of the decision*

The decision focuses on the further action for the preparation for the priority themes for the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

#### *Overall assessment and possible action by the Conference of the Parties*

The decision was implemented and could be retired.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION	OVERALL ASSESSMENT AND POSSIBLE ACTION BY COP
The Conference of the Parties,  1. Welcomed the proposals put forward by the Executive Secretary in his note on preparation for the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties and requests that preparations for priority themes for the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties continue as outlined in that document;	Implemented  Could be retired.	.
2. Encouraged the Executive Secretary, in preparation for the protected areas theme at the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to actively collaborate with the Vth World Congress on Protected Areas, as well as with other appropriate conventions, international organization, and non – governmental organizations.	Implemented  Could be retired.	.
3. Invited Parties, other Governments and relevant international organizations to provide appropriate financial support for the organization of the ad hoc technical expert groups on mountain biological diversity, protected areas, and technology transfer and cooperation	Implemented  Could be retired.	.

### DECISION VI/31: DATE AND VENUE OF THE SEVENTH MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

#### *Overview of the decision*

The decision provides for a venue and date for the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

#### *Overall assessment and possible action by the Conference of the Parties*

The decision has only historical value. The Conference of the Parties may wish to retire it.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
The Conference of the Parties,  1. Welcomed the kind offer of Malaysia to host the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties;	Could be retired.
2. Decided that the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties will be held in Kuala Lumpur on a date in the first quarter of 2004 to be specified by the Bureau.	COP 7 took place in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, from 9-20 and 27 February 2004. Could be retired.

### **DECISION VI/32: TRIBUTE TO THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THE KINGDOM OF NETHERLANDS**

#### *Overview of the decision*

The decision expresses the gratitude of the Conference of the Parties to the Government and People of the Kingdom of Netherlands for hosting the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

#### *Overall assessment and possible action by the Conference of the Parties*

The decision has only historical value and can be retired.

*Annex II*

**REVIEW OF DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES AT ITS  
FIFTH AND SIXTH MEETINGS**

COP DECISIONS	DECISIONS OR ELEMENTS OF DECISIONS WHICH CAN BE RETIRED <sup>9/</sup>	DECISIONS WHICH SHOULD BE RETAINED AND CONSOLIDATED WITH OTHER RELEVANT DECISIONS*	
Decision	Fully implemented, of no continuing relevance or effect, or of only historical value	Fully implemented but of continuing relevance or effect	Under implementation
<b>COP V</b>			
V/1	✘		
V/2	Paras. 1 and 3-8		
V/3	✘		
V/4	Paras. 1-15 and 17-20		Paragraph 16
V/5	Para. 1-2, 8, 11-12, 19-21 and 28-29		Paragraphs 3-7, 9-10, 13-18, and 22-27.
V/6	Paragraphs 3 – 6.		Paragraphs 1 – 2 and 7.
V/7	Paragraphs 1-3 and 5		Paragraph 4
V/8	Para. 1-9, and 13-17		Paragraphs 10-12
V/9	Paras. 2-4 and 6		Paras. 1 and 5
V/10	✘		
V/11	Paras. 2-3, 7-8, 11, 13-14 and 17.		Paras. 1, 4-6, 9-10, 12, and 15-16.
V/12	✘		
V/13	Paragraph 1		Paragraph 2
V/14	Paras. 1, 3-4, 6, and 8-10		Paras. 2, 5 and 7
V/15		Paragraph 3(b)	Paras. 1-2, 3(a) and (c), and 4-6.
V/16	Paragraphs 6, 8 – 9, and 14.		Paragraphs 1 – 5, 10 – 13, and 15 – 20.
V/17	Paragraphs 1 – 3 and 7(c) and (d).		Paragraphs 4 – 6 and 7(a) and (b).
V/18	Paragraphs 1(a) – (d) and 2 - 9		Paragraph 1(e).

<sup>9/</sup> “✘” signifies the whole decision.

