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

Eighth meeting

Curitiba, Brazil, 20-31 March 2005

Item 3 of the provisional agenda\*

#### REVISED ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

*Note by the Executive Secretary*

#### INTRODUCTION

1. The present annotations to the provisional agenda for the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/1) have been revised to reflect the input from the preparatory meetings and other events which took place during the last trimester prior to the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
2. The Executive Secretary also prepared a compilation of the various elements of draft decisions proposed by the inter-sessional meetings for the consideration of the Conference of the Parties (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/1/Add.2).
3. In accordance with paragraph 2 of decision V/20 and the guidance of the Bureau, the Executive Secretary has organized the items on the provisional agenda for the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties into seven sections: organizational matters; consideration of reports; issues for in-depth consideration; strategic issues for evaluating progress or supporting implementation; other substantive issues arising from decisions of the Conference of the Parties; administrative and budgetary matters and final matters. Annex I provides a list of the documents for the meeting.
4. The eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties will include a high-level ministerial segment organized by the host country in consultation with the Secretariat and the Bureau. The high-level segment will take place from 26 to 29 March 2006. It will be opened, on 26 March, with a reception at the Curitiba Opera de Arame by the President of the Federative Republic of Brazil, H. E. Luis Inácio Lula da Silva. The high level segment will feature a series of round-tables on 27-28 March at the Estacao Embratel Convention Centre: an initial plenary round-table to set the scene, followed by four thematic roundtables dealing with (i) biodiversity, food and agriculture; (ii) biodiversity, development and eradication of poverty; (iii) biodiversity and trade; and (iv) access to genetic resources and benefit-sharing. A closing panel will focus on actions needed to fulfil the threefold objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the 2010 target. Ministers and other Heads of delegations

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wishing to report on recent achievements by their respective countries on the implementation of the three objectives of the Convention may do so through a formal statement to be delivered on Wednesday, 29 March, in the plenary of the Conference of the Parties. Statements should not exceed ten minutes. Further details regarding the high-level ministerial segment are contained in notification 2006/010, of 6 February 2006, and in the document "Information for Participants" on the Secretariat website.

## **I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS**

5. Section I of the provisional agenda comprises those items that are procedural in nature. They include matters relating to the organization, operation and protocol of the meeting.

### **ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING**

6. Following the invitation of the Government of Brazil, which was welcomed by the Conference of the Parties in its decision VII/35, the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties will be held at the Convention and Exhibition Center (Expo Trade), in Curitiba, Brazil, from 20 to 31 March 2006.

7. The official opening of the meeting will take place on Sunday, 19 March 2006, from 7.30 to 10 p.m. at the botanical Garden. The meeting will start at 10 a.m. on Monday, 20 March 2006. Registration of participants will commence at the venue of the meeting at 10 a.m. on Saturday, 18 March 2006.

8. Meeting rooms will be made available on 18 and 19 March, for informal consultations within the five regional groups.

9. In accordance with rule 6 of the rules of procedure for meetings of the Conference of the Parties, the Secretariat will notify the United Nations, its specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency as well as any State not party to the Convention, of this meeting so that they may be represented as observers.

10. In accordance with rule 7 of the rules of procedure, the Secretariat has also notified any body or agency, whether governmental or non-governmental, qualified in fields relating to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, which has informed the Secretariat of its wish to be represented at the meeting, so that they may be represented as observers. In this regard, the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties, at a meeting held in Granada on 3 February 2006, considered a draft policy for the accreditation of non-governmental organizations to the Convention on Biological Diversity and agreed that the draft should be submitted for review and adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to take up the draft (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/30) under agenda item 22.1.

11. The President of the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties, from Malaysia, or his representative will open the meeting.

12. It is expected that, at the opening session, the Conference will hear one or more addresses of welcome by representatives of the Government of Brazil.

13. Also at the opening session, the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme will make a statement.

14. The Executive Secretary of the Convention will highlight the main issues before the Conference of the Parties.

## **ITEM 2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

### ***Election of the President***

15. In accordance with past practice, it is expected that, at the opening session, the President of the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties will call for the election of a representative of the host country as President of the eighth meeting. The term of office of the President will begin as of his or her election at the eighth meeting and end with the election of a successor at the ninth meeting.

### ***Election of officers other than the President***

16. In accordance with rule 21 of the rules of procedure (as amended by decision V/20), in addition to the President, ten Vice-Presidents, one of whom acts as Rapporteur, are to be elected from among the representatives of the Parties present at the meeting. The term of office of the Vice-Presidents will commence upon the closure of the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and end at the closure of the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. It will be recalled that, at its seventh meeting, the Conference of the Parties elected ten Vice-Presidents from the following countries for a term that will end at the closure of the eighth meeting: Albania, Canada, Cuba, Ecuador, Egypt, Ireland, Kiribati, Mongolia, Namibia, and the Russian Federation.

### ***Election of officers of subsidiary bodies and other meetings***

17. Rule 26 of the rules of procedure, provides that the chairperson of any subsidiary body shall be elected by the Conference of the Parties, while the election of other officers is the responsibility of the body itself. At this meeting, the Conference of the Parties will therefore need to elect the chair of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) for its thirteenth and fourteenth meetings. Previously elected chairs of SBSTTA have come from following regional groups: first meeting – Africa; second meeting – Western European and Others; third and fourth meetings – Asia and the Pacific; fifth and sixth meetings – Latin America and the Caribbean; seventh and eight meetings – the Central and Eastern European Group; ninth and tenth meetings – Africa; eleventh and twelfth meetings—Western European and Others.

## **ITEM 3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

18. The provisional agenda (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/1) has been prepared by the Executive Secretary in accordance with rule 8 of the rules of procedure for meetings of the Conference of the Parties, with the guidance of the Bureau, and taking into account the programme of work contained in annex I to decision VII/31, on the multi-year programme of work of the Conference of the Parties up to 2010, and other relevant decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties.

## **ITEM 4. ORGANIZATION OF WORK**

19. In light of the number and complexity of the matters to be addressed at its eighth meeting, the Conference of the Parties may wish to establish two working groups. A proposed timetable and division of responsibilities between the plenary and the two working groups is contained in annex II below.

20. It is further proposed that an open-ended drafting committee be established to prepare draft decisions for the consideration of the working groups. The plenary may also establish a budget contact group to address agenda item 28 on the administration of the Convention and budget for the programme of work for the biennium 2007-2008.

21. Interpretation will be available for the Working Groups for morning and afternoon sessions. It will not, however, be available for evening sessions, should these be necessary.

**ITEM 5. REPORT ON THE CREDENTIALS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE SEVENTH MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES**

22. Rule 18 of the rules of procedure for meetings of the Conference of the Parties states that:

“The credentials of representatives and the names of alternate representatives and advisers shall be submitted to the Executive Secretary of the Conference of the Parties or the representative of the Executive Secretary not later than twenty four hours after the opening of the meeting. Any later change in the composition of the delegation shall also be submitted to the Executive Secretary or his representative. The credentials shall be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or, in the case of a regional economic integration organization, by the competent authority of that organization.”

23. Rule 19 provides that “the Bureau of any meeting shall examine the credentials and submit its report to the Conference of the Parties for decision”.

24. In order to assist Parties in fulfilling the requirements of rule 18, the Executive Secretary has prepared a sample format of appropriate credentials for distribution to national focal points with the letter of invitation to the meeting.

25. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider and adopt the report on credentials submitted to it by the Bureau.

**ITEM 6. PENDING ISSUES**

26. At its first meeting, the Conference of the Parties adopted the rules of procedure for its meetings in decision I/1, with the exception of paragraph 1 of rule 40, relating to the taking of substantive decisions. The Conference of the Parties has considered this outstanding matter at its subsequent meetings but without resolving it conclusively. At the third meeting, consensus was reached concerning some, but not all, of the text in brackets.

27. By decision I/6, the Conference of the Parties adopted the financial rules for the administration of the Trust Fund for the Convention on Biological Diversity. Paragraphs 4 and 16 of these rules contain bracketed text. Paragraph 4 deals with scale of assessments for the apportionment of contributions by Parties to the Trust Fund. Paragraph 16 deals with adopting decisions regarding the Trust Fund. The paragraphs have been considered at subsequent meetings of the Conference of the Parties, but without any agreement. The text therefore remains bracketed.

28. The Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention recommended that the Conference of the Parties, at its eighth meeting, should consider this matter with a view to reaching an agreement as soon as possible (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/4, annex I, recommendation 1/2, para. 9). It is expected that the President will conduct informal consultations during the meeting of the Conference of the Parties to ascertain whether a consensus can be reached on this matter.

**ITEM 7. DATE AND VENUE OF THE NINTH MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES**

29. In accordance with paragraph 2 of rule 4 of its rules of procedure, the Conference of the Parties is to decide on the date and duration of its next ordinary meeting.

30. At its fifth meeting, the Conference decided to amend rule 4 of its rules of procedure so that ordinary meetings of the Conference of the Parties shall be held every two years. Thus, the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties should take place in 2008. However, the question of the interval between meetings of the Conference of the Parties will be examined under item 22.1 in the light of recommendation of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation that the periodicity of ordinary meetings of the Conference of the Parties be maintained until 2010 (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/4, annex I, recommendation 1/2, para. 13).

31. With respect to the venue of the next meeting of the Conference of the Parties, rule 3 of the rules of procedure states that meetings of the Conference of the Parties shall take place at the seat of the Secretariat, unless the Conference of the Parties decides otherwise or other appropriate arrangements are made by the Secretariat in consultation with the Parties.

32. Under this item, a decision regarding the date and venue of the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties will be required.

33. The agenda for the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties will be based on the multi-year programme of work of the Conference of the Parties up to 2010, adopted by the Conference of the Parties in decision VII/31, and other relevant decisions.

