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PROPOSALS ON THE RETIREMENT OF DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES AT ITS FIFTH MEETING

Proposals by the Executive Secretary pursuant to decision VIII/10 on Operations of the Convention

I. INTRODUCTION

1. In section V paragraph 36 of decision VIII/10, the Conference of the Parties, *inter alia*, requested the Executive Secretary to make proposals to its ninth meeting regarding the retirement of decisions and elements of decisions taken at its fifth meeting and to communicate such proposals to Parties, Governments and relevant international organizations at least six months prior to its ninth meeting. By paragraph 37 of the same decision, Parties, Governments and relevant international organizations were invited to submit to the Executive Secretary written comments on the proposals at least three months prior to its ninth meeting.
2. In accordance with paragraphs 36 and 37 of decision VIII/10, the Executive Secretary, by a notification dated 20 November 2007, communicated the proposals to Parties, Governments and relevant international organizations. Comments were received from the European Community. These comments were taken into consideration in the document's finalization.
3. The document is divided into two sections and contains two annexes. Section II describes the process to review the decisions of the Conference of the Parties adopted at its fifth meeting.

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

4. The full review of the decisions of the Conference of the Parties adopted at its fifth meeting is contained in annex I. The review follows the same format that was adopted for earlier reviews undertaken for the sixth and seventh meetings of the Conference of the Parties (see UNEP/CBD/COP/6/INF/17 and UNEP/CBD/COP/7/INF/16). On the basis of this review, the Secretariat, in annex II identifies decisions and elements of decisions that could be retired by the Conference of the Parties because they either have been fully implemented and are of no continuing relevance or effect; have been superseded by subsequent decisions; or are only of historical value

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*Annex I***REVIEW OF THE DECISIONS ADOPTED AT THE FIFTH MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES AND STATUS OF THEIR IMPLEMENTATION****DECISION V/1: WORK PLAN OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY***Overview of the decision*

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

Overall assessment and possible action by the Conference of the Parties

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

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
The Conference of the Parties, 1. Endorsed the work plan for ICCP as contained in an annex to the decision;	Implemented. Could be retired.
2. Requested the Executive Secretary to invite all relevant stakeholders to contribute to capacity building in biosafety and to report on progress to the first meeting of the Parties;	Implemented. The progress report was presented to COP-MOP-1 as part of document UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/1/6. Could be retired.
3. Requested the Executive Secretary to convene a meeting of technical experts on the BCH prior to the first meeting of the ICCP;	Implemented. Could be retired.
4. Welcomed the offer made by France to host the first meeting of the ICCP.	Implemented. Could be retired.

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

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

Overall assessment and possible action by the Conference of the Parties

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

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
<p>The Conference of the Parties,</p> <p>1. Took note of the various ways and means to implement the programme of work and obstacles in implementing some aspects of the work plan of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, as contained in the note by the Executive Secretary on the subject prepared for the fifth meeting of the Subsidiary Body (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/5/6), and requested the Executive Secretary to report to it on these matters before the seventh meeting of the Conference of Parties as part of the review of the programme of work on the biological diversity of inland water ecosystems by the Subsidiary Body at its eighth meeting;</p>	<p>Implemented.</p> <p>A revised programme of work was recommended by SBSTTA-8 and adopted by COP-7 (VII/4 annex)</p>
<p>2. Endorsed the proposed joint work plan for the period 2000-2001 of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/5/INF/12), which includes, <i>inter alia</i>, a River Basin Initiative, encouraged Parties, other Governments and relevant bodies to support and participate in the Initiative, and stressed that Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity that are not Parties to the Ramsar Convention shall not be disadvantaged in the workings and implementation of the joint work plan;</p>	<p>A new joint work plan was endorsed by COP-6. This element of the decision, however, provides the legislative basis for the River Basin Initiative and should therefore be retained.</p>
<p>3. Encouraged Parties to address the lack of information on the status of inland water biological diversity as a basis for future decisions on inland water at the national level and to include this information in their national reports;</p>	<p>Superseded by decision VII/4 paragraph 16.</p> <p>Could be retired.</p>
<p>4. Requested the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice to consider the recommendations contained in the forthcoming report of the World Commission on Dams, to be published in November 2000, and, as appropriate, to recommend to the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting the introduction of suitable elements into the programme of work on the biological diversity of inland water ecosystems;</p>	<p>Implemented as part of the review of the programme of work leading to the adoption of a revised programme of work at COP-7.</p> <p>Should be retired.</p>
<p>5. Further requested the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice to include in its review before the seventh meeting of the Conference of Parties advice on the further elaboration and refinement of the programme of work on the biological diversity of inland water ecosystems, having due regard to the issues relating, <i>inter alia</i>, to water supply, land use and tenure, pollution, alien invasive species, the effects of El Niño, and environmental impact assessment;</p>	<p>Implemented (decision VII/4).</p> <p>Could be retired.</p>
<p>6. Requested the Executive Secretary to compile systematically information on the implementation of the programme of work on the biological diversity of inland water ecosystems, including the report of the World Commission on Dams, for dissemination through the clearing-house mechanism, and to report on his efforts as part of the review of that programme of work that the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice will carry out before the seventh meeting of the Conference of Parties;</p>	<p>Implemented (decision VII/4).</p> <p>Could be retired.</p>
<p>7. Invited relevant organizations and activities, in particular the Global International Waters Assessment, to contribute to the assessment of inland water biological diversity and to integrate a biological diversity component fully in their methodology protocols;</p>	<p>Superseded by decision VII/4, paragraph 10.</p> <p>Could be retired.</p>

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
8. Urged the implementation of capacity-building measures for developing and implementing national and sectoral plans for the conservation and sustainable use of inland water ecosystems, including comprehensive assessments of the biological diversity of inland water ecosystems, and capacity-building programmes for monitoring the implementation of the programme of work and the trends in inland water biological diversity, and for information-gathering and dissemination among the riparian communities.	Superseded by decision VII/4, paragraph 9. Could be retired.

DECISION V/3: PROGRESS REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME OF WORK ON MARINE AND COASTAL BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISION IV/5)

Overview of the decision

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

Overall Assessment & Action by the Conference of the Parties

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

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

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

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

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

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

Overview of the decision

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

also provided a framework for cooperation and the development of synergies with the UNFCCC and its Kyoto Protocol on forest-related issues.

Overall Assessment & Action by the Conference of the Parties

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

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

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

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

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

Overview of the decision

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

Overall assessment and possible action by the Conference of the Parties

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

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

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

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<p>Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (UNEP/CBD/COP/5/INF/12), urged the Commission to finalize its work as soon as possible. The International Undertaking is envisaged to play a crucial role in the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity. The Conference of the Parties affirmed its willingness to consider a decision by the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations that the International Undertaking become a legally binding instrument with strong links to both the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the Convention on Biological Diversity, and called upon Parties to coordinate their positions in both forums;</p>	<p>adopted in 2001. Could be retired.</p>
<p>13. Welcomed the adoption of the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade, and urged Parties and Governments to ratify this Convention;</p>	<p>Of continuing relevance and effect.</p>
<p>14. Encouraged Parties and Governments to support the application of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity for observer status in the Committee on Agriculture of the World Trade Organization, in line with paragraph 9 of decision IV/6 of the Conference of Parties;</p>	<p>Of continuing relevance and effect.</p>
<p>15. Decided to establish an International Initiative for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Pollinators as a cross-cutting initiative within the programme of work on agricultural biodiversity to promote coordinated action worldwide to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Monitor pollinator decline, its causes and its impact on pollination services; (b) Address the lack of taxonomic information on pollinators; (c) Assess the economic value of pollination and the economic impact of the decline of pollination services; (d) Promote the conservation and the restoration and sustainable use of pollinator diversity in agriculture and related ecosystems; 	<p>Of continuing relevance and effect.</p>
<p>16. Requested the Executive Secretary to invite the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to facilitate and coordinate the Initiative in close cooperation with other relevant organizations and to consider establishing a coordination mechanism, with geographical balance and with leading relevant organizations, to prepare a proposal for a plan of action taking into account the recommendations in the Sao Paulo Declaration on Pollinators, as well as on contributions submitted by countries and relevant organizations, for submission to and review by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting;</p>	<p>COP-6 in decision VI/5 welcomed the role played by FAO in coordinating the Initiative. Plan of action adopted in decision VI/5 (annex II). Of continuing relevance and effect.</p>
<p>17. Invited leading relevant organizations, such as IUCN-The World Conservation Union, the International Bee Research Association and the International Commission for Plant-Bee Relationships, the International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology, the international agriculture research centres of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research and other relevant regional and international bodies, to collaborate in supporting actions in Parties and countries subject to pollinator decline;</p>	<p>Of continuing relevance and effect.</p>
<p>18. Requested the Executive Secretary, the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the financial</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p>