<b>COP DECISIONS</b>	<b>DECISIONS OR ELEMENTS OF DECISIONS WHICH CAN BE RETIRED<sup>9/</sup></b>	<b>DECISIONS WHICH SHOULD BE RETAINED AND CONSOLIDATED WITH OTHER RELEVANT DECISIONS*</b>	
Decision	Fully implemented, of no continuing relevance or effect, or of only historical value	Fully implemented but of continuing relevance or effect	Under implementation
V/19	Paragraphs 3 and 8		Paragraphs 1 – 2, 4 – 7, and 9 – 10.
V/20	Paragraphs 4, 6, 10 – 16, 23, 28, 29(b) and (e), 32-33, 35, and 37 – 40.		Paragraphs 1 – 3, 5, 7 – 9, 17 – 22, 24 – 27, 29(a), 29(c), 29(d), 30 – 31, 34, 36 and 41.
V/21	Paragraphs 1 and 3 - 10		Paragraphs 2 and 11 – 12.
V/22	Paragraphs 1 – 6, 8 – 9, 11 – 14, 16 – 17, 19 and 21.		Paragraphs 7, 10, 15, 18, and 20.
V/23	Paragraphs 6 - 8	Paragraph 9	Paragraphs 1 – 5 and 10 - 11.
V/24	Paragraphs 2 and 3		Paragraphs 1 and 4 - 7
V/25	Paragraphs 2 – 4 and 6 - 7		Paragraphs 1 and 5
V/26	Paragraphs A7 – A10, A15, B3 – B4, C1 – C3, and C5	Paragraph A11	Paragraphs A1 – A6, A12 – A14, B1 – B2, and C4
V/27	×		
V/28	×		
V/29	×		

<b>COP DECISIONS</b>	<b>DECISIONS OR ELEMENTS OF DECISIONS WHICH CAN BE RETIRED<sup>10/</sup></b>	<b>DECISIONS WHICH SHOULD BE RETAINED AND CONSOLIDATED WITH OTHER RELEVANT DECISIONS*</b>	
Decision	Fully implemented, of no continuing relevance or effect, or of only historical value	Fully implemented but of continuing relevance or effect	Under implementation

<sup>10/</sup> “X” signifies the whole decision.

<b>COP DECISIONS</b>	<b>DECISIONS OR ELEMENTS OF DECISIONS WHICH CAN BE RETIRED<sup>10</sup>/</b>	<b>DECISIONS WHICH SHOULD BE RETAINED AND CONSOLIDATED WITH OTHER RELEVANT DECISIONS*</b>	
Decision	Fully implemented, of no continuing relevance or effect, or of only historical value	Fully implemented but of continuing relevance or effect	Under implementation
<b>COP VI</b>			
VI/1	Paragraphs 1 – 5 and 7		Paragraph 6.
VI/2	Paragraphs 1 - 3		Paragraphs 4 – 6.
VI/3	✘		
VI/4	✘		
VI/5	Paragraphs 5, 17 and 21.		Paragraphs 1 – 4, 6 – 16, 18 – 20, and 22 – 25.
VI/6	Paragraphs 1 and 6		<u>Paragraphs 2-5</u>
VI/7	Paragraphs B1 – B4; and C1 – C4.		Paragraphs A1 – A3.
VI/8	Paragraph 8		Paragraphs 1 – 7.
VI/9			Paragraphs 1 – 11.
VI/10	Paragraphs 1, 4, 6 – 7, 9, 12 – 19, 21 – 22, 25, 28, and 34.		Paragraphs 2, 3, 5, 8, 10 – 11, 20, 23 – 24, 26 – 27, 29 – 33, and 35 – 49.
VI/11			Paragraphs 1 – 3.
VI/12	✘		
VI/13	Paragraphs 1 - 5		Paragraphs 6 and 7.
VI/14	✘		
VI/15	Paragraphs 1, and 5-7.		Paragraphs 2 – 4 and 8.
VI/16	Paragraphs 1 – 5 and 11(g)		Paragraphs 6 – 11.
VI/17	Paragraphs 1, 9 and 11		Paragraphs 2 – 8 and 10
VI/18	Paragraphs 2 and 3		Paragraphs 1, 4 and 5

<b>COP DECISIONS</b>	<b>DECISIONS OR ELEMENTS OF DECISIONS WHICH CAN BE RETIRED<sup>10</sup>/</b>	<b>DECISIONS WHICH SHOULD BE RETAINED AND CONSOLIDATED WITH OTHER RELEVANT DECISIONS*</b>	
Decision	Fully implemented, of no continuing relevance or effect, or of only historical value	Fully implemented but of continuing relevance or effect	Under implementation
VI/19			The CEPA Initiative is under implementation. The Conference of the Parties may wish to consolidate this decision with other relevant decisions.
VI/20	Paragraphs 14, 31 and 37.		Paragraphs 1 – 13; 15 – 30; 32 – 36; and 38 – 39.
VI/21	✘		
VI/22	Paragraphs 1 – 8; 19(a), 19(b), 19(d) and 19(f); 27; 41; 43; and 45.		Paragraphs 9 – 18; 19(c), 19(e) and 19(g); 20 – 26; 28 – 40; 42 and 44.
VI/23	Paragraphs 1 – 3, 7, and 9.		Paragraphs 4 – 8, and 10 – 34.
VI/24	Paragraphs A1 – A2; A8 – A9; B1 – B3; B6; B10 – 12; C3 – C8; D1 and D8		Paragraphs A3 – A7; A10; B4 and B5; B7 – B9; C1 and C2; C9 – C13; and D2 – D7.
VI/25	Paragraphs 1 – 3 and 10		Paragraphs 4 - 9
VI/26	Paragraphs 1 and 4		Paragraphs 2 and 3
VI/27	Paragraphs A13, B2, B4, B5-B8, and B16.	Paragraphs B3 and B19	Paragraphs A1 – A12; B1, B9 – B15; B17 and B18.
VI/28	✘		