**II. REPORTS**

34. Section II of the provisional agenda provides for the presentation of the reports of:

- (a) The regional preparatory meetings for the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;
- (b) Reports of inter-sessional meetings of subsidiary bodies (See para.38 below);
- (c) Report of the Global Environment Facility (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/10);
- (d) The Executive Secretary, on the administration of the Convention and the budget for the Trust Fund of the Convention (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/11);
- (e) Global Biodiversity Outlook (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/12).

35. The Conference of the Parties is invited to take note of the reports, on the understanding that the substantive issues arising therein will be taken up under the appropriate agenda item, as indicated below. The recommendations contained in the reports will be reflected in the compilation of draft decisions (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/1/Add.2) prepared by the Executive Secretary.

**ITEM 8. REPORTS OF THE REGIONAL PREPARATORY MEETINGS**

36. Under this item, an opportunity will be provided for the chairs of the regional meetings held to prepare for the Conference of the Parties to introduce the reports of these meetings. The reports of the regional meetings will be available as information documents.

37. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to take note of and to incorporate, as appropriate, the conclusions of the regional meetings into its consideration of relevant items of the provisional agenda.

**ITEM 9: REPORTS OF THE INTER-SESSIONAL MEETINGS OF SUBSIDIARY BODIES**

38. Under this item, the Secretariat will inform the Conference of the Parties of the meetings of subsidiary bodies held during the inter-sessional period and their reports on the understanding that the substantive issues arising therein will be taken up under the appropriate agenda item. The meetings are as follows:

- Tenth and eleventh meetings of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/2 and 3);

- First meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on the Review of Implementation (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/4);

- Third and fourth meetings of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/5 and 6);

- Fourth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/7); and

- First meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/8 and Add.1)

**ITEM 10. REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY**

39. The Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety entered into force on 11 September 2003. The first meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol was held in Kuala Lumpur, back-to-back with the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The second meeting was held in Montreal, from 30 May to 3 June 2005. The third meeting will be held in Curitiba, Brazil, from 13 to 17 March 2006, immediately prior to the eighth ordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention.

40. Accordingly, under this item, the Executive Secretary will report to the Conference of the Parties on the status of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and progress made in its implementation (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/9). The Conference of the Parties is invited to take note of the report.

**ITEM 11. REPORT OF THE GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY**

41. Pursuant to Article 21 of the Convention on Biological Diversity and paragraph 3.1 of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Conference of the Parties and the Council of the Global

Environment Facility (GEF), the Conference of the Parties will have before it the report of GEF (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/10).

42. Under this item, the Conference of the Parties is invited to take note of the report of the Council and to consider the information contained therein when deciding upon the need for further guidance to the financial mechanism under item 25 and other items of relevance.

**ITEM 12. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY ON THE  
ADMINISTRATION OF THE CONVENTION AND THE  
BUDGET FOR THE TRUST FUND OF THE CONVENTION**

43. The report of the Executive Secretary on the administration of the Convention and the budget for the trust funds of the Convention will be before the Conference of the Parties as document UNEP/CBD/COP/8/11/Rev.1.

44. Under this item, the Conference of the Parties is invited to take note of the report and to take up the information contained therein in its consideration of agenda item 28 on the budget for the programme of work for the biennium 2007-2008.

**ITEM 13. GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY OUTLOOK**

45. Under this item, the Executive Secretary will present the second edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/12), as a flagship publication of the Convention, to the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The content of the second edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook and its implications for the work of the Convention will be considered under item 20, while guidance on the preparation of the third edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook, will be examined under agenda item 23.

**III. ISSUES FOR IN-DEPTH CONSIDERATION**

**ITEM 14. ISLAND BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY**

46. In decision VII/31, the Conference of the Parties decided to consider island biodiversity as a new issue for in-depth consideration at its eighth meeting and requested the Executive Secretary to make appropriate arrangements for a preparatory process.

47. In response to this decision, an ad hoc technical expert group was convened in the Canary Islands, from 13 to 17 December 2004. The draft elements of a work programme on island biological diversity prepared by the expert group were submitted to the SBSTTA at its tenth meeting as one of its main items for discussion.

48. Under this item, the Conference of the Parties is invited to consider the proposed programme of work contained in SBSTTA recommendation X/1 and the additional information provided in the note by the Executive Secretary on the compilation of supporting actions for the programme of work (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/13), taking into account also recommendation 1/8, paragraph 1 (e), of the Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention.

**ITEM 15. BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY OF DRY AND SUB-HUMID LANDS**

49. In decision VII/31, on its multi-year programme of work up to 2010, the Conference of the Parties decided that the programme of work on the biodiversity of dry and sub-humid lands should be reviewed in-depth at its eighth meeting. Accordingly, the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and

Technological Advice at its eleventh meeting reviewed the implementation of the programme of work on biological diversity of dry and sub-humid lands, information on progress and obstacles concerning the assessment of the status and trends of the biological diversity of dry and sub-humid lands, global outcome-oriented targets for dry and sub-humid lands biological diversity and integration into the programme of work. The subsidiary body adopted recommendation XI/1 on dry and sub-humid lands biological diversity.

50. Paragraph 2 of that recommendation requests the Executive Secretary to prepare a matrix relating the goals and targets of the programme of work on dry and sub-humid lands to the activities in the programme of work for consideration by the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. Accordingly the Executive Secretary prepared the matrix and made available to the Conference of the Parties as an information document (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/INF/5)

51. The Conference of the Parties is invited to consider SBSTTA recommendations on this item, as contained in the report of its eleventh meeting (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/3) and the consolidated text of draft decisions for the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/1/Add.2).

#### **ITEM 16. GLOBAL TAXONOMY INITIATIVE**

52. In decision VII/31, on the multi-year programme of work of the Conference of the Parties up to 2010, the Conference of the Parties decided that the programme of work for the Global Taxonomy Initiative (GTI) should be reviewed in-depth at its eighth meeting.

53. In its recommendation X/12, SBSTTA welcomed the proposed process and guidelines for the in depth review of the implementation of the programme of work for the GTI and requested the Executive Secretary to carry out a series of activities prior to its eleventh meeting.

54. At its eleventh meeting, SBSTTA reviewed the implementation and effectiveness of the GTI work programme and relevant complementary information and adopted recommendation XI/2 for the consideration of the Conference of the Parties.

#### **ITEM 17. ACCESS AND BENEFIT-SHARING (ARTICLE 15)**

55. The Open-ended Working Group on Access to Genetic Resources and Benefit-sharing held its third meeting, in Bangkok from 14 to 18 February 2005 and its fourth meeting in Granada, Spain, from 30 January to 3 February 2006. The Working Group, *inter alia*, began negotiations for an international regime on access to genetic resources, in accordance with decision VII/19 D of the Conference of the Parties. The Working Group also addressed other approaches as set out in decision VI/24 B, including consideration of an international certificate of origin/source/legal provenance; and, measures, including consideration of their feasibility, 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. Consideration of the issue of use of terms, definitions and/or glossary, as appropriate, was postponed until the negotiation of the international regime on access and benefit-sharing had reached a more advanced stage. With respect to the issue of the Strategic Plan: future evaluation of progress – the need and possible options for indicators for access to genetic resources and in particular for the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising out from the utilization of genetic resources, it was recommended that the Working Group further address this issue at its fifth meeting.

56. In response to the invitation by the Conference of the Parties in paragraph 8 of decision VII/19, the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) examined issues regarding the interrelation of



access to genetic resources and disclosure requirements in applications for intellectual property rights and the report of its findings to the Conference of the Parties is available in an information document (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/INF/7).

57. In response to paragraph 9 of decision VII/19E inviting UNCTAD and other relevant organisations to examine similar issues, a study commissioned by UNCTAD entitled “Analysis of options for implementing disclosure of requirements in intellectual property applications” is being circulated as an information document (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/INF/25).

58. The reports of the Working Group (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/5 and UNEP/CBD/COP/8/6) will be before to the Conference of the Parties for its consideration.

59. Under this item, the Conference of the Parties is invited to consider the relevant recommendations of the Open-ended Working Group on Access to Genetic Resources and Benefit-sharing annexed to the reports of its third and fourth meetings as reflected in the compilation of draft decisions prepared by the Executive Secretary.

#### **ITEM 18. ARTICLE 8(j) AND RELATED PROVISIONS**

60. In its decision VII/16, the Conference of the Parties decided to reconvene the Ad Hoc Open-ended Inter-Sessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions prior to its eighth meeting to ensure further advancement of the work programme on Article 8(j) and related provisions adopted in decision V/16.

61. Accordingly, the Working Group held its fourth meeting, in Granada, Spain, from 23 to 27 January 2006. The Working Group reviewed, inter alia, progress in the priority tasks of the work programme and their integration into the thematic programmes; considered the revised report on the first phase 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, as well as phase two of the composite report, including a draft programme of action for the retention of traditional knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities; considered its input in the negotiations of the international regime on access and benefit-sharing; further work on, inter alia, participatory mechanisms for indigenous and local communities in the implementation of the Convention, including recommendations concerning selection criteria and guidelines for the operationalization of the voluntary funding mechanism for the participation indigenous and local communities in meetings under the Convention, as well as the further development of the traditional knowledge portal within the Convention’s clearing-house mechanism; sui generis systems for the protection of traditional knowledge, innovations and practices; an ethical code of conduct to ensure respect for the cultural and intellectual heritage of indigenous and local communities; further consideration of the potential socio-economic impacts of genetic use restriction technologies (GURTs) on indigenous and local communities; indicators for assessing progress towards the 2010 biodiversity target; and the recommendations of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.

62. Under this item, the Conference of the Parties is invited to review progress in the implementation of the program of work and to consider the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Inter-Sessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions contained in the report on the work of its fourth meeting (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/7).