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

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

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<p>communities on the potential impacts of the application of genetic use restriction technologies on those communities and on Farmers' Rights in keeping with the revision of the aforementioned International Undertaking to keep, use, exchange and sell seed or propagating material and to prepare a report to be considered by the Conference of the Parties.</p>	

DECISION V/6: ECOSYSTEM APPROACH

Overview of the decision

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

Overall Assessment & Action by the Conference of the Parties

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

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

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

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

Overview of the decision

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

Overall Assessment & Action by the Conference of the Parties

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

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

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

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

Overview of the decision

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

Overall Assessment & Action by the Conference of the Parties

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

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The Conference of the Parties, 1. Urged Parties, Governments and relevant organizations to apply the interim guiding principles contained in annex I to the present decision, as appropriate, in the context of activities aimed at implementing Article 8(h) of the Convention on Biological Diversity, and in the various sectors;	This has been superseded by decision VI/23.
2. Endorsed the outline for case-studies contained in annex II to the present decision;	Paragraph 2 of decision V/8 has been implemented and should be retired.
3. Urged Parties, Governments and relevant organizations to submit case-studies to the Executive Secretary, particularly focusing on thematic assessments, on the basis of the outline contained in the annex to the present decision;	Paragraph 3 of decision V/8 has been implemented and should be retired.
4. Requested the Convention's clearing-house mechanism to disseminate and compile these case-studies;	Paragraph 4 of decision V/8 has been implemented and should be retired.
5. Requested Parties, other Governments, relevant bodies and other relevant international and regional binding and non-binding instruments, in the light of discussions by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at its fifth meeting, to submit to the Executive Secretary written comments on the interim guiding principles, to be taken into account, together with the case-studies, in the further elaboration of the interim guiding principles, to be considered by the Subsidiary Body prior to the sixth meeting of the Conference of Parties, and requested the Executive Secretary to distribute those comments through the national focal points;	Paragraph 5 of decision V/8 has been implemented and should be retired.
6. Urged Parties, other Governments and relevant bodies to give priority	Superseded by paragraphs 10 and 11 of

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

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

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

Overview of the decision

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

Overall Assessment & Action by the Conference of the Parties

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

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<p>The Conference of the Parties,</p> <p>1. Established a Global Taxonomy Initiative coordination mechanism to assist the Executive Secretary to facilitate international cooperation and coordinate activities under the Global Taxonomy Initiative in accordance with the terms of reference contained in the annex to this decision</p>	<p>Provides the legislative basis for the GTI Coordination Mechanism. Therefore, has continuing relevance and should be retained.</p>
<p>2. Urged Parties, Governments and relevant organizations to undertake the following priority activities to further the Global Taxonomy Initiative:</p> <p>(a) The identification of national and regional priority taxonomic information requirements; (b) Assessments of national taxonomic capacity to identify and, where possible, quantify national and regional-level taxonomic impediments and needs, including the identification of taxonomic tools, facilities and services required at all levels, and mechanisms to establish, support and maintain such tools, facilities and services; (c) Establishment or consolidation of regional and national taxonomic reference centres; (d) The building of taxonomic capacity, in particular in developing countries, including through partnerships between national, regional and international taxonomic reference centres, and through information networks; (e) Communication to the Executive Secretary and Global Taxonomy Initiative coordination mechanism, by 31 December 2001, of suitable programmes, projects and initiatives for consideration as pilot projects under the Global Taxonomy Initiative;</p>	<p>Paragraphs 2(a) to 2(d) have been superseded by the programme of work adopted by decision VI/8 and could therefore be retired.</p> <p>Paragraph 2(e) has been implemented and should be retired.</p>
<p>3. Requested that the Executive Secretary, with the assistance of the Global Taxonomy Initiative coordination mechanism: (a) Draft as a component of the strategic plan for the Convention on Biological Diversity a work programme for the Global Taxonomy Initiative defining timetables, goals, products and pilot projects, emphasizing its role in underpinning conservation, sustainable use and equitable sharing of benefits, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice; (b) Initiate short-term activities, including regional meetings of scientists, managers and policy makers to prioritize the most urgent global taxonomic needs and facilitate the formulation of specific regional and national projects to meet the needs identified, and to report thereon to the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting; (c) Synthesize the findings of previous meetings of experts on the Global Taxonomy Initiative (as contained in the note by the Executive Secretary on the review of the Global Taxonomy Initiative (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/5/4)), relevant sections of national reports submitted to the Conference of the Parties and recommendations of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice on the Global Taxonomy Initiative, as advice for the proposed regional meetings; (d) Use the Global Taxonomy Initiative as a forum to promote the importance of taxonomy and taxonomic tools in the implementation of the Convention;</p>	<p>Implemented as input to the development of the programme of work adopted at COP 6 through decision VI/8. Could be retired.</p>
<p>4. Requested all Parties and Governments to designate a national Global Taxonomy Initiative focal point by 31 December 2000, linked to other national focal points, and participate in the development of regional networks to facilitate information-sharing for the Global</p>	<p>Only 64 Parties have nominated a Global Taxonomy Initiative national focal point as of November 2004 and this decision although of continuing relevance has been</p>

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Taxonomy Initiative;	superseded by paragraph 3 of decision VII/9 and this decision may be retired.
5. Invited all interested international and regional conventions, initiatives and programmes to indicate their support for the Global Taxonomy Initiative and its coordination mechanism, through the Executive Secretary, and in so doing to specify their particular areas of interest and any support for the implementation of the Global Taxonomy Initiative that could be forthcoming;	This paragraph has been implemented partially (see UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/INF/16) However this paragraph has continuing relevance and should be retained.
6. Urged eligible Parties and consortia of eligible Parties to seek resources for the above priority actions through the financial mechanism, and requests the financial mechanism to continue promoting awareness of the Global Taxonomy Initiative in its outreach activities, such as the Capacity Development Initiative and the Country Dialogue Workshops, and to investigate ways both within and outside its operational programme structure to facilitate capacity-building in taxonomy, and the implementation of the short-term activities referred to in the annex to the present decision.	Superseded by decisions VI/8 (the programme of work), VII/9 (paragraph 2) and VII/20 (paragraph 7).

DECISION V/10: GLOBAL STRATEGY FOR PLANT CONSERVATION

Overview of the decision

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

Overall assessment and possible action by the Conference of the Parties

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

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The Conference of the Parties,	
1. Recognized that the Convention on Biological Diversity is a leading international convention for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, and further recognizes the cross-cutting nature of plant conservation;	Could be retired.
2. Recognized also the important role of other existing initiatives, in particular the Global Plan of Action for the Conservation and Sustainable Utilization of Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, and is aware of current efforts to revise the International Undertaking on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture developed by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations;	This is reflected, in an updated and more complete form, in the Strategy adopted by decision VI/9. Could be retired.
3. Decided to consider, at its sixth meeting, the establishment of a global strategy for plant conservation;	Implemented. decision VI/9 adopted the Global Strategy. Could be retired.
4. Requested the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice to make recommendations to the Conference of the Parties, for consideration at its sixth meeting, regarding the development of a global strategy for plant conservation, which would be aimed at halting the current and continuing unacceptable loss of plant diversity;	SBSTTA made recommendations leading to the adoption of decision VI/9. Could be retired.
5. In order to better enable the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice to carry out this task, requested the Executive Secretary to solicit the views of Parties, and to liaise with relevant organizations, including, <i>inter alia</i> , the Global Plan of	This was fully implemented. Could be retired.

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Action of the Food and Agriculture Organization, the Man and the Biosphere Programme of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, Botanic Gardens Conservation International, and the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, in order to gather information regarding plant conservation, including information on existing international initiatives. This information is to be reported to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, together with advice on the relationship between plant conservation and the thematic work programmes.	