<b>COP DECISIONS</b>	<b>DECISIONS OR ELEMENTS OF DECISIONS WHICH CAN BE RETIRED<sup>10</sup>/</b>	<b>DECISIONS WHICH SHOULD BE RETAINED AND CONSOLIDATED WITH OTHER RELEVANT DECISIONS*</b>	
Decision	Fully implemented, of no continuing relevance or effect, or of only historical value	Fully implemented but of continuing relevance or effect	Under implementation
VI/29	Paragraphs 1 – 3; 5; 8; 10 – 13; 15 – 18; and 20 – 28.	Paragraphs 6, 7 and 30.	Paragraphs 4, 9, 14, 19 and 29.
VI/30	✘		
VI/31	✘		
VI/32	✘		

*Annex III*

**DECISIONS AND ELEMENTS OF DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES AT ITS FIFTH AND SIXTH MEETINGS TO BE RETIRED**

***Decisions of the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties***

Decision V/1  
Decision V/2, paras. 1 and 3-8  
Decision V/3  
Decision V/4, paras. 1-15 and 17-20  
Decision V/5, paras. 1-2, 8, 11-12, 19-21, and 28-29  
Decision V/6, paras. 3 – 6.  
Decision V/7, paras. 1-3, and 5.  
Decision V/8, paras. 1-9, and 13-17  
Decision V/9, paras. 2-4 and 6  
Decision V/10  
Decision V/11, paras. 2-3, 7-8, 11, 13-14 and 17.  
Decision V/12  
Decision V/13, para. 1  
Decision V/14, paras. 1, 3-4, 6, and 8-10  
Decision V/16, paras. 6, 8 – 9, and 14.  
Decision V/17, paras 1 – 3 and 7(c) and (d).  
Decision V/18, paras 1(a) – (d) and 2 - 9  
Decision V/19, paras 3 and 8  
Decision V/20, paras. 4, 6 , 10 – 16, 23, 28, 29(b) and (e), 32 – 33, 35, and 37 – 40.  
Decision V/21, paras. 1 and 3 - 10  
Decision V/22, paras. 1 – 6, 8 – 9, 11 – 14, 16 – 17, 19 and 21.  
Decision V/23        Paragraphs 6 - 8  
Decision V/24, paragraphs 2 and 3  
Decision V/25, paras. 2 – 4 and 6 - 7  
Decision V/26, paras. A7 – A10, A15, B3 – B4, C1 – C3, and C5  
Decision V/27  
Decision V/28  
Decision V/29

***Decisions of the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties***

Decision VI/1, paras. 1 – 5 and 7  
Decision VI/2, paras. 1 - 3  
Decision VI/3  
Decision VI/4  
Decision VI/5, paras. 5, 17 and 21.  
Decision VI/6, paras. 1 and 6  
Decision VI/7, paras. B1 – B4; and C1 – C4.  
Decision VI/8, para. 8  
Decision VI/10, paras. 1, 4, 6 – 7, 9, 12 – 19, 21 – 22, 25, 28, and 34.  
Decision VI/12  
Decision VI/13, paras. 1 - 5  
Decision VI/14  
Decision VI/15, paras. 1, and 5-7

Decision VI/16, paras. 1 – 5, and 11(g)  
Decision VI/17, paras. 1, 9 and 11  
Decision VI/18, paras. 2 and 3  
Decision VI/20, paras. 14, 31 and 37.  
Decision VI/21  
Decision VI/22, paras. 1 – 8; 19(a), 19(b), 19(d) and 19(f); 27; 41; 43; and 45.  
Decision VI/23, paras. 1 – 3, 7, and 9.  
Decision VI/24, paras. A1 – A2; A8 – A9; B1 – B3; B6; B10 – 12; C3 – C8; D1 and D8  
Decision VI/25, paras. 1 – 3 and 10  
Decision VI/26, paras. 1 and 4  
Decision VI/27, paras. A13, B2, B4, B5-B8, and B16.  
Decision VI/28  
Decision VI/29, paras. 1 – 3; 5; 8; 10 – 13; 15 – 18; and 20 – 28.  
Decision VI/30  
Decision VI/31  
Decision VI/32

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