**ITEM 19. COMMUNICATION, EDUCATION AND PUBLIC AWARENESS  
(ARTICLE 13)**

63. In paragraph 4 (a) (ii) of decision VII/24, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to convene an informal advisory committee on communication, education and public awareness (CEPA), which would meet at the next meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice to further develop the CEPA work programme for in-depth consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting.

64. In paragraph 4 (b) of decision VII/24, the Conference of the Parties further requested the Executive Secretary to continue the collaborative efforts with the CEPA programmes of other relevant organizations including the Rio Conventions to enhance coordination and maximize synergies. In paragraph 4 (c) of the same decision, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to report to the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting on progress in the implementation of the identified priority activities in the CEPA programme of work.

65. In response to this decision, the Executive Secretary established the CEPA Informal Advisory Committee (IAC) comprising a balanced representation on the basis of gender, geographical regions and expertise drawn from Governments, United Nations agencies, international organizations, non-governmental organizations, research and academic institutions. The CEPA Informal Advisory Committee met in conjunction with the tenth meeting of SBSTTA in Bangkok on 12 February 2005 to review progress in the implementation of the CEPA programme of work and provide guidance on further development of the programme of work in accordance with the provisions of decision VII/24.

66. On the basis of the guidance provided by the CEPA Informal Advisory Committee, and the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of the Implementation of the Convention, which met in September 2005, the Executive Secretary identified priority activities in the programme of work as well as recommendations for their implementation for the consideration of the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The identified priority activities and recommendations for further development of the CEPA programme of work are contained in the note of the Executive Secretary on the subject (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/14).

**IV. STRATEGIC ISSUES FOR EVALUATING PROGRESS OR  
SUPPORTING IMPLEMENTATION**

**ITEM 20. PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION AND ITS  
STRATEGIC PLAN INCLUDING THE 2010 TARGET AND THE  
CONVENTION'S CONTRIBUTION TO RELEVANT MILLENNIUM  
DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

67. In decision VI/26, the Conference of the Parties adopted the Strategic Plan, committing Parties to more effective and coherent implementation of the three objectives of the Convention in order to achieve, by 2010, a significant reduction in the current rate of biodiversity loss at the global, regional and national level. In decision VII/30 (paragraph 23), the Conference of the Parties established the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention to, inter alia, consider progress in the implementation of the Convention and the Strategic Plan and achievements leading up to the 2010 target, and to consider ways and means of identifying and overcoming obstacles to the effective implementation of the Convention. Accordingly, the Working Group on Review of Implementation considered these matters at its meeting in Montreal from 5 to 9 September 2005.

***20.1. Review of implementation***

68. At its seventh meeting, the Conference of the Parties, in paragraph 8 of decision VII/30, requested the Executive Secretary, with the assistance of the World Conservation Monitoring Centre of the United Nations Environment Programme and other relevant international organizations, to prepare the second Global Biodiversity Outlook for publication prior to the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties following peer-review and review by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at its tenth or eleventh meeting. Accordingly, the Executive Secretary has prepared a draft of the second edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/16 and UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/INF/14) which was reviewed by SBSTTA at its eleventh meeting. The final version has been prepared taking into account the views expressed at SBSTTA (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/3, annex I, recommendation XI/3) and comments received during peer review, and will be published for the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/12). In line with SBSTTA recommendations X/6 and XI/3, the Global Biodiversity Outlook contains an overview of progress towards the 2010 biodiversity target at the global level, based on the focal areas listed in paragraph 1 of decision VII/30, and of contributions to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.

69. The Conference of the Parties is also invited to consider the synthesis of the information contained in the third national reports submitted under Article 26 of the Convention (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/23) when reviewing progress in implementation of the Strategic Plan and follow-up on progress towards the 2010 target.

70. The Conference of the Parties is invited to review the implementation of the Convention on the basis of the relevant recommendations of the Working Group on Review of Implementation (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/4/Rev.1, annex I) and the above-mentioned documents.

***20.2. Implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans, cross-sectoral integration of biodiversity concerns, and options for the provision of increased technical support***

71. Since its second meeting, the Conference of the Parties has adopted in its various decisions specific guidance on the development and implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans, particularly in relation to the implementation of programmes of work and cross-cutting issues.

72. In paragraph 26 of decision VII/30, the Conference of the Parties decided to address explicitly the need to provide focused support and improve existing support mechanisms where obstacles to implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans have been identified, particularly when considering the results of the evaluation of progress in achieving the goals and mission of the Strategic Plan and the goals and sub-targets established in the same decision.

73. The Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation recommended that review of national biodiversity strategies and action plans be carried out in preparation for in-depth consideration of this matter at the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The Working Group also recommended the preparation of consolidated and up-to-date guidance for the development, implementation and evaluation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans and the integration of biodiversity concerns into relevant sectors (recommendation 1/1). Further, the Working Group requested the Executive Secretary to develop, for the consideration of the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties:

(a) An outline of issues to be addressed by the in-depth review of national biodiversity strategies and action plans;

(b) A proposal on the form and scope of guidance for the development, implementation and evaluation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans and cross-sectoral integration.

74. In response to this request, the Conference of the Parties will have before it a note by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/15) describing follow-up to recommendation 1/1 of the Working Group on Review of Implementation, together with an outline of issues for the in-depth review of national biodiversity strategies and action plans and a proposal on the form and scope of guidance for the development, implementation and evaluation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans and cross-sectoral integration.

75. In considering the implementation of the Convention and the Strategic Plan, the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation recognized the need for increased capacity within Parties to implement the Convention, particularly with regard to national biodiversity strategies, policies, plans and legislation and national reports. Accordingly, the Working Group, in paragraphs C (b) and (d) of its recommendation 1/1, requested the Executive Secretary to develop, for the consideration of the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting:

(a) Options for the provision of technical support to Parties for facilitating and promoting implementation of the Convention, such as a technical assistance programme;

(b) Options to support Parties to undertake, on a voluntary basis, a review of national implementation, as envisaged in paragraph 41 of decision V/20;

76. The options referred to above were developed by the Executive Secretary and will be before the Conference of the Parties in the above-mentioned note prepared under this item (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/15).

77. Under this item, the Conference of the Parties is invited to consider the recommendations of the Working Group on Review of Implementation (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/4/Rev.1) and the above-mentioned document.

## **ITEM 21. IMPLICATIONS OF THE FINDINGS OF THE MILLENNIUM ECOSYSTEM ASSESSMENT**

78. In decision VII/6, the Conference of the Parties requested the SBSTTA to review the findings of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment, including the synthesis report on biodiversity, to be taken into account by the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment in finalizing its reports; and to prepare recommendations to the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

79. Pursuant to this decision, SBSTTA, at its eleventh meeting, reviewed the findings of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment and made recommendations for consideration by the Conference of the Parties, which are annexed to the report of that meeting (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/3, annex I, recommendation X/4).

80. The Conference of the Parties is invited to consider the SBSTTA recommendation.

## **ITEM 22. REFINING MECHANISMS TO SUPPORT IMPLEMENTATION**

### ***22.1 Review of the effectiveness and impacts of Convention bodies and processes***

81. In decision VII/30, paragraph 23, the Conference of the Parties established the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation to, inter alia, review the impacts and effectiveness of existing processes under the Convention, such as meetings of the Conference of the Parties, the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice national focal points, the Secretariat, as part of the overall process for improving the operations of the Convention and implementation of the Strategic Plan. In its consideration of Convention processes, and pursuant to

decision VII/33 on Operations of the Convention, the Working Group reviewed and made recommendations on: the review and consolidation of decisions of the Conference of the Parties; the effectiveness of the changes to rule 21 of the rules of procedure on the election and term of office of Bureau members (officers); rule 4 of the rules of procedure relating to the periodicity of meetings of the Conference of the parties; options for a mechanism for setting priorities during the consideration of agenda items by the Conference of the Parties; and the convening of regional preparatory meetings prior to the meetings of the Conference of the Parties.

82. With regard to the Conference of the Parties, the Working Group also considered how to increase the impact of the ministerial segment, ways and means of improving the effectiveness of meetings and of the meeting schedule, and the need to come to agreement on paragraph 1 of rule 40 of the rules of procedure on the procedure for decision-making. In addition, the Working Group considered: ways and means of improving the quality of SBSTTA advice to the Conference of the Parties, including by facilitating the exchange of information on SBSTTA agenda items, strengthening its assessment process and consolidating all operational guidance to SBSTTA; the mandate of ad hoc open-ended working groups; the role and capacity of Convention focal points; how to enhance participation and regional cooperation; and programmes of work, tools and guidelines developed under the Convention.

83. The recommendations of the Working Group are contained in its report (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/4, annex I, recommendation 1/2). The Executive Secretary has prepared a note on the Operations of the Convention (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/16), which reports on activities undertaken by the Executive Secretary pursuant to the recommendations of the Working Group and to decision VII/33. The Executive Secretary has also prepared a draft consolidated modus operandi of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/16/Add.4) for consideration of the Conference of the Parties, and an information document on working arrangements for ad hoc open-ended working groups (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/INF/10).

84. Pursuant to paragraph 3 of decision VII/33, the Executive Secretary reviewed and developed proposals regarding the retirement of decisions and elements of decisions taken at the fifth and sixth meetings of the Conference of the Parties. The review is contained in an information document (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/INF/2) and the proposals for retirement in a note by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/16/Add.1). In addition, pursuant to paragraph 4 of the same decision as well as the recommendations of the meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention, the Conference of the Parties will have before it draft consolidated decisions in the areas of forest biological diversity; access to genetic resources and benefit-sharing; guidance to the financial mechanism, dry and sub-humid lands biodiversity, Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention, the Global Taxonomy Initiative, education and public awareness, national reports, cooperation with other bodies, and operations of the Convention (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/16/Add.2).