DECISION V/11: ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Overview of the decision

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

Overall assessment and possible action by the Conference of the Parties

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

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

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
1. Requested the Executive Secretary to further develop a database on biodiversity-related funding information, and make it available through the clearing-house mechanism and other means of communications, as appropriate;	Ongoing
2. Invited the Global Environment Facility to assist the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with the relevant international organizations and institutions, to convene a workshop on financing for biodiversity with a view to sharing knowledge and experience among funding institutions, and to explore the potential of the Global Environment Facility to act as a funding catalyst;	Completed for a report to COP-6. Should be retired.
3. Recognized the difficulties in developing a format for standardized information on financial support from developed country Parties for the objectives of the Convention and requests the workshop referred to in paragraph 2 of the present decision to provide further advice to the Executive Secretary on this matter;	Completed for a report to COP-6 Should be retired.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
4. Urged developed country Parties and encourages developing country Parties to establish a process to monitor financial support to biodiversity, and to provide further information in their national reports on financial support to biodiversity to the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting;	Ongoing.
5. Invited, <i>inter alia</i> , funding institutions, United Nations bodies, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations to designate focal points, to develop a reporting relationship with the Convention, and to provide information to the Executive Secretary on their activities in support of the objectives of the Convention;	Ongoing.
6. Recognized that more complete information concerning the financial support, from all relevant sources, for the implementation of the objectives of the Convention, including the work programmes established by the Conference of the Parties, will assist it to develop further guidance to the financial mechanism and to better coordinate with other funding institutions;	Statement still valid. Should be retained.
7. Requested the Executive Secretary to explore further collaboration with the work on financial issues on Agenda 21 under the Commission on Sustainable Development, and to contribute to the High-Level Consultation on Financing for Development of the General Assembly in 2001;	Completed for a report to COP-6. Should be retired.
8. Also requested the Executive Secretary to further develop collaboration with funding mechanisms of relevant conventions and agreements, and with relevant biodiversity-related programmes of international and regional organizations, and, as appropriate and upon request, to assist these in defining their funding strategies and programmes and in the promotion of capacity-building;	Completed for a report to COP-6 Should be retired.
9. Urged developed country Parties to promote support for the implementation of the objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity in the funding policy of their bilateral funding institutions and those of regional and multilateral funding institutions;	Continuing relevance. Should be retained.
10. Urged developing country Parties to incorporate ways and means to support implementation of the objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity into their dialogue with funding institutions;	Ongoing. Should be retained.
11. Emphasized the importance of financial support for the implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans and for capacity-building for implementation of the Cartagena Protocol;	Superseded by decision VI/26 on the Strategic Plan for the Convention (Strategic Goals 2 and 3). Should be retired.
12. Noted the cross-cutting nature of the involvement of the private sector, and resolves that the involvement of the private sector shall be included, as appropriate, on the agenda of the Conference of the Parties at its regular meetings and be integrated into the sectoral and thematic items under its programme of work;	Of continuing relevance. Should be retained.
13. Noted also that the involvement of all relevant stakeholders can contribute to the implementation of the Convention;	Superseded by decision VI/26 on the Strategic Plan (Strategic Goal 4) Should be retired.
14. Invited Parties to include in their second national reports information on the involvement of the private sector;	Completed for Parties that already submitted second national reports Should be retired.
15. Invited the United Nations Environment Programme, through its financial-sector initiatives, the World Bank and other financial institutions, to promote consideration of biological diversity by the financial sector;	Ongoing Should be retained.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
16. Urged Parties, subject to their national legislation, to promote the consideration of tax exemptions in national taxation systems for biodiversity-related donations, and requested the Executive Secretary to encourage charitable institutions to support activities that promote the implementation of the Convention;	Ongoing Should be retained.
17. Requested the Executive Secretary to prepare a report on the implementation of the present decision for the consideration of the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting	Report prepared for COP6 Should be retired.

DECISION V/12: SECOND REVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL MECHANISM

Overview of the decision

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

Overall assessment and possible action by the Conference of the Parties

This decision may be retired since the second is complete.

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

DECISION V/13: FURTHER GUIDANCE TO THE FINANCIAL MECHANISM

Overview of the decision

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

Overall assessment and possible action by the Conference of the Parties

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

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
The Conference of the Parties, 1. Welcomed the decision of the Council of the Global Environment Facility requesting its secretariat, in consultation with the Implementing Agencies and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, to develop an initial strategy for assisting countries to prepare for the entry into force of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety;	Implemented. Could be retired.
2. Decided to provide the following additional guidance to the Global Environment Facility in the provision of financial resources,	Ongoing.

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<p>in conformity with decisions I/1, II/6, III/5 and IV/13 of the Conference of the Parties. In this regard, the Global Environment Facility shall provide financial resources to developing country Parties for country-driven activities and programmes, consistent with national priorities and objectives, recognizing that economic and social development and poverty eradication are the first and overriding priorities of developing countries. The Global Environment Facility, as the institutional structure operating the financial mechanism, should provide support:</p> <p>(a) For projects utilizing the ecosystem approach, without prejudice to differing national needs and priorities which may require the application of approaches such as single-species conservation programmes, in accordance with decision V/6;</p>	Should be retained.
<p>(b) As a priority, for projects which: (i) Implement the Convention's programme of work on agricultural biodiversity, in accordance with decision V/5, through the timely finalization and implementation of its operational programme on agricultural biodiversity, and through the development and implementation of other relevant operational programmes; (ii) Implement the Convention's programme of work on biodiversity of dry and sub-humid lands, in accordance with decision V/23, through the development, review and implementation of its operational programmes, in particular, the operational programme on arid and semi-arid ecosystems; (iii) Assist in the implementation of the programme of work on forest biodiversity at the national, subregional and regional levels, and consider the operational objectives of the aforementioned programme of work as guidance for funding, in accordance with decision V/4;</p>	Ongoing. Should be retained.
<p>(c) For projects which assist with the development and implementation of the International Initiative for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Pollinators in Agriculture, in accordance with decision V/5;</p>	Ongoing. Should be retained.
<p>(d) For capacity-building at the national, subregional and regional level to address the issue of coral bleaching within the context of implementation of the programme of work on marine and coastal biological diversity, in accordance with decision V/3;</p>	Ongoing. Should be retained.
<p>(e) For the consultative processes referred to in paragraph 6 of decision V/19, which are aimed at assisting with the preparation of second national reports, taking into account the fact that the Conference of the Parties may develop guidelines for subsequent national reports;</p>	Ongoing. Should be retained.
<p>(f) For participation in the clearing-house mechanism of the Convention, in accordance with decision V/14;</p>	Ongoing. Should be retained.
<p>(g) For projects that will address the issue of access and benefit-sharing, in accordance with decision V/26;</p>	Ongoing. Should be retained.
<p>(h) For projects that incorporate incentive measures that promote the development and implementation of social, economic and legal incentive measures for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, in accordance with decision V/15;</p>	Ongoing. Should be retained.
<p>(i) For the implementation of the priority activities identified in the programme of work on Article 8(j) and related provisions, in accordance with decision V/16;</p>	Ongoing. Should be retained.
<p>(j) To strengthen capabilities to develop monitoring programmes and suitable indicators for biological diversity, in accordance with</p>	Ongoing.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
decision V/7;	Should be retained.
(k) To continue promoting awareness of the Global Taxonomy Initiative in the relevant activities of the Global Environment Facility, such as the Country Dialogue Workshops, and to facilitate capacity-building in taxonomy, including in its Capacity Development Initiative;	Ongoing. Should be retained.
(l) For capacity development for education, public awareness and communication in biological diversity at the national and regional levels, in accordance with decision V/17;	Ongoing. Should be retained.
(m) For activities to implement the Global Invasive Species Programme, in accordance with decision V/8;	Ongoing. Should be retained and consolidated with other decisions on guidance
(n) For the implementation of capacity-building measures for developing and implementing national and sectoral plans for the conservation and sustainable use of inland water ecosystems, including comprehensive assessments of the biological diversity of inland waters, and capacity-building programmes for monitoring the implementation of the programme of work and the trends in inland water biological diversity and for information gathering and dissemination among riparian communities.	Ongoing. Should be retained.

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

Overview of the decision

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

Overall assessment and possible action by the Conference of the Parties

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

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
The Conference of the Parties,	
1. Noted the report of the independent review of the pilot phase of the clearing-house mechanism (UNEP/CBD/COP/5/INF/2);	This paragraph is of no continuing relevance and could be retired.
2. Supported the implementation of the strategic plan for the clearing-house mechanism (UNEP/CBD/COP/5/INF/3);	Legislative basis for the clearing-house mechanism strategic plan. Should be retained.
3. Requested the Executive Secretary, in consultation with the informal advisory committee, to monitor and review the operation of the clearing-house mechanism and report to the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting on any recommended adjustments to the operation of the clearing-house mechanism or to the strategic plan;	Implemented (see decisions VI/18 and VII/23). Could be retired.
4. Decided that the strategic plan for the clearing-house mechanism shall become a component of the Strategic Plan of the Convention on Biological Diversity;	Implemented. The Strategic Plan of the clearing-house mechanism was taken into account during