85. Under this agenda item, the Conference of the Parties is invited to consider the relevant recommendations of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/4, annex I recommendation 1/2) as well as the recommendations included in the note by the Executive Secretary on the Operations of the Convention (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/16) and its addenda. The Conference of the Parties is also invited to take up under this item the draft policy for the accreditation of non-governmental organizations to the Convention on Biological Diversity referred to in paragraph 10 above (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/30).

## **22.2. *Scientific and technical cooperation and the clearing-house mechanism (Article 18)***

86. In decision VII/23, paragraph 7 (a), the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to update the strategic plan of the clearing-house mechanism for consideration by the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on the Review of

Implementation of the Convention considered a draft of the strategic plan and requested the Executive Secretary to finalize the draft in consultation with the informal advisory group. Accordingly, the Conference of the Parties will have before it an updated draft strategic operational plan for the clearing-house mechanism (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/18).

87. In paragraph 6 of decision VII/23, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to use the clearing-house mechanism, in collaboration with the informal advisory committee, to continue to strengthen collaboration with international partners and organizations for review at the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and to report on that collaboration. In response to that request, the Conference of the Parties will have before it a note by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/17/Add.1) on ongoing activities and elaborating the relative roles of the clearing-house mechanism and information facilities.

88. Also in decision VII/23, paragraphs 6, and 7 (b)-(g), the Conference of the Parties made a number of requests to the Executive Secretary concerning, inter alia: use of the clearing-house mechanism to strengthen collaboration with international partners and organizations; convening of regional workshops; updating of the clearing-house mechanism toolkit; examination of ways to develop regional portals to visualize and exchange national and regional cartographic information; facilitating interoperability among the three Rio conventions for review at the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties; development of a web portal on island biological diversity; and enhancement of the sections on the Convention's website related to the programme areas and cross-cutting issues. A progress report on these and other relevant activities of the clearing-house mechanism will be before the Conference of the Parties (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/17), while the reports of the regional workshops will be made available as information documents.

89. The Conference of the Parties is invited to consider the recommendations in the above notes by the Executive Secretary and the relevant recommendations of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention.

### ***22.3. Transfer of technology and technology cooperation (Article 16)***

90. In decision VII/29, the Conference of the Parties adopted a programme of work on technology transfer and technological and scientific cooperation, invited Parties and relevant international organization, and requested the Executive Secretary, to carry out the activities under their respective responsibilities. Progress made in implementing these activities is reviewed in a note by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/19). Specific work to be undertaken by the Executive Secretary with assistance of the informal advisory committee of the clearing-house mechanism and of the expert group on technology transfer and scientific and technical cooperation, as requested in paragraphs 6 and 7 of decision VII/29, is contained in two addenda to this note (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/19/Add.1 and UNEP/CBD/COP/8/19/Add.2).

91. Under this item, the Conference of the Parties is invited to consider the progress in implementation of the programme of work on technology transfer and technological and scientific cooperation, provided in the above-mentioned notes by the Executive Secretary, as well as the recommendations contained therein.

### ***22.4. Financial resources and mechanism***

92. In decision VII/21, the Conference of the Parties stressed the importance of implementing decision VI/16 (paragraph 7) in which Parties and Governments are invited to share their experience on developing and implementing financial measures for supporting national biodiversity strategies and action plans, and encouraged the Executive Secretary to compile and disseminate such information as available.

In the same decision, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to continue efforts to compile and disseminate biodiversity related funding information, in order to monitor funding status, identify gaps in funding activities and develop options.

93. Accordingly the Executive Secretary has prepared a note on additional financial resources (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/21), which provides an overview on funding status and gaps as well as on measures in support of the implementation of the Convention.

94. At its meeting in September 2005, the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation reviewed the implementation of Articles 20 and 21 of the Convention as well as related decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties thus far. In paragraph 1 of its recommendation 1/4, the Working Group made several recommendations for a decision by the Conference of the Parties on the further implementation of Articles 20 and 21. In paragraph 2 of the same recommendation, the Working Group requested the Executive Secretary:

(a) To develop a work-plan to prepare for the in-depth consideration of financial resources and financial instruments at the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;

(b) To collaborate with the Global Environment Facility in a dialogue on ways to more effectively formulate and implement the guidance to the financial mechanism and explore opportunities for streamlining such guidance;

(c) To revise, if necessary, the list adopted by decision I/2 of developed country Parties and other Parties which voluntarily assume the obligations of the developed country Parties;

(d) To develop ways and means of improving the process of review of the financial mechanism for consideration at the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

95. In response to these requests, the Executive Secretary has prepared a note on financial resources and mechanism (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/20).

96. The Conference of the Parties is invited to consider the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation and those contained in the above-mentioned documents.

**ITEM 23. MONITORING PROGRESS AND REPORTING PROCESSES, INCLUDING INTEGRATION OF TARGETS INTO THE THEMATIC PROGRAMMES OF WORK, NATIONAL REPORTING AND GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY OUTLOOK**

***Framework for monitoring progress and for reviewing the programmes of work of the Convention***

97. The Strategic Plan for the Convention was adopted in decision VI/26 to guide the Convention's further implementation. Through the Strategic Plan, Parties committed themselves to achieve, by 2010, a significant reduction of the current rate of biodiversity loss at the global, regional and national level. The Strategic Plan consists of four goals for enhanced implementation of the Convention, each with a set of related objectives.

98. In light of the need to evaluate progress in the implementation of the Convention and the Strategic Plan, the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting adopted a framework to evaluate progress towards the 2010 target (decision VII/30). The framework includes a set of 11 global goals, listed under seven focal areas. Each goal has one to three targets. The framework also includes a set of

indicators for assessing progress at the global level towards the 2010 target. The goals and targets from the framework complement the goals of the Strategic Plan.

99. The Conference of the Parties has emphasized that the goals and targets should be viewed as a flexible framework within which national and/or regional targets may be developed, and has invited Parties and governments to develop such targets, as appropriate, and to integrate them into relevant plans, programmes and initiatives, including national biodiversity strategies and action plans. The framework's targets are also meant to promote coherence among the Convention's programmes of work, and annex III to decision VII/30 contains a general approach for the integration of targets into the programmes of work.

100. At its tenth meeting SBSTTA refined the indicators for assessing progress at the global level towards the 2010 target on the basis of proposals developed by an ad hoc technical expert group on the 2010 indicators that met in Montreal in October 2004, in accordance with paragraph 6 of decision VII/30. In its recommendation X/5, SBSTTA requested the Executive Secretary to explore options for the development of process indicators for the Strategic Plan. The framework as a whole, including reporting mechanisms, was reviewed by the Working Group on Review of Implementation, which, in its recommendation 1/8, invited the Executive Secretary to consult the members of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on the 2010 Indicators in order to further develop the indicators for the goals and targets of the Strategic Plan, and urged SBSTTA to review and, if necessary refine, the goals and targets of the framework in accordance with decision VII/30, paragraphs 12 (a) and (b). Accordingly, SBSTTA addressed these issues at its eleventh meeting and provided options for refinement of the targets under goal 10 (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/3, annex I, recommendation XI/15). The Working Group also developed guidelines for the review of the programmes of work of the Convention.

101. Under this item the Conference of the Parties will have before it a note by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/22) providing an overview of the framework for monitoring implementation of the Convention and achievement of the targets in light of the recommendations of SBSTTA and the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation, and the advice of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on 2010 Indicators.

102. In this context, the Conference of the Parties may also wish to take into consideration the notes of the Executive Secretary, prepared in response to SBSTTA recommendations X/5, XI/7 and XI/13 respectively, on the delivery plan for indicators, data and analyses (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/Inf/33), the status and application of, and relationship between goals, targets and indicators (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/Inf/17), and the compilation of initiatives, processes and organizations that develop and consolidate indicators on the sustainable use of biodiversity (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/Inf/31).

103. The Conference of the Parties is invited to consider the draft decision in document UNEP/CBD/COP/8/22 which consolidates the recommendations of the tenth and eleventh meetings of SBSTTA and the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation.

#### ***Integration of targets into thematic programmes of work***

104. In paragraphs 12 (c) and (d) of decision VII/30, the Conference of the Parties requested SBSTTA to refine proposals for the integration of outcome-oriented targets into the programmes of work on inland water biodiversity and on marine and coastal biodiversity and to develop recommendations for the integration of outcome oriented targets into each of the other thematic programmes of work, when the programmes of work of the Convention are reviewed according to the multi-year programme of work of the Conference of the Parties. In addition, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to propose for consideration by SBSTTA prior to the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, outcome-oriented targets for forest biodiversity (in collaboration with the Ad Hoc Technical Expert



Group on the Review of Implementation of the Programme of Work on Forest Biological Diversity), (decision VII/1 (paragraph 7)) and for mountain biological diversity (decision VII/27, paragraph 10 (a)).

105. Accordingly, SBSTTA, at its tenth meeting, considered the integration of targets into the programmes of work on inland water biodiversity and marine and coastal biodiversity (on the basis of proposals developed by an expert group meeting held in Montreal, from 25 to 27 October 2004), (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/2, annex I, recommendation X/4), as well as island biodiversity.

106. At its eleventh meeting, SBSTTA considered the integration of targets into the programmes of work on forest biodiversity and mountain biodiversity, as well as biodiversity of dry and sub-humid lands and made recommendations to the Conference of the Parties (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/3, annex I, recommendations XI/7).

107. The Conference of the Parties is invited to consider draft decision in document UNEP/CBD/COP/8/22, referred to above, which consolidates the relevant recommendations of the tenth and eleventh meeting of SBSTTA.