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	<p>the drafting of the Strategic Plan of the Convention.</p> <p>Could be retired.</p>
<p>5. Endorsed the longer-term programme of work for the clearing-house mechanism (UNEP/CBD/COP/5/INF/4), recognizing the important role that country partnerships can play in implementing this programme of work;</p>	<p>Legislative basis for the POW.</p> <p>Should be retained.</p>
<p>6. Recommended that Parties and Governments, subject to availability of resources and relevance, undertake as priorities for the biennium 2001- 2002 the measures identified in annex I to the present decision;</p>	<p>The measures were time-bound.</p> <p>Could be retired.</p>
<p>7. Decided that the informal advisory committee referred to in decision III/4 shall have the following objectives: (a) Provide advice on matters relating to the clearing-house mechanism and, in particular, on how to improve the effectiveness of the clearing-house mechanism as a mechanism to promote scientific and technical cooperation; (b) Facilitate the implementation of guidance from the Conference of the Parties concerning the clearing-house mechanism; (c) Facilitate greater input of Parties into the development of the clearing-house mechanism; (d) Advise on ways and means to facilitate the development of the clearing-house mechanism network; (e) Facilitate and encourage cooperation with other relevant international and regional information networks and initiatives;</p>	<p>Further elaborates on the mandate of the informal advisory committee established by decision III/4.</p> <p>Of continuing relevance and should be retained.</p>
<p>8. Decided that the continuation and mandate of the informal advisory committee shall be reviewed at the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties;</p>	<p>Implemented (see paragraphs 1 & 2 of decision VII/23 and Annex).</p> <p>Could be retired.</p>
<p>9. Called upon the Executive Secretary, in consultation with the informal advisory committee, to develop operational procedures for the informal advisory committee, for review at the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties, and to make these procedures, as well as the membership, available through the clearing-house mechanism;</p>	<p>Implemented (see decision VII/23 (Annex).</p> <p>Could be retired.</p>
<p>10. Requested the Executive Secretary, in consultation with the informal advisory committee and other relevant bodies, and subject to available resources, to undertake the activities identified in annex II to the present decision.</p>	<p>The activities specified in Annex II have been implemented by the Executive Secretary or superseded by subsequent decisions.</p> <p>This paragraph and annex II should be retired.</p>

DECISION V/15: INCENTIVE MEASURES

Overview of the decision

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

Overall assessment and possible action by the Conference of the Parties

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

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
<p>The Conference of the Parties,</p> <p>1. Established a programme of work that promotes the development and implementation of social, economic and legal incentive measures for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, in synergy with specific programmes of work, in order to:</p> <p>(a) Support Parties, Governments and organizations in developing practical policies and projects;</p> <p>(b) Develop practical guidance to the financial mechanism for effective support and prioritization of these policies and projects;</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p> <p>Programme of work under implementation; in-depth review at COP-9</p>
<p>2. Decided that the activities of the programme of work should result in the following:</p> <p>(a) The assessment of representative existing incentive measures, review of case-studies, identification of new opportunities for incentive measures, and dissemination of information, through the clearing-house mechanism and other means, as appropriate;</p> <p>(b) The development of methods to promote information on biodiversity in consumer decisions, for example through ecolabelling, if appropriate;</p> <p>(c) The assessment, as appropriate and applicable to the circumstances of Parties, of the values of biodiversity, in order to internalize better these values in public policy initiatives and private-sector decisions;</p> <p>(d) A consideration of biodiversity concerns in liability schemes;</p> <p>(e) The creation of incentives for integration of biodiversity concerns in all sectors;</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p> <p>Programme of work under implementation; in-depth review at COP-9</p>
<p>3. Requested the Executive Secretary to collaborate with relevant organizations, such as the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Environment Programme, and IUCN-The World Conservation Union, in order to engage in a coordinated effort, and undertake through such an effort, as a first phase:</p> <p>(a) To gather and disseminate additional information on instruments in support of positive incentives and their performance, and to develop a matrix identifying the range of instruments available, their purpose, interaction with other policy measures and effectiveness, with a view to identifying and designing relevant instruments, where appropriate, in support of positive measures;</p> <p>(b) To continue gathering information on perverse incentive measures, and on ways and means to remove or mitigate their negative impacts on biological diversity, through case-studies and lessons learned, and consider how these ways and means may be applied;</p> <p>(c) To elaborate proposals for the design and implementation of incentive measures, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at its sixth or seventh meeting and by the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting;</p>	<p>Collaborative work ongoing.</p> <p>Information gathering and dissemination in accordance with sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) undertaken. The work is however of a continuing nature.</p> <p>Proposals were prepared and endorsed by COP-6 (see decision VI/15).</p> <p>The decision is of continuing effect and relevance.</p>
<p>4. Decided to integrate actions on incentives in thematic work programmes and ensure synergy with activities on sustainable use, noting that incentive measures are essential elements in developing effective approaches to conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity especially at the level of local communities;</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p>

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5. Requested the Executive Secretary to promote coordinated action on incentives with other international biodiversity-related agreements and relevant organizations, noting specifically that the joint work plan of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Convention on Wetlands for the period 2000-2001 (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/5/INF/12) includes consideration of incentive measures;	Ongoing.
6. Urged Parties and other Governments to explore possible ways and means by which incentive measures promoted through the Kyoto Protocol under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change can support the objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity.	Ongoing.

DECISION V/16: ARTICLE 8(J) AND RELATED PROVISIONS

Overview of the decision

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

Overall assessment and possible action by the Conference of the Parties

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

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
The Conference of the Parties, 1. Endorsed the programme of work as contained in the annex to the present decision, which shall be subject to periodic review during its implementation;	Legislative basis of the programme of work. Should be retained.
2 Decided to implement the programme of work giving priority to tasks 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 9 and 11, as well as 7 and 12, which shall be initiated following completion of tasks 5, 9 and 11;	Ongoing.
3. Urged Parties and Governments in collaboration with relevant organizations, subject to their national legislation, to promote and implement this programme of work, and to integrate the tasks identified into their ongoing programmes as appropriate to national circumstances, taking into account the identified collaboration opportunities;	Ongoing.
4. Requested Parties, Governments and relevant organizations to take full account of existing instruments, guidelines, codes and other relevant activities in the implementation of the programme of work;	Ongoing.
5. Encouraged the participation of indigenous and local communities in the work of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing on the development of guidelines and other approaches to ensure the respect, preservation and maintenance of knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities embodying traditional lifestyles relevant for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity;	There is effective participation of indigenous and local communities in the work of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing. Discussions will be undertaken at ABS WG 4 on how to further enhance this participation.
6. Took into account the importance of the proposals for action on traditional forest-related knowledge of the Intergovernmental	Could be retired.

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Panel on Forests/Intergovernmental Forum on Forests as an important part of this programme of work;	
7. Requested Parties, Governments, and international, regional and national organizations to provide appropriate financial support for the implementation of the programme of work;	Of continuing relevance.
8. Requested the Executive Secretary to facilitate the integration of the relevant tasks of the programme of work in the future elaboration of the thematic programmes of the Convention on Biological Diversity and provide a report on the progress of the thematic programmes to the Ad Hoc Open-ended Inter-Sessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity;	The process of integration ongoing. A Report was submitted to WG8J and COP-6 (see decision VI/10). This paragraph has however been superseded by decisions VI/10 and VII/16. Could be retired.
9. Decided to extend the mandate of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Inter-Sessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity to review progress in the implementation of the priority tasks of its programme of work according to reports provided by the Executive Secretary, and the Parties to the meeting of the Working Group and recommend further action on the basis of this review. The Working Group should further explore ways for increased participation by indigenous and local communities in the thematic programmes of work of the Convention on Biological Diversity. The Working Group should report to the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting;	WG8J reported to COP-6 on the mentioned issues. The decision has been superseded by decisions VI/10 and VII/16 which further extended the mandate of the Working Group. Could be retired.
10. Requested Parties, Governments, subsidiary bodies of the Convention, the Executive Secretary and relevant organizations, including indigenous and local communities, when implementing the programme of work contained in the annex to the present decision and other relevant activities under the Convention, to fully incorporate women and women's organizations in the activities;	Ongoing.
11. Invited Parties and Governments to support the participation of the International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity, as well as relevant organizations representing indigenous and local communities, in advising the Conference of the Parties on the implementation of Article 8(j) and related provisions;	Ongoing.
12. Urged Parties and Governments and, as appropriate, international organizations, and organizations representing indigenous and local communities, to facilitate the full and effective participation of indigenous and local communities in the implementation of the Convention and, to this end: (a) Provide opportunities for indigenous and local communities to identify their capacity needs, with the assistance of Governments and others, if they so require; (b) Include, in proposals and plans for projects carried out in indigenous and local communities, funding requirements to build the communications capacity of indigenous and local communities to facilitate dissemination and exchange of information on issues related to traditional knowledge, innovations and practices; (c) Provide for sufficient capacity in national institutions to respond to the needs of indigenous and local communities related to Article 8(j) and related provisions; (d) Strengthen and build capacity for communication among indigenous and local communities, and between indigenous and local communities and Governments, at local, national, regional	Ongoing.