### *National reporting*

108. The Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation reviewed the national reporting process under the Convention and adopted recommendations aimed at improving the process. The Working Group also requested the Executive Secretary to prepare draft guidelines for the fourth national report. Accordingly the Executive Secretary has prepared a note on the subject (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/24).

109. The Conference of the Parties is invited to consider the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/4/Rev.1), in particular the proposed options to improve the national reporting process under the Convention (recommendation 1/9) and the draft guidelines for the fourth national report contained in the above-mentioned note by the Executive Secretary.

### *Preparation of the third edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook*

110. The Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation recommended that the third edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook shall be prepared for publication at the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties in 2010 and that it shall be based on the third and fourth national reports, as well as other information received on progress towards the 2010 target (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/4/Rev.1, annex I, recommendation 1/9, paragraph 1 (j)).

111. The Conference of the Parties is invited to consider this recommendation.

## **ITEM 24. COOPERATION WITH OTHER CONVENTIONS AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND INITIATIVES, AND ENGAGEMENT OF STAKEHOLDERS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION**

112. In decision VII/26, the Conference of the Parties urged further cooperation between the Convention on Biological Diversity and relevant international conventions, organizations and bodies, strengthening and building on existing cooperative arrangements to enhance synergies and reduce inefficiencies. The Strategic Plan adopted by decision VI/26 also contains important elements of cooperation, under objective 1.2 (“The Convention is promoting cooperation between all relevant international instruments and processes to enhance policy coherence”) and objective 1.3 (“Other

international processes are actively supporting implementation of the Convention, in a manner consistent with their respective frameworks”). The latter objective is closely linked to objective 4.4 of the Strategic Plan (“Key actors and stakeholders, including the private sector, are engaged in partnership to implement the Convention and are integrating biodiversity concerns into their relevant sectoral and cross-sectoral plans, programmes and policies”).

113. The Conference of the Parties, in paragraph 5 of decision VII/26, requested the Executive Secretary to inform the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of ongoing work to establish ways of enhancing cooperation between the major biodiversity-related organizations and secretariats. In paragraph 3 of the same decision, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to examine options for a flexible framework between all relevant actors, such as a global partnership on biodiversity, and to report to the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting on possible ways forward.

114. The Working Group on Review of Implementation recommended that the Conference of the Parties take note of the papers prepared for that meeting on options for enhanced cooperation developed jointly by the secretariats of the Convention on Biological Diversity, the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, on the one hand (UNEP/CBD/WG-RI/1/7/Add.1), and the five biodiversity-related conventions (the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, the Convention on Migratory Species, the Ramsar Convention and the World Heritage Convention) on the other (UNEP/CBD/WG-RI/1/7/Add.2). In addition, the Working Group suggested that the Executive Secretary undertake consultations in order to provide proposals on a global partnership on biodiversity, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting (recommendation 1/6, paragraph 8).

115. In paragraph 5 of its recommendation 1/6, the Working Group requested the Executive Secretary to consider further means to improve cooperation in implementation of the Convention at the global, regional and national levels, in addition to those included in its recommendation, with a view to developing a systematic approach to cooperation, and to report thereon to the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting.

116. In considering the need to engage the private sector in implementation of the Convention, the Working Group on Review of Implementation, in paragraph 5 of its recommendation 1/7, noted that contributions from business and industry towards the implementation of the Convention and its 2010 target could be facilitated by further work under the Convention to develop various tools, standards and guidance targeted at the private sector.

117. In follow-up to the recommendations of the Working Group, the Conference of the Parties will have before it a note by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/25), which considers further means to improve cooperation in implementation of the Convention, with a view to developing a systematic approach to cooperation, including proposals on a global partnership on biodiversity. It will also have before it an addendum to the note (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/25/Add.1), which considers engagement with the private sector.

118. Under this item, the Conference of the Parties is invited to consider the relevant recommendations of the Working Group on Review of Implementation, and the aforementioned documents prepared by the Executive Secretary.

## **ITEM 25. GUIDANCE TO THE FINANCIAL MECHANISM**

119. Pursuant to Article 21 of the Convention, and in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding between the Conference of the Parties and the Council of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) (decision III/8, annex), the Conference of the Parties is to communicate its guidance—and any revisions to previous guidance—to the GEF, as the institutional structure operating the financial mechanism under the Convention, on the following matters: (i) policy and strategy; (ii) programme priorities; (iii) eligibility criteria; (iv) an indicative list of incremental costs; (v) a list of developed country Parties and other Parties which voluntarily assume the obligations of developed country Parties; and (vi) any other matter relating to Article 21, including periodic determination of the amount of resources needed, as detailed in paragraph 5 of the Memorandum of Understanding.

120. In decision V/20, the Conference of the Parties decided that guidance to the financial mechanism should be incorporated in 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: (i) is transparent, (ii) allows participation, and (iii) allows full consideration of its other decisions. In past meetings of the Conference of the Parties, a small group of Friends of the President was established to put together the draft decision.

121. Following consultation with the GEF secretariat, the Executive Secretary is making available a compilation of past guidance to the financial mechanism by substantive item of the provisional agenda (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/INF/1).

122. Under this item, and on the basis of its consideration of the report of the GEF Council (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/10), and its consideration of the substantive items of the agenda as well as paragraph 7 of SBSTTA recommendation XI/13, on sustainable use, the Conference of the Parties may wish to consider providing further guidance to GEF.

## **V. OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES ARISING FROM DECISIONS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES**

### **ITEM 26. THEMATIC PROGRAMMES OF WORK**

123. Under this item, the Conference of the Parties will consider progress made in the implementation of a number of thematic programmes of work on the basis of a progress report by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/26). These programmes will be the subject of in-depth review, elaboration and refinement at subsequent meetings of the Conference of the Parties. There are, however, a number of specific matters that will require the attention of the Conference of the Parties at the current meeting as a result of various requests made by the Conference of the Parties at previous meetings.

#### ***26.1 Forest biodiversity: implementation of the programme of work***

124. In paragraph 19 of decision VI/22, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to initiate a series of actions as important steps towards the implementation of the expanded programme of work on forest biological diversity at regional and international level. Under this agenda item, the Conference of the Parties is invited to consider SBSTTA recommendation XI/11 contained in the report of its eleventh meeting (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/3) on consideration of matters arising in the implementation of paragraph 19 of decision VI/22. Document UNEP/CBD/COP/8/INF/12 contains a set of collaborative activities agreed to be undertaken between the Forestry Department of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity and that aim to further assist in the implementation of matters addressed in paragraph 19 of decision VI/22, in particular, on cross sectoral integration (subparagraph 19(c)).

125. Pursuant to paragraph 26 of decision VI/22, the Executive Secretary convened an Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group (AHTEG) to provide advice in the review of implementation of the programme of work. At its eleventh meeting, SBSTTA considered the proposed process as outlined by the AHTEG and contained in recommendation XI/10 and its annex. The Conference of the Parties is invited to consider this recommendation.

**26.2. *Biological diversity of inland water ecosystems: reporting processes, improving the review of implementation and addressing threats***

126. Several paragraphs of decision VII/4 of the Conference of the Parties refer to inter-related subjects and request the Executive Secretary to undertake work to (i) (re. para.2) develop proposals on ways and means for making the review (of the programme of work) more comprehensive; (ii) (re. para.3) develop with the Secretariat of the Ramsar Convention a proposal on streamlining and improving the effectiveness of national reporting on inland water ecosystems; and (iii) (re. para. 16) to prepare a work plan for assessing the extent, distribution and characteristics of inland water ecosystems including sources of information and ways and means for assessing processes and categories of activities which have or are likely to have significant adverse impacts on the conservation and sustainable use of inland water biological diversity.

127. The eleventh meeting of SBSTTA considered some aspects of these proposals resulting in recommendation XI/9. The Executive Secretary has produced document UNEP/CBD/COP/8/26/Add. 3 which (i) addresses the outstanding needs not covered already by SBSTTA, and (ii) makes suggestions on how the Conference of the Parties might respond to paragraph 7(c) of recommendation XI/9 (regarding ways and means for developing a strategic approach, relevant to all programmes of work, to assess and monitor threats and to identify key stakeholders and promote, where appropriate, their full involvement in reducing threats).

128. The Conference of the Parties is invited to consider SBSTTA recommendation XI/9 together with the draft decision in document UNEP/CBD/COP/8/26/Add.3

**26.3 *Marine and coastal biodiversity: deep sea-bed genetic resources, and integrated marine and coastal area management***

129. With regard to marine and coastal biological diversity, the Conference of the Parties is invited to consider:

(a) The recommendations of SBSTTA at its eleventh meeting as they relate to deep-seabed genetic resources beyond the limits of national jurisdiction. The mandate for this work originates from paragraph 54 of decision VII/5, in which the elaborated programme of work on marine and coastal biodiversity was adopted. In this decision, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary, in consultation with Parties and other Governments and the International Seabed Authority, and in collaboration with international organizations, such as the United Nations Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, the United Nations Environment Programme, and the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), if appropriate, to compile information on the methods for the identification, assessment and monitoring of genetic resources of the seabed and ocean floor and subsoil thereof, in areas beyond the limits of national jurisdiction, and compile and synthesize information on their status and trends including identification of threats to such genetic resources and the technical options for their protection; and

(b) Other issues arising from decision VII/5, in particular the results of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Implementation of Integrated Marine and Coastal Area Management (IMCAM), which

took place in Montreal from 11 to 15 July 2005, and the results of the Workshop on the Joint Work Programme on Marine and Coastal Invasive Alien Species, which took place in Montreal from 27 to 29 June 2005.

130. In considering this item, the Conference of the Parties will also have before it a note by the Executive Secretary on deep seabed genetic resources and implementation of integrated marine and coastal area management (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/26/Add.1).