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<p>and international levels, including with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, with direct participation and responsibility of indigenous and local communities through their appropriate focal points;</p> <p>(e) Use other means of communication in addition to the Internet, such as newspapers, bulletins, and radio, and increasing the use of local languages;</p> <p>(f) Provide case-studies on methods and approaches that contribute to the preservation of traditional knowledge, innovations and practices, including through their recording where appropriate, and that support control and decision-making by indigenous and local communities over the sharing of such knowledge, innovation and practices;</p>	
<p>13. Emphasized once again the need for case-studies developed in conjunction with indigenous and local communities requested in paragraphs 10 (b) and 15 of its decision IV/9, to enable a meaningful assessment of the effectiveness of existing legal and other appropriate forms of protection for the knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities;</p>	Ongoing.
<p>14. Recognized the potential importance of sui generis and other appropriate systems for the protection of traditional knowledge of indigenous and local communities and the equitable sharing of benefits arising from its use to meet the provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity, taking into account the ongoing work on Article 8(j) and related provisions, and transmits its findings to the World Trade Organization and the World Intellectual Property Organization, as suggested in paragraph 6 (b) of recommendation 3 of the Inter-Sessional Meeting on the Operations of the Convention (UNEP/CBD/COP/5/4, annex);</p>	<p>Findings were submitted to WTO and WIPO.</p> <p>Could be retired.</p>
<p>15. Invited Parties and Governments to exchange information and share experiences regarding national legislation and other measures for the protection of the knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities;</p>	Ongoing.
<p>16. Recognized that the maintenance of knowledge, innovations, and practices of indigenous and local communities is dependent on the maintenance of cultural identities and the material base that sustains them and invites Parties and Governments to take measures to promote the conservation and maintenance of such identities;</p>	Of continuing relevance.
<p>17. Requested Parties to support the development of registers of traditional knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities embodying traditional lifestyles relevant for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity through participatory programmes and consultations with indigenous and local communities, taking into account strengthening legislation, customary practices and traditional systems of resource management, such as the protection of traditional knowledge against unauthorized use;</p>	Ongoing.
<p>18. Invited Parties and Governments to increase the participation of representatives of indigenous and local community organizations in official delegations to meetings held under the Convention on Biological Diversity;</p>	Ongoing.
<p>19. Emphasizes the need for arrangements controlled and determined by indigenous and local communities, to facilitate cooperation and information exchange among indigenous and</p>	Ongoing.

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<p>local communities, for the purposes of, <i>inter alia</i>, helping to ensure that such communities are in a position to make informed decisions on whether or not to consent to the release of their knowledge, and, in this respect:</p> <p>(a) Requested the Executive Secretary, to fully utilize the clearing-house mechanism, to cooperate closely with indigenous and local communities to explore ways in which such needs may best be addressed;</p> <p>(b) Invited Parties to consider ways and means of providing the necessary resources to enable the Secretariat to undertake the above-mentioned tasks;</p>	
<p>20. Further requested Parties and international financial institutions to explore ways of providing the necessary funding for these activities.</p>	<p>There is a continuing need for financial resources to implement the activities of the POW. The paragraph is still relevant and could be retained.</p>

DECISION V/17: EDUCATION AND PUBLIC AWARENESS

Overview of the decision

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

Overall assessment and possible action by the Conference of the Parties

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

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

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
systems as a component of the development of the global initiative;	Could be retained.
5. Endorsed paragraph 7 of recommendation IV/1 A of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, which states that education and public awareness be included in the discussions on the work programmes on thematic issues;	On-going in view of the fact that the programme of work on Island Biodiversity has yet to be developed, reviewed and approved by the COP. Should be retained.
6. Invited Parties, Governments, organizations and institutions to support capacity-building for education and communication in biological diversity as part of their national biodiversity strategies and action plans, taking into account the global initiative;	Ongoing.
7. Requested the Executive Secretary to: (a) Further develop the public information and outreach activities of the Secretariat, including through the use of the clearing-house mechanism to raise awareness of biological diversity issues amongst all sectors of society, including indigenous and local communities; (b) Designate a theme each year for the International Day for Biological Diversity and prepare background information to be placed on the clearing-house mechanism; (c) Consult the United Nations Secretariat on the feasibility of changing the designated date of the International Day for Biological Diversity to 22 May and provide advice on this matter to the Parties by February 2001; (d) Report on progress achieved in developing the global initiative to the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting	Activities in response to paragraphs 7(a) and (b) are ongoing. No action necessary. With regard to paragraph 7 (c), after consultations between the Executive Secretary and the United Nations Secretariat, the UN General Assembly, in December 2000, adopted 22 May as the date for the International Day for Biological Diversity to commemorate the adoption of the text of the Convention on 22 May 1992 by the Nairobi Final Act of the Conference for the Adoption of the Agreed Text of the Convention on Biological Diversity. In view of this therefore, the COP may wish to retire this particular paragraph. Paragraph 7 (d) was duly completed at the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. No further action is envisaged and the COP may therefore wish to retire this particular paragraph.

DECISION V/18 – IMPACT ASSESSMENT, LIABILITY AND REDRESS

Overview of the decision

The decision focuses on the implementation of Article 14 of the Convention. It encourages the use of EIA and strategic environmental assessments by Parties and Governments; requests SBSTTA to develop guidelines for incorporating biodiversity related issues into EIA and SEA legislation and processes.

As regards, liability and redress the decision renewed the invitation for submission of information by Governments; welcomed the offer of the Government of France to organize a workshop; and decided to consider at COP 6 a process for reviewing Article 14(2), including the establishment of a group of experts.

Overall Assessment & Action by the Conference of the Parties

In section I paragraphs 1 (a-e) and 2-9 of the decision could be retired.

In section II paragraphs 6-9 on liability and redress have been superseded by decision VI/11 that established the Group of Legal and Technical Experts and defined its mandate and decision VII/17.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
I. IMPACT ASSESSMENT	

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
<p>The Conference of the Parties,</p> <p>1. Invited Parties, Governments and other relevant organizations:</p> <p>(a) To implement paragraph 1 of Article 14 of the Convention on Biological Diversity in conjunction with other components of the Convention and to integrate environmental impact assessment into the work programmes on thematic areas, including the biological diversity of inland water ecosystems, marine and coastal biological diversity, forest biological diversity, agricultural biological diversity, and the biological diversity of dry and sub-humid lands, and on alien species and tourism;</p>	<p>Superseded by paragraph 2 of decision VI/7-A that endorsed Guidelines for incorporating biodiversity related issues into EIA legislation and processes and in SEA.</p> <p>Could be retired</p>
<p>(b) To address loss of biological diversity and the interrelated socio-economic, cultural and human-health aspects relevant to biological diversity when carrying out environmental impact assessments;</p>	<p>Superseded by paragraphs 1 (a) and (b) and 5 of the annex of decision VI/7-A (EIA/SEA guidelines). Also by Section F of decision VII/16.</p> <p>Could be retired.</p>
<p>(c) To consider biological diversity concerns from the early stages of the drafting process, when developing new legislative and regulatory frameworks;</p>	<p>Superseded by paragraph 1 (b) of the annex of decision VI/7-A (EIA/SEA guidelines).</p> <p>Could be retired.</p>
<p>(d) To ensure the involvement of interested and affected stakeholders in a participatory approach to all stages of the assessment process, including governmental bodies, the private sector, research and scientific institutions, indigenous and local communities and non-governmental organizations, including by using appropriate mechanisms, such as the establishment of committees, at the appropriate level;</p>	<p>Superseded by paragraph 5 of the annex of decision VI/7-A (EIA/SEA guidelines). Also by in Section F of decision VII/16.</p> <p>Could be retired.</p>
<p>(e) To organize expert meetings, workshops and seminars, as well as training, educational and public awareness programmes and exchange programmes, and carry out pilot environmental impact assessment projects, in order to promote the development of local expertise in methodologies, techniques and procedures;</p>	<p>Superseded by paragraphs 8 and 10 of decision VIII/28.</p> <p>Could be retired.</p>
<p>2. Encouraged Parties, Governments and relevant organizations:</p> <p>(a) To use strategic environmental assessments to assess not only the impact of individual projects, but also their cumulative and global effects, incorporating biological diversity considerations at the decision-making and/or environmental planning level;</p>	<p>Superseded by paragraph 2 and the annex of decision VI/7-A.</p> <p>Could be retired.</p>
<p>(b) To include the development of alternatives, mitigation measures and consideration of the elaboration of compensation measures in environmental impact assessment;</p>	<p>Superseded by paragraph 2 and the annex of decision VI/7-A.</p> <p>Could be retired.</p>
<p>3. Requested Parties to include in their national reports information on practices, systems, mechanisms and experiences in the area of strategic environmental assessment and impact assessment;</p>	<p>Superseded by the guidelines for 3rd national report. Also reflected in paragraph 3 of decision VI/7-A and in decision VII/7.</p> <p>Could be retired.</p>
<p>4. Requested the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice to further develop guidelines for incorporating biodiversity-related issues into legislation and/or processes on strategic environmental assessment impact assessment, in collaboration with the scientific community, the private sector, indigenous and local communities, non-governmental organizations and relevant</p>	<p>Implemented (see decision VI/7A).</p> <p>Could be retired.</p>

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
<p>organizations at the international, regional, subregional and national levels, such as the Scientific and Technical Review Panel of the Convention on Wetlands, the Scientific Council of the Convention on Migratory Species, DIVERSITAS, IUCN-The World Conservation Union, the International Association for Impact Assessment and the United Nations Environment Programme, as well as the Parties, and further elaborate the application of the precautionary approach and the ecosystem approach, taking into account needs for capacity-building, with a view to completion by the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;</p>	
<p>5. Also requested the Executive Secretary:</p> <p>(a) To disseminate case-studies received;</p> <p>(b) To renew the call for further case-studies, including case-studies on negative impacts and, in particular, on impact assessments that take the ecosystem approach into account;</p> <p>(c) To compile and evaluate existing guidelines, procedures and provisions for environmental impact assessment;</p> <p>(d) To make this information available, together with information on existing guidelines on incorporating biological diversity considerations into environmental impact assessment, through, <i>inter alia</i>, the clearing-house mechanism in order to facilitate sharing of information and exchange of experiences at the regional, national and local levels;</p>	<p>Superseded by paragraph 3 of decision VI/7-A and decision VII/7.</p> <p>Could be retired.</p>
II. LIABILITY AND REDRESS	
<p>6. Renews the invitation to Parties, Governments, and relevant international organizations, contained in its decision IV/10 C, paragraph 8, to provide the Executive Secretary with information on national, international and regional measures and agreements on liability and redress applicable to damage to biological diversity, acknowledging that some Parties, Governments and organizations have already provided the Executive Secretary with such information;</p>	<p>Superseded by decisions VI/11 and VII/17.</p> <p>Could be retired.</p>
<p>7. Requests the Executive Secretary to update the synthesis report submitted to the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (UNEP/CBD/COP/5/16) to include information contained in further submissions by Parties, Governments and relevant international organizations, taking into account other relevant information including, in particular, information on the work of the International Law Commission and on the development and application of liability regimes under other multilateral instruments, including the Antarctic Treaty, the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal, and the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, for the consideration of the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting;</p>	<p>Superseded by decisions VI/11 and VII/17.</p> <p>Could be retired</p>
<p>8. Welcomes the offer of the Government of France to organize a workshop on liability and redress in the context of the Convention on Biological Diversity;</p>	<p>Implemented. Workshop was held and a report submitted to COP 6 (see decision VI/11 and document UNEP/CBD/COP/6/INF/5).</p> <p>Could be retired.</p>
<p>9. Decides to consider at its sixth meeting a process for reviewing paragraph 2 of Article 14, including the establishment of an ad hoc technical expert group, taking into account consideration of these issues within the framework of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, and the outcome of the workshop referred to in paragraph 8 of the present decision.</p>	<p>Ad hoc technical expert group established by decision VI/11.</p> <p>Could be retired.</p>

DECISION V/19. NATIONAL REPORTING*Overview of the decision*

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

Overall assessment and possible action by the Conference of the Parties

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

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
The Conference of the Parties, 1. Took note of recommendation V/13 of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice on guidelines for national reports;	Of continuing relevance. Should be retained.
2. Endorsed the format contained in annex I to the note by the Executive Secretary on national reporting as the recommended format for future national reports to be submitted by Parties in accordance with Article 26 of the Convention;	Provides the basis of the format for future national reports. Should be retained.
3. Requested the Executive Secretary to further develop this format to incorporate the views expressed by Parties and further questions arising from the decisions of its fifth meeting and to make the revised format available to Parties by Parties by September 2000;	The ES has further developed the guidelines for national report adopted at COP5 and made it available to Parties in September 2000. No further action is envisaged on this particular paragraph. Could be retired.
4. Is of the view that national reports developed in this format will help Parties to measure the state of national implementation of the Convention and to review national priorities and actions;	Of continuing relevance.
5. Requested Parties to submit their next national report: (a) By 15 May, 2001; (b) In an official language of the Conference of the Parties; (c) In both hard copy and electronic format;	Although the deadline for the submission of the national reports is long past, Parties continue to submit their respective reports. This paragraph is therefore of on-going relevance.
6. Recommended that Parties prepare their national reports through a consultative process involving all relevant stakeholders, as appropriate, or by drawing upon information developed through other consultative processes;	Recommendation remains relevant to the national reporting process.
7. Also invites Parties to prepare detailed thematic reports on one or more of the items for in-depth consideration at its ordinary meetings, thereby providing national contributions to the work of the Conference of Parties and its subsidiary bodies;	This paragraph is of continuing relevance.
8. Accordingly, invites Parties to submit to the Executive Secretary, reports on forest ecosystems, alien species and benefit-sharing for consideration at its sixth meeting: (a) (a) In accordance with the formats contained, respectively, in annexes II, III and IV of the note by the Executive Secretary on national reporting; (b) By, respectively, 15 May 2001, 30 September 2000, and 30 December 2000; (c) In an official language of the Conference of the Parties; (d) In both hard copy and electronic format;	Time-bound activity. Could be retired.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
<p>9. Requested the Executive Secretary to:</p> <p>(a) Prepare reports based on information contained in national reports for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its meeting, and make them available through the clearing-house mechanism;</p> <p>(b) Keep the format of national reports under review, and provide further advice to the Conference of the Parties on its revision;</p> <p>(c) Proceed with the further development and implementation of the proposals for streamlining national reporting contained in section 5.2 of the Feasibility study for a harmonized information management infrastructure for biodiversity-related treaties”, in collaboration with the secretariats of other biodiversity-related conventions, with a view to simplifying reporting procedures and reducing the burden of reporting on Parties, and report on progress to the Conference of the Parties at sixth meeting;</p>	<p>Ongoing activities.</p> <p>Paragraph 9(a): The Executive Secretary has prepared an analysis of information contained in the second national reports and presented to COP 6.</p> <p>Paragraph 9(b): The Executive Secretary has reviewed the format for national reports and presented recommendations for consideration at COP 6.</p> <p>Paragraph 9 (c): The Executive Secretary has been participating in the process coordinated by UNEP-WCMC for harmonizing national reporting under biodiversity-related conventions.</p>
<p>10. Invites organizations, such as the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Environment Programme, undertaking regional or global programmes providing support to Parties in biodiversity planning, including capacity development, to provide the Executive Secretary with information on programme activities and lessons learned.</p>	<p>Invitation still relevant.</p>

DECISION V/20: OPERATIONS OF THE CONVENTION

Overview of the decision

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

Overall assessment and possible action by Conference of the Parties

The elements of the decision relating to the Strategic Plan have been fully implemented and could be retired. Also, the elements relating to the review of the decisions of the Conference of the Parties and the review of implementation of the Convention have been superseded by subsequent decisions taken by COP 6 and 7; these could be retired.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
I. THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES	
<p>The Conference of the Parties,</p> <p>1. Decided to amend rule 4 of its rules of procedure by replacing paragraph 1 with the following paragraph: “1. Ordinary meetings of the Conference of the Parties shall be held every two years. The Conference of the Parties shall from time to time review the periodicity of its ordinary meetings in the light of the progress achieved in the implementation of the Convention.”</p>	<p>The decision to amend the rules of procedure has been taken by the COP and the rules have been amended.</p> <p>Could be retired..</p>

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2. Decided that its provisional agenda should include the following standing items: (a) Organizational matters; (b) Reports from subsidiary bodies, the financial mechanism and the Executive Secretary; (c) Review of the implementation of the programme of work; (d) Priority issues for review and guidance; and (e) Other matters;	Of continuing effect.
3. Decided that, to the extent possible, its decisions should identify expected outcomes, activities to achieve those outcomes, those to whom the decisions are directed and timetables for action and follow-up;	Of continuing effect and relevance.
4. Decided to review its previous decisions periodically in order to assess their status of implementation;	Superseded by decision VI/27B and VI/33. Could be retired.
5. Decided to amend its rules of procedure: (a) By replacing the first two sentences of paragraph 1 of rule 21 with the following sentences: "At the commencement of the first session of each ordinary meeting a President and ten Vice-Presidents, one of whom shall act as Rapporteur, are to be elected from among the representatives of the Parties. They shall serve as the bureau of the Conference of the Parties. The term of office of the President shall commence straight away and the terms of office of the Vice-Presidents shall commence upon the closure of the meeting at which they are elected."; and (b) By replacing the first two sentences of paragraph 2 of rule 21 with the following sentences: "The President shall remain in office until a new President is elected at the commencement of the next ordinary meeting and the Vice-Presidents shall remain in office until the closure of the next ordinary meeting. They shall serve as the bureau of any extraordinary meeting held during their term of office and provide guidance to the Secretariat with regard to preparations for, and conduct of, meetings of the Conference of the Parties."; and (c) By replacing the words "a President for the meeting" in rule 25 with "a new President";	The decision to amend the rules of procedure has been taken by the COP and the rules have been amended. Could be retired.
6. Decided to review the effectiveness of the changes referred to in paragraph 5 of the present decision, in the light of experience, at its seventh meeting;	Superseded by paragraph 7 of decision VII/33. Could be retired.
7. Decided to revise its procedures for decision-making regarding administrative and financial matters with a view to ensuring: (a) Transparency; (b) Participation; and (c) Full consideration of its other decisions;	The decision is of continuing relevance and effect.
8. Decides that guidance to the financial mechanism should be incorporated into a single decision, including the identification of priority issues which will provide support for cross-cutting issues and capacity-building, especially for developing countries, in a manner that: (a) Is transparent; (b) Allows participation; and (c) Allows full consideration of its other decisions;	Of continuing relevance.
9. Requests the Executive Secretary to limit the number of pre-session documents for any of its meetings, to keep them as short as feasible, if possible less than 15 pages, and to include an executive summary in each;	Of continuing effect.
II. STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE CONVENTION	
10. Decides to prepare and develop a Strategic Plan for the Convention, with a view to considering and adopting the Strategic Plan at its sixth meeting;	Strategic Plan adopted at COP 6 (see decision VI/26). Could be retired.