**26.4            *Agricultural biological diversity: International Soil Biodiversity Initiative, cross cutting Initiative on Biodiversity for Food and Nutrition and Genetic Use Restriction Technologies***

131. At its sixth meeting, the Conference of the Parties decided to establish an International Initiative for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Soil Biodiversity as a cross-cutting issues within the programme of work on agricultural biodiversity, and invited the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and other relevant organizations to facilitate and coordinate this initiative (decision VI/5, paragraph 3).

132. SBSTTA, at its tenth meeting, welcomed the progress made by FAO and other collaborators with the International Soil Biodiversity Initiative, and endorsed the framework for action contained in the annex to recommendation X/10 as a basis for the further implementation of the Initiative.

133. The Conference of the Parties is invited to consider this recommendation.

134. In paragraph 7 of its decision VII/32, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with FAO and the International Plant Genetic Resources Institute (IPGRI), to inter alia undertake the necessary consultations and bring forward options for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting for a cross-cutting initiative on biodiversity for food and nutrition within the existing programme of work on agricultural biodiversity, with a view to the achievement of relevant Millennium Development Goals.

135. At its tenth meeting, SBSTTA developed elements for an international initiative on biodiversity for food and nutrition, under recommendation X/9, and requested the Executive Secretary to organize a consultation on the scope of the proposed initiative, in conjunction with the thirty-second session of the United Nations Standing Committee on Nutrition. The results of the consultation (held in Brasilia on 12-13 March 2005), and of ongoing discussions with partners in the proposed initiative, are presented in a note by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/26/Add.2).

136. The Conference of the Parties is invited to consider the draft recommendation in document UNEP/CBD/COP/8/26/Add.2.

137. In decision VII/3, paragraph 4, the Conference of the Parties requested the SBSTTA to consider the report of the Ad Hoc Expert Group on Genetic Use Restriction Technologies (GURTs) with a view to providing advice to the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting, also taking into account decision VII/16 on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions.

138. The Conference of the Parties is invited to consider SBSTTA recommendation X/11, on GURTs, as well as related matters on this topic in the report of the Ad Hoc Intersessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/7), and relevant information provided in the above-mentioned document.

**ITEM 27. CROSS-CUTTING ISSUES**

139. As with item 26, under this item, the Conference of the Parties will consider progress made in the implementation of thematic programmes of work on cross-cutting issues on the basis of a progress report by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/27). These programmes will be the subject of in-depth review, elaboration and refinement at subsequent meetings of the Conference of the Parties. There are, however, a number of specific matters that will require the attention of the Conference of the Parties at the current meeting as a result of various requests made by the Conference of the Parties at previous meetings.

**27.1 *Protected areas: consideration of the recommendations of the Working Group on Protected Areas***

140. In decision VII/28, the Conference of the Parties adopted a programme of work on protected areas. In paragraph 25 of the same decision, the Conference of the Parties decided to establish an Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas to support and review the implementation of the programme of work and report to the Conference of the Parties. In paragraph 28 of this decision the Conference of the Parties decided to assess at each of its meeting until 2010, progress in the implementation of the programme of work on protected areas, and to determine the need for more effective measures and additional financial and technical support to reach the 2010 target.

141. The first meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas was held in Montecatini, Italy, from 13 to 17 June 2005. In that meeting, the Working Group considered tasks listed in sub-paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of paragraph 29 of decision VII/28 and agreed to review implementation of the programme of work on protected areas (tasks listed in sub-paragraphs (d) and (e) of paragraph 29 of decision VII/28) at its second meeting. However, due to lack of timely financial resources, the second meeting could not be organized prior to the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

142. The Working Group in its first meeting adopted the following recommendations:

1/1. Options for cooperation for the establishment of marine protected areas in marine areas beyond the limits of national jurisdiction;

1/2. Options for mobilizing financial resources for the implementation of the programme of work by developing countries, in particular the least developed and small island developing States among them, and countries with economies in transition;

1/3. Further development of tool kits for the identification, designation, management, monitoring and evaluation of national and regional systems of protected areas; and

1/4. Review of implementation of the programme of work on protected areas: consideration of the process for review.

143. Pursuant to recommendation 1/4, paragraph 5 of the first meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas the Executive Secretary sent out a notification to Parties, other relevant organizations and indigenous and local communities inviting them to submit information on implementation of the programme of work. Supplementing this information with the information received through the third national reports, the Executive Secretary prepared document UNEP/CBD/COP/8/29 to facilitate the review of implementation of the programme of work on protected areas by the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting.

144. In response to the request contained in paragraph 8 (d) of recommendation 1/4 of the first meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Protected Areas, the Executive Secretary is convening an expert workshop on protected areas on 17 and 18 March in Curitiba, Brazil, prior to the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The main purpose of the workshop is to pre-view the implementation of activities/elements of the programme of work on protected areas, to facilitate an informed review by the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and review the evaluation matrix contained in Annex II to recommendation 1/4, pursuant to paragraph 8 (b) of the same recommendation. The report of the workshop will be made available to the Conference of the Parties as an information document (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/INF/27).

145. In paragraph 10 of decision VII/28, the Conference of the Parties called Parties to estimate the cost to implement the necessary activities to meet the targets of the programme of work, review the effectiveness in using the existing financial resources and identify the unmet costs and report back to its eighth meeting. A note on this subject will be made available to the Conference of the Parties as an information document (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/INF/6).

146. In pursuance of activity 3.4.7 of the programme of work on protected areas, the Executive Secretary convened a meeting of the donor agencies and other relevant organizations to discuss options for mobilizing new and additional funding to developing countries for the implementation of the programme of work on protected areas in Montecatini, Italy on 20 and 21 June 2005. This meeting recognized some possible / potential options for mobilizing new and additional funding to developing countries for the implementation of the programme of work on protected areas. The report of the workshop will be made available to the Conference of the Parties as an information document (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/INF/26).

147. Under this item, the Conference of the Parties is invited to consider the recommendations of the first meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas contained in document UNEP/CBD/COP/8/8 and review of implementation of the programme of work on protected areas contained in document UNEP/CBD/COP/8/29.

**27.2 *Incentive measures (Article 11): development of proposals on:  
removal or mitigation of perverse incentives; on positive incentive  
measures; and on valuation tools***

***Development of proposals for the application of ways and means to remove or mitigate perverse incentives, and on positive incentive measures***

148. In decision VII/18, the Conference of the Parties requested SBSTTA to further refine the proposals for the application of ways and means to remove or mitigate perverse incentives, and also requested the Executive Secretary to prepare an analysis of existing and new instruments that provide positive incentives and to develop proposals on the application of such positive incentive measures and their integration into relevant policies, programmes or strategies, for consideration by SBSTTA.

149. At its tenth meeting, the SBSTTA further considered the draft proposals for the application of ways and means to remove or mitigate perverse incentives and recommended that the Conference of the Parties consider them, with a view to their adoption, in conjunction with the outcomes of the consideration of positive incentives by the SBSTTA at its eleventh meeting.

150. SBSTTA also recommended considering the development of definitions on the basis of suggestions put forward by Parties and relevant organizations before the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. Further to this recommendation, the Executive Secretary invited Parties and relevant international organizations to submit suggestions to the Executive Secretary for compilation.

151. SBSTTA at its eleventh meeting had before it an analysis of existing and new instruments that provide positive incentives as well as proposals on the application of such positive incentive measures, and subsequently adopted section A of decision XI/6.

152. The Conference of the Parties is invited to consider SBSTTA recommendation X/8 (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/2, annex I), the compilation of suggestions on the development of definitions provided in the note by the Executive Secretary under this item (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/27/Add.1), as well as section B of SBSTTA recommendation XI/6 (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/3, Annex I), and take appropriate action.

#### ***Development of proposals on valuation tools***

153. In decision VII/18, the Executive Secretary was also requested to explore existing methodologies for valuation of biodiversity and biodiversity resources and functions, as well as other tools for prioritization in decision-making, by preparing a compilation of valuation tools, and to prepare proposals for the application of such tools for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice.

154. The Conference of the Parties is invited to consider the SBSTTA recommendation XI/5, on the application of tools for valuation of biodiversity and biodiversity resources and functions, contained in the report on the work of its eleventh meeting (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/3).

#### ***In-depth review of the programme of work on incentive measures***

155. In line with the multi-year programme of work adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting (decision VII/30, annex), the programme of work on incentive measures will be subject to an in-depth review by the Conference of the Parties at its ninth meeting. In order to facilitate this process, the above-mentioned note by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/27/Add.1) will also contain proposals on preparatory work for the in-depth review. The Conference of the Parties is invited to consider these proposals and provide the necessary guidance.

156. The Conference of the Parties is invited to consider section A of SBSTTA recommendation XI/6, which provides recommendations on the review of work on incentive measures under the Convention.

#### ***27.3. Alien species that threaten ecosystems, habitats or species (Article 8 (h)): gaps and inconsistencies in the international regulatory framework***

157. In decision VII/13, paragraph 9, the Conference of the Parties requested SBSTTA to establish an ad hoc technical expert group to address gaps and inconsistencies in the international regulatory frameworks relating to invasive alien species at global and regional levels.

158. Accordingly, the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Gaps and Inconsistencies in the International Regulatory Framework in Relation to Invasive Alien Species met in Auckland, New Zealand, from 16 to 20 May 2005. The outcomes of that meeting (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/16 and UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/INF/4) were reviewed at the eleventh meeting of SBSTTA.

159. The Conference of the Parties is invited to consider SBSTTA recommendation XI/12 emerging from that review, as contained in the report of its eleventh meeting (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/3). In addition a progress report on the implementation of the global invasive species information network (GISIN) will be available as document (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/INF/35).



**27.4. *Impact assessment: refinement of guidelines for biodiversity-inclusive impact assessment***

160. In decision VI/7 A, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to prepare proposals for the further development and refinement of the guidelines for biodiversity-inclusive impact assessment, particularly to incorporate all stages of the environmental impact assessment and strategic environmental assessment processes taking into account the ecosystem approach. SBSTTA, in its recommendation IX/1, took note of the proposals for further development and refinement of the guidelines for incorporating biodiversity-related issues into environmental impact assessment legislation or procedures and in strategic environmental assessment (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/INF/18). In decision VII/7, the Conference of the Parties urged Parties and other Governments to contribute case-studies on current experiences in environmental impact assessment and strategic environmental assessment procedures that incorporate biodiversity related issues.

161. In response to these provisions, the Conference of the Parties will have before it a note (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/27/Add.2) prepared by the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with the International Association for Impact Assessment and a number of other relevant organizations, containing refined guidelines on biodiversity-inclusive impact assessment.

162. The Conference of the Parties is invited to endorse these guidelines and to urge Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to apply them as appropriate.

**27.5 *Liability and redress: consideration of the recommendations of the Group of Legal and Technical Experts***

163. In its decisions VI/11 and VII/17, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to convene a group of legal and technical experts and observers with the mandate to review information gathered by the Executive Secretary and to conduct further analysis of pertinent issues relating to liability and redress in the context of Article 14, paragraph 2, of the Convention. The meeting of the Group of Legal and Technical Experts on Liability and Redress in the Context of Paragraph 2 of Article 14 of the Convention was held in Montreal from 12 to 14 October 2005.

164. Under this item, the Conference of the Parties is invited to review the report of the Group of Legal and Technical Experts (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/27/Add.3) and provide further guidance on the work of the Convention on this issue.

**27.6 *Biodiversity and climate change: guidance to promote synergy among biodiversity conservation, mitigating or adapting to climate change and combating land degradation***

165. The Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Biodiversity and Adaptation to Climate Change, established pursuant to paragraph 14 of decision VII/15, produced a report on the integration of biodiversity considerations in the implementation of adaptation activities to climate change and practical guidance on promoting synergy among activities aimed at the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, land degradation and climate change (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/INF/5). SBSTTA considered the report of the AHTEG at its eleventh meeting.

166. Under this item, the Conference of the Parties is invited to consider the SBSTTA recommendation resulting from that consideration.

## **VI. ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY MATTERS**

### **ITEM 28. ADMINISTRATION OF THE CONVENTION AND BUDGET FOR THE PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR THE BIENNIUM 2007-2008**

167. Under this item, the Conference of the Parties is invited to adopt a programme budget for the biennium 2007-2008 to meet the core administrative costs of the Conference of the Parties, SBSTTA, other meetings and the Secretariat.

168. The Conference of the Parties has before it, for consideration and approval, a proposed budget for the BY, BE and BZ Trust Funds for the Convention (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/28). As in the past, the levels of contributions to the budget by individual Parties, which annexed to the document, have been based on the United Nations scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the Organization.

169. The proposed programme budget builds upon the existing programmes and subprogrammes. It also anticipates likely developments arising from the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. Detailed information on activities and resource needs by programme and subprogramme are explained in the note by the Executive Secretary on detailed sub-programme activities and resources required (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/28/Add.1).

170. The Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety provides that, “[t]o the extent that they are distinct, the costs of the Secretariat services for the Protocol shall be met by the Parties hereto”. Therefore, there is a need to identify those Secretariat costs that are distinct to the Protocol and those that are common to the Convention and the Protocol. Given that the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol will immediately precede the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, the latter will be informed of the budget adopted for the Protocol for the next biennium as distinct costs.

171. Finally, pursuant to paragraph 6 of decision VII/33, the Executive Secretary prepared a note (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/16/Add.3) reporting on the review and revision of the administrative arrangements between the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the Secretariat of the Convention, which is currently being carried out in collaboration with the Executive Director of UNEP.

## **VII. FINAL MATTERS**

### **ITEM 29. OTHER MATTERS**

172. The Conference of the Parties may wish to consider other matters raised and accepted for discussion in accordance with rule 12 of the rules of procedure and paragraph 7 of decision IV/16.

### **ITEM 30. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT**

173. The Conference of the Parties will consider and adopt its report. In accordance with established practice, the Conference of the Parties is invited to authorize the Rapporteur to complete the final report after the meeting with the guidance of the President and assistance of the Secretariat.

**ITEM 31. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING**

174. It is expected that the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties will be closed by its President on Friday, 31 March 2006 at approximately 6 p.m.

*Annex I*

**PROVISIONAL LIST OF DOCUMENTS FOR THE EIGHTH MEETING OF THE  
CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL  
DIVERSITY**

**A. Working documents**

UNEP/CBD/COP/8/1	Provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/COP/8/1/Add.1/Rev.1	Revision of the annotations to the provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/COP/8/1/Add.2	Draft decisions for the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties
UNEP/CBD/COP/8/2	Report of the tenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice
UNEP/CBD/COP/8/3	Report of the eleventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice
UNEP/CBD/COP/8/4/Rev.1	Report of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on the Review of Implementation of the Convention
UNEP/CBD/COP/8/5	Report of the third meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing
UNEP/CBD/COP/8/6	Report of the fourth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing
UNEP/CBD/COP/8/7	Report of the fourth meeting of the Open-ended Ad Hoc Inter-Sessional Working Group on the Implementation of Article 8(j) and Related Provisions
UNEP/CBD/COP/8/8	Report of the first meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas
UNEP/CBD/COP/8/9	Report on the status of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety
UNEP/CBD/COP/8/10	Report of the Global Environment Facility
UNEP/CBD/COP/8/11	Report of the Executive Secretary on the administration of the Convention and the budget for the Trust Fund of the Convention
UNEP/CBD/COP/8/12	Global Biodiversity Outlook: executive summary
UNEP/CBD/COP/8/13	Island biological diversity: compilation of supporting actions for the programme of work

UNEP/CBD/COP/8/14	Communication, education and public awareness: progress report
UNEP/CBD/COP/8/15	Progress towards implementation of the Convention and its Strategic Plan: proposals for issues to be addressed in the review of national biodiversity strategies and action plans and on guidance for national biodiversity strategies and action plans, and options for the provision of technical support and for the review of national implementation
UNEP/CBD/COP/8/16	Operations of the Convention.
UNEP/CBD/COP/8/16/Add.1	Proposals for the retirement of decisions
UNEP/CBD/COP/8/16/Add.2	Proposals for the consolidation of decisions
UNEP/CBD/COP/8/16/Add.3	Administrative arrangements between the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity and UNEP
UNEP/CBD/COP/8/16/Add.4	Consolidated <i>modus operandi</i> of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice
UNEP/CBD/COP/8/17	Clearing-house mechanism: report on activities
UNEP/CBD/COP/8/17/Add.1	Elaboration of relative roles of the clearing-house mechanism in dealing with taxonomic databases including: the Inter-American Biodiversity Information Network (IABIN), BioNet locally organized & operated partnerships (LOOPs), conservation data centres (CDCs) and the Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF)
UNEP/CBD/COP/8/18	Clearing-house mechanism: draft strategic operational plan
UNEP/CBD/COP/8/19	Technology transfer and cooperation: progress report
UNEP/CBD/COP/8/19/Add.1	Transfer of technology cooperation: proposals for the enhancement of the clearing-house mechanism as a key mechanism in technology transfer and cooperation
UNEP/CBD/COP/8/19/Add.2	Preparation of proposals on options to apply measures and mechanisms to facilitate access to and adaptation of technologies, and exploration of possibilities and mechanisms of cooperation with processes in other conventions and international organizations
UNEP/CBD/COP/8/20	Financial resources and mechanism
UNEP/CBD/COP/8/21	Additional financial resources: status, gaps and options
UNEP/CBD/COP/8/22	Framework for monitoring progress in the implementation of the Convention and its Strategic Plan
UNEP/CBD/COP/8/23	Synthesis of the third national reports

UNEP/CBD/COP/8/24	Draft guidelines for the fourth national reports
UNEP/CBD/COP/8/25	Cooperation with conventions, organizations and initiatives and engagement of stakeholders, including options for a global partnership
UNEP/CBD/COP/8/25/Add.1	Engagement of the private sector
UNEP/CBD/WG-RI/1/7/Add.1	Options for enhanced cooperation among the Rio Conventions
UNEP/CBD/WG-RI/1/7/Add.2	Options for enhanced cooperation among the Biodiversity-related Conventions
UNEP/CBD/COP/8/26	Thematic programmes of work - progress report and consideration of proposals for future action: forest biological diversity, biological diversity of inland water ecosystems, marine and coastal biological diversity, and agriculture biological diversity
UNEP/CBD/COP/8/26/Add.1	Marine and coastal biological diversity: deep seabed genetic resources, and integrated and marine and coastal area management
UNEP/CBD/COP/8/26/Add.2	Agricultural biological diversity: consultations on the proposed international initiative on food and nutrition
UNEP/CBD/COP/8/26/Add.3	Biological diversity of inland water ecosystems: Proposals on matters identified in paragraphs 2, 3 and 16 of decision VII/4 relating to targets, indicators, national reporting, other information requirements, the identification of priority threats and processes for improving the review of implementation
UNEP/CBD/COP/8/27	Cross-cutting issues – progress report and consideration of proposals for future action: protected areas, incentive measures, alien species that threaten ecosystems, habitats or species, impact assessment, liability and redress, biodiversity and climate change
UNEP/CBD/COP/8/27/Add.1	Incentive measures: compilation of suggestions on the development of definitions and proposals on preparatory work for in-depth review of the programme of work on incentive measures
UNEP/CBD/COP/8/27/Add.2	Impact assessment: refinement of guidelines on biodiversity-inclusive impact assessment
UNEP/CBD/COP/8/27/Add.3	Liability and redress: report of the Group of Legal and Technical Experts within the context of Paragraph 2 of Article 14 of the Convention on Biological Diversity