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11. Decided that the Strategic Plan shall be based on the longer-term programmes of work of the Conference of the Parties and of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, and that the Strategic Plan shall provide strategic and operational guidance for the implementation of these programmes of work;	Strategic Plan adopted at COP 6 (see decision VI/26). Could be retired
12. Decided that the Strategic Plan will initially cover the period 2002-2010;	Strategic Plan adopted at COP 6 (see decision VI/26). Could be retired
13. Decided that the Strategic Plan shall contain a set of operational goals that the Conference of the Parties has decided that it wishes to be achieved in the period covered by the Strategic Plan, and that these operational goals shall relate to the following three main areas of work: (a) The thematic programmes; (b) Cross-cutting issues and initiatives; and (c) The implementation of the provisions of the Convention;	Strategic Plan adopted at COP 6 (see decision VI/26). Could be retired
14. Decided that these operational goals shall reflect levels of elaboration, progress of development, stages of implementation, state of knowledge and capacities, and degrees of cooperation, with respect to the three main areas of work;	Strategic Plan adopted at COP 6 (see decision VI/26). Could be retired
15. Decided that within each of these goals, the Strategic Plan shall identify, as far as possible, the following parameters: (a) Planned activities; (b) The expected products; (c) The timing of each of these activities and products; (d) The actors carrying out these activities and cooperation with relevant organizations; (e) The mechanisms used to realize and/or support the goals and activities, or to generate the expected products; and (f) Financial, human-resource and other capacity requirements;	Strategic Plan adopted at COP 6 (see decision VI/26). Could be retired
16. Requested the Executive Secretary to develop the Strategic Plan, in accordance with the above parameters, and including options where appropriate, and to engage in a participatory process that ensures: (a) Incorporation of the views of Parties and the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties; (b) Consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and its Bureau, and other relevant subsidiary bodies of the Convention on matters relevant to their mandates; and (c) Input from other interested countries and organizations; with a view to preparing a full draft Strategic Plan in time for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting;	Implemented. Strategic Plan adopted at COP 6 (see decision VI/26). Could be retired
III. OPERATIONS OF THE SUBSIDIARY BODY ON SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE	
17. Decided that meetings of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific Technical and Technological Advice should take place every year;	Superseded by decision VIII/10. Could be retired.
18. Decided that the Chair of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice or other members of the Bureau authorized by him or her may represent the Subsidiary Body at meetings of the scientific bodies of other conventions and relevant biological-diversity-related conventions, institutions and processes;	Superseded by decision VIII/10. Could be retired.
19. Encouraged the Bureau of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice to hold meetings with equivalent bodies of other relevant biological-diversity-related conventions, institutions and processes;	Superseded by decision VIII/10. Could be retired.
20. Recognized that in certain cases it will be appropriate for the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice to make recommendations that include options or alternatives;	Superseded by decision VIII/10. Could be retired.
21. Decided that the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice may establish ad hoc technical expert groups and	Superseded by decision VIII/10.

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adopt terms of reference for them, and shall seek ways to ensure transparency in the choice of experts and the rationalization of meetings, and decides to give effect to this by amending paragraph 12 (c) of the modus operandi of the Subsidiary Body (decision IV/16, annex I) to read: “(c) Within the available budgetary resources, the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice will determine the exact duration and specific terms of reference when establishing such expert groups under the guidance of the Conference of the Parties;”	Could be retired.
22. Confirms that the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, within the available budgetary resources for matters related to its mandate, may make requests to the Executive Secretary and utilize the clearing-house mechanism, and other appropriate means, to assist in the preparation of its meetings;	Superseded by decision VIII/10. Could be retired.
23. Decided to make an assessment at its sixth meeting of the recommendations made to it by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice with a view to providing guidance to the Subsidiary Body on ways to improve its inputs;	Superseded by decision VI/27B, paragraphs 6-8. Could be retired.
24. Decided that the guidance to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice contained in specific decisions of a meeting of the Conference of the Parties should take into account the need for a coherent and realistic programme of work for the Subsidiary Body, including the identification of priority issues, allowing flexibility in timing, and agrees that the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice may, if necessary, adjust the timing of its consideration of issues;	Superseded by decision VIII/10. Could be retired.
25. Recognized that there is a need to improve the quality of the scientific, technical and technological advice provided to the Conference of the Parties, and to undertake sound scientific and technical assessments, including in-depth assessments of the state of knowledge on issues critical for the implementation of the Convention;	Superseded by decision VIII/10. Could be retired.
26. Requested the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice to continue to improve the way it conducts its scientific, technical and technological work in order to improve the quality of its advice to the Conference of the Parties;	Superseded by decision VIII/10. Could be retired.
27. Decided that, in its scientific, technical and technological work and, in particular, scientific assessments, the Convention should make use of existing programmes and activities of the Convention or of other bodies and of expertise made available by Parties;	Superseded by decision VIII/10. Could be retired.
28. Noted the report of the brainstorming meeting on scientific assessment (UNEP/CBD/COP/5/INF/1), and refers it to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice for consideration and, where appropriate, use in its work;	Implemented. SBSTTA considered the report. Could be retired.
29. Requested the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice: (a) To identify and, where needed, further develop, procedures and methods to undertake or participate in scientific assessments, or make use of existing ones, taking into account considerations of participation, effectiveness and costs; (b) To undertake a limited number of pilot scientific assessment projects, in preparation for the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, and to invite, among others, the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment to work closely together with the Subsidiary Body in this area; and to facilitate and support the implementation of these projects; and, at an appropriate stage, to carry out an evaluation of them; (c) To develop further its methodologies for scientific assessment, and to provide advice to Parties on scientific assessment design and	Paragraphs (a), (c) and (d) superseded by decision VIII/10. These could be retired. Paragraphs (b) and (e) were implemented in preparation for COP 6. Could be retired.

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<p>implementation;</p> <p>(d) To identify and regularly update, within the context of its programme of work, assessment priorities and information needs;</p> <p>(e) To review the implementation of decision II/1 relating to the Global Biodiversity Outlook and provide the results of that review to the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting, together with advice on means to enhance implementation and/or any desirable amendments to the decision;</p>	
<p>30. Noted the proposed uniform methodology for the use of the roster of experts, set out in annex I to recommendation V/14 of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, and refers this to the Subsidiary Body and the Executive Secretary for consideration and, where appropriate, use in their work;</p>	<p>Superseded by decision VIII/10.</p> <p>Could be retired.</p>
<p>31. Encourages Parties, other Governments and relevant bodies when nominating their experts for inclusion in the roster to consider:</p> <p>(a) Gender balance;</p> <p>(b) Involvement of indigenous people and members of local communities;</p> <p>(c) Range of relevant disciplines and expertise, including, <i>inter alia</i>, biological, legal, social and economic sciences, and traditional knowledge;</p>	<p>Superseded by decision VIII/10.</p> <p>Could be retired.</p>
<p>32. Decided that every effort should be made to promote the development of the clearing-house mechanism with respect to its role in facilitating the transfer of technology and know-how through exchanging and disseminating information, and in enhancing capacity-building, especially at the national level, taking into account the review of the mechanism;</p>	<p>Superseded by decision VII/29 on technology transfer & technology cooperation.</p> <p>Could be retired.</p>
<p>33. Recognized that activities at the sub-regional and regional levels, including existing regional processes established for other biological-diversity-related purposes, have an important role to play in preparing for Convention meetings and enhancing implementation of the Convention, and called on Parties to participate actively in suitable sub-regional and regional activities, as well as on the Executive Secretary, subject to necessary voluntary contributions, to facilitate the involvement in such sub-regional and regional activities of developing country Parties, in particular the least developed and small island developing States, and other Parties with economies in transition;</p>	<p>This paragraph has been superseded by decision VI/27B (paras. 11-13) where the role of regional and sub-regional mechanisms and processes is elaborated in greater detail.</p> <p>Could be retired.</p>
<p>34. Requested the Executive Secretary to continue enhancing communication with the Parties through the notification system for the Convention with respect to inter-sessional activities, documents received, selection of experts for technical panels, peer-review processes initiated by the Executive Secretary, and liaison groups and other expert bodies, and to make such information available through the clearing-house mechanism save to the extent that an expert objects to the release of information concerning him or her;</p>	<p>Of continuing relevance and effect.</p>
<p>35. Decided to improve the functioning of the existing operational procedures for the conduct of meetings under the Convention, particularly to allow small delegations to participate more effectively, including in relation to the scheduling of agenda items and dealing with timetable changes;</p>	<p>COP decision VI/27B addressed the issues of participation and procedures under the Convention (paras. 14-19).</p> <p>Could be retired.</p>
<p>36. Called on the Executive Secretary to use national reports, as appropriate, to gather focused information as part of the preparatory process for issues in the work programme, and decided to reflect this approach in its decisions on national reports arising from work agreed to in decision IV/14, on national reports by Parties;</p>	<p>Of continuing relevance and effect.</p>
IV. IMPLEMENTATION	
<p>37. Decided that it is necessary to enhance the review and facilitation of implementation of the Convention;</p>	<p>Superseded by decision VII/30 (paragraph 23) that established the Ad</p>

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	Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention. Could be retired.
38. Decided to hold an open-ended inter-sessional meeting, to assist with preparations for the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The meeting will be of three days duration and is to be held in conjunction with an existing meeting. The meeting will consider, and to the extent possible develop draft elements of decisions on, the following topics: (a) Preparation of the Strategic Plan for the Convention; (b) The second national reports; and. (c) Means to support implementation of the Convention, in particular, implementation of priority actions in national biodiversity strategies and action plans;	Implemented. See report of the meeting to COP 6 (UNEP/CBD/COP/6/5). Could be retired.
39. Decided to review at its sixth meeting, in the light of this experience, the role of inter-sessional processes in enhancing implementation of the Convention;	COP 6 did not undertake this review. COP 7 by its decision VII/30 (paragraph 23) established the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention, whose mandate includes the review of the impact and effectiveness of existing processes. Could be retired.
40. Decided to enhance further the functions of sub-regional and regional processes in preparing for meetings under the Convention and in promoting the implementation of the Convention at the regional, sub-regional and national levels;	Superseded by decision VI/27B that addressed the role of regional and sub-regional mechanisms and processes in greater detail. Could be retired.
41. Requested the Executive Secretary to provide an overview of existing mechanisms and processes for review of national implementation of environmental instruments, and invited Parties to undertake, on a voluntary basis, a review of national programmes and needs related to the implementation of the Convention and, if appropriate, to inform the Executive Secretary accordingly.	Of continuing relevance.

DECISION V/21: COOPERATION WITH OTHER BODIES

Overview of the decision

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

Overall assessment and possible action by the Conference of the Parties

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

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The Conference of the Parties,	
1. Took note of ongoing cooperation activities;	Could be retired.
2. Invited the Executive Secretary to strengthen cooperation, particularly in the area of scientific and technical assessment of biodiversity, bearing in mind the importance of biodiversity assessments in identifying emerging issues and reviewing the programmes of work and the impact of measures taken under the Convention;	Legislative authority. The decision is of continuing effect.
3. Invited the Executive Secretary to strengthen the cooperation with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, including its Kyoto Protocol, on relevant issues such as dry and sub-humid lands, forest biological diversity, coral reefs, and incentive measures;	Superseded by decision VI/20 on cooperation (paras. 9-14) and VII/15 on biodiversity and climate change. Could be retired.
4. Welcomed and endorses the second joint work plan (2000-2001) between the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/5/INF/12), and commended it as a useful example of future cooperation between the Convention on Biological Diversity and other environmental conventions;	Superseded by decision VI/20 (paras. 15 & 16) which endorsed the third joint work plan with the Ramsar Convention (2002-2006). Could be retired.
5. Noted that the second joint work plan between the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands includes a range of cooperative actions in relation to several ecosystem themes and cross-cutting issues of the Convention on Biological Diversity, as well as proposing actions to harmonize institutional processes, and requests the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the Executive Secretary to take these actions fully into consideration in furthering the respective programmes of work for these areas;	Superseded by decision VI/20 (paragraphs 15 & 16), which endorsed the third joint work plan with the Ramsar Convention (2002-2006). Could be retired.
6. Recalling decision III/21, takes note of the United Nations Environment Programme/Convention on Migratory Species study on the complementarities between the Convention on Migratory Species and the Convention on Biological Diversity (UNEP/CBD/COP/5/INF/28);	Superseded by decision VI/20 (paragraphs 17-23) that endorsed the joint work programme with CMS. Could be retired.
7. Requested the Executive Secretary to take the study into consideration and, in collaboration with the Secretariat of the Convention on Migratory Species, to develop a proposal on how migratory species could be integrated into the work programme of the Convention on Biological Diversity, and the role the Convention on Migratory Species could play in the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity with regard to, <i>inter alia</i> , the ecosystem approach, the Global Taxonomy Initiative, indicators, assessments and monitoring, protected areas, public education and awareness, and sustainable use, including tourism;	Implemented. The Executive Secretary developed a proposal that was submitted to SBSTTA 6 (see document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/6/12). Could be retired.
8. Requested the Executive Secretary to submit the proposal referred to in paragraph 7 above for review by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice prior to the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and requested the Subsidiary Body to provide advice to the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting;	Implemented. The Executive Secretary developed a proposal that was submitted to SBSTTA 6 (see document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/6/12). SBSTTA provided advice to COP in its recommendation VI/8. Could be retired.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
9. Took note of the International Biodiversity Observation Year of DIVERSITAS, to take place from 2001 to 2002, and requested the Executive Secretary and invited Parties, to find ways and means of collaborating with this initiative and ensure complementarity with the initiative foreseen to be undertaken by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity to increase scientific knowledge and public awareness of the crucial role of biodiversity for sustainable development;	Implemented. Could be retired.
10. Requested the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice to identify opportunities for collaboration with the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment in contributing to the assessment needs of the Convention, in particular through the pilot scientific assessment projects referred to in paragraph 29 (b) of decision V/20;	Implemented. SBSTTA 6 addressed the issue on the basis of a Note by the Executive Secretary (see UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/6/3) and provided recommendation VI/5 to COP. Could be retired.
11. Decided to accept the invitation of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment to be represented in the Executive Committee, nominates for this purpose the Chair of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the Executive Secretary, and directed that the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice be kept informed on developments and progress;	The MA process has successfully concluded. Superseded by decision VIII/9. Could be retired.
12. Recognized the importance of the Global Biodiversity Forum as a mechanism for building understanding and capacity in implementing the Convention, and encouraged support of the Global Biodiversity Forum process.	Remains valid.

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

Overview of the decision

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

Overall assessment and possible action by the Conference of the Parties

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

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
The Conference of the Parties, 1. Approved a programme budget of US\$8,594,000 for the year 2001 and of US\$10,049,900 for the year 2002, for the purposes listed in table 1 (below);	Could be retired.
2. Adopted the indicative scale of contributions for 2001 and 2002 contained in the annex to the present decision;	Could be retired.
3. Approved the staffing table for the programme budget contained in table 2 below and requested that all staff positions be filled expeditiously;	Superseded by subsequent decisions Could be retired.
4. Approved a drawing of US\$ 5,203,200 from the unspent	Could be retired.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
balances or contributions ("carry-over") from previous financial periods to cover part of the 2001-2002 budget;	
5. Authorized the Executive Secretary to transfer resources among the programmes within the limits agreed to in decisions IV/17 and III/23, namely the ability to transfer between each of the main appropriation lines set out in table 1 up to an aggregate of 15 per cent of the total programme budget, provided that a further limitation of up to a maximum of 25 per cent of each such appropriation line shall apply;	Superseded by subsequent decisions Could be retired.
6. Noted with concern that a number of Parties have not paid their contributions to the core budget (BY Trust Fund) for previous years, which are due on 1 January of each year in accordance with paragraph 4 of the financial rules, and the late payment of contributions to the core budget by Parties during each calendar year of a biennium, which have contributed to the significant carry-over from one biennium to the next, and, in the event that there is no improvement in the payment of contributions by Parties, invited the Executive Secretary to submit proposals for