UNEP/CBD/COP/8/28	Proposed budget for the programme of work of Convention on Biological Diversity and its Cartagena Protocol
UNEP/CBD/COP/8/28/Add.1	Addendum for the proposed budget of the programme of work: programme activities and resources required
UNEP/CBD/COP/8/29	Review of implementation of the Programme of Work on Protected Areas for the period 2004-2006
UNEP/CBD/COP/8/30	Draft policy for the accreditation of non-governmental organizations to the Convention on Biological Diversity

**B. Information documents**

UNEP/CBD/COP/8/INF/1	Compilation of previous guidance to the Financial Mechanism by the Conference of the Parties
UNEP/CBD/COP/8/INF/2	Review of retirement of decisions of the fifth and sixth meetings of the Conference of the Parties
UNEP/CBD/COP/8/INF/3	Sustainable use: report of the technical expert workshop for the CEE region
UNEP/CBD/COP/8/INF/4	Sustainable use: report of the technical expert workshop for Latin America and the Caribbean
UNEP/CBD/COP/8/INF/5	Global outcome-oriented targets for the programmes of work on the biological diversity of dry and sub humid lands
UNEP/CBD/COP/8/INF/6	Protected areas: cost estimates of necessary activities to meet the targets of the programme of work
UNEP/CBD/COP/8/INF/7	Interrelation of access to genetic resources and disclosure requirements in applications for intellectual property rights: report of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)
UNEP/CBD/COP/8/INF/8	Progress towards implementation of the convention and its strategic plan: an overview of the experience of other conventions in providing technical support, and of potential modalities by which international organizations can support implementation.
UNEP/CBD/COP/8/INF/9	Technology transfer and scientific and technical cooperation
UNEP/CBD/COP/8/INF/10	Working arrangements for ad hoc open-ended working groups
UNEP/CBD/COP/8/INF/11	Report of the second Business and 2010 Biodiversity Challenge meeting

UNEP/CBD/COP/8/INF/12	Proposed joint activities between the Department of Forestry of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity
UNEP/CBD/COP/8/INF/13	Biological diversity of inland water ecosystems: tools to assess the function and health of inland water ecosystems and the socio-economic and cultural values of biological diversity of inland waters
UNEP/CBD/COP/8/INF/14	Report of the Executive Secretary on the administration of the Convention and the budget for the trust funds of the Convention
UNEP/CBD/COP/8/INF/15	Biological diversity of inland water ecosystems: linkages between the conservation and sustainable use of the biological diversity of inland water ecosystems and poverty alleviation/sustainable livelihoods, including human health considerations
UNEP/CBD/COP/8/INF/16	Summary of existing ecological criteria for identification of potential marine areas for protection and biogeographical classification systems
UNEP/CBD/COP/8/INF/17	Monitoring implementation of the Convention and achievement of the 2010 target: status and application of, and relationship between Goals, targets and indicators
UNEP/CBD/COP/8/INF/18	Global outcome-oriented targets for the programmes of work on the biological diversity of dry and sub humid lands
UNEP/CBD/COP/8/INF/19	Mountains ecosystems and their role as water suppliers - Highland waters, a resource of global significance
UNEP/CBD/COP/8/INF/20	Case studies on information and lessons learned from the application of national and regional policies, plans and best practices, from the application of water frameworks, including specific examples of successful policy interventions to conserve and sustainably use inland waters
UNEP/CBD/COP/8/INF/21	Options on means to strengthen the use of innovative mechanisms to develop public-private partnerships to promote private investments of sustainable projects in protected areas
UNEP/CBD/COP/8/INF/22	Technology transfer and cooperation: synthesis report of information on national, regional and international information systems



UNEP/CBD/COP/8/INF/23	Report of the ad hoc technical expert group on implementation of integrated marine and coastal area management (IMCAM)
UNEP/CBD/COP/8/INF/24	Thematic programmes of work –progress report of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations: forest biological diversity, marine and coastal biodiversity, biological diversity of inland water ecosystems and agricultural biodiversity
UNEP/CBD/COP/8/INF/25	Analysis of options for implementing disclosure of origin requirement in Intellectual Property Rights: Submission by UNCTAD
UNEP/CBD/COP/8/INF/26	Report of the meeting of donor agencies and other relevant organizations to discuss options for mobilizing new and additional funding for the implementation of the programme of work on protected areas
UNEP/CBD/COP/8/INF/27	Report of the first meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas
UNEP/CBD/COP/8/INF/28	Options on means to strengthen the use of innovative mechanisms to develop public-private partnerships to promote private investments of sustainable projects in protected areas
UNEP/CBD/COP/8/INF/29	Biodiversity Program Study 2004
UNEP/CBD/COP/8/INF/30	Third Overall Performance Study of the GEF
UNEP/CBD/COP/8/INF/31	Monitoring progress and reporting processes, including integration of targets into the thematic programmes of work, national reporting and global biodiversity outlook: Compilation of initiatives, processes and organizations that develop and consolidate indicators on the sustainable use of biodiversity
UNEP/CBD/COP/8/INF/32	Technology transfer and technology cooperation: Preparation of technical studies that further explore and analyse the role of intellectual property rights in technology transfer in the context of the Convention on Biological Diversity
UNEP/CBD/COP/8/INF/33	Monitoring implementation of the Convention and achievement of the 2010 target: delivery plan for indicators, data and analyses
UNEP/CBD/COP/8/INF/34	Global coastal and marine biogeographic regionalization as a support tool for implementation of cbd programmes of work

UNEP/CBD/COP/8/INF/35	Progress report on the Implementation of the Global Invasive Species Information Network (GISIN)
UNEP/CBD/COP/8/INF/36	Matrix on the analysis of gaps
UNEP/CBD/COP/8/INF/37	The Relationship between the TRIPs Agreement and the Convention on Biological Diversity - Summary of Issues Raised and Points Made - Submission by the WTO Secretariat
UNEP/CBD/COP/8/INF/38	Report on the activities of the United Nations Environment Programme in the area of biological diversity and biosafety

*Annex II*

**SUGGESTIONS FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF WORK AT THE EIGHTH MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY**

	<b>PLENARY</b>	<b>WORKING GROUP I</b>	<b>WORKING GROUP II</b>
<i>Monday 20 March 2006</i> 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Opening of the meeting</li> <li>2. Election of officers</li> <li>3. Adoption of the agenda</li> <li>4. Organizational matters</li> <li>5. Report on the credentials of representatives to the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.</li> <li>6. Pending issues</li> <li>8. Reports of regional meetings</li> <li>9. Report of inter-sessional meetings.</li> <li>10. Report of the status of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety</li> <li>11. Report of the Global Environment Facility</li> <li>12. Report of the Executive Secretary on the administration of the Convention and the budget for the Trust Fund of the Convention</li> <li>13. Global Biodiversity Outlook</li> <li>28. Administration of the Convention and budget for the programme of work for the biennium 2007-2008.</li> </ol>		
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.		14. Island biological diversity	17. Access to genetic resources and benefit-sharing
<i>Tuesday, 21 March 2006</i> 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.		15. Biological diversity of dry and sub-humid lands	18. Article 8(j) and related provisions
15:00 - 18:00		16. Global Taxonomy initiative	19. Communication, education and public awareness

	PLENARY	WORKING GROUP I	WORKING GROUP II
<i>Wednesday, 22 March 2006</i> 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.		26.1 Forest biological diversity 26.2 Biological diversity of inland water ecosystems	20.1 Review of implementation of the Convention and its Strategic Plan including the 2010 target  20.2 Implementation of biodiversity strategies and action plans, cross-sectoral integration of biodiversity concerns, and options for the provision of increased technical support
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.		26.3 Marine and coastal biological diversity 26.4 Agriculture biological diversity	21. Implications of the findings of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment  22.1 Review of the effectiveness and impacts of the Convention bodies, processes and mechanisms
<i>Thursday, 23 March 2006</i> 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.		27.1 Protected areas	22.2 Scientific and technical cooperation and the Clearing house mechanism  22.3 Technology transfer and cooperation 22.4 Financial resources and mechanism
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.		27.2 Incentive measures 27.3 Alien species	23. Monitoring progress and reporting processes, including integration of targets into the thematic programmes of work and national reporting
<i>Friday, 24 March 2006</i> 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.		27.4 Impact assessment 27.5 Liability and redress	24. Cooperation with other conventions and international organizations and initiatives, and engagement of stakeholders
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	Review of progress		
<i>Monday, 27 March 2006</i> 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.		27.6 Biodiversity and climate change	25. Guidance to the financial mechanism
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.		<i>(Matters outstanding)</i>	<i>(Matters outstanding)</i>
<i>Tuesday, 28 March 2006</i> 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.		<i>(Matters outstanding)</i>	<i>(Matters outstanding)</i>

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.		<i>(Matters outstanding)</i>	<i>(Matters outstanding)</i>
	<b>PLENARY</b>	<b>WORKING GROUP I</b>	<b>WORKING GROUP II</b>
<i>Wednesday, 29 March 2006</i> 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Statements by Ministers	<i>(Matters outstanding)</i>	<i>(Matters outstanding)</i>
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	<i>(Continued)</i>	<i>(Matters outstanding)</i>	<i>(Matters outstanding)</i>
<i>Thursday, 30 March 2006</i> 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.		<i>(Approval of report)</i>	<i>(Approval of report)</i>
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.			
<i>Friday, 31 March 2006</i> 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	<p>30. Adoption of the decisions of the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and of the reports of the Working Groups</p> <p>7. Date and venue of the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.</p> <p>29. Other matters.</p> <p>30. Adoption of the report</p> <p>31. Closure of the meeting</p>		
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	<i>(continued as necessary)</i>		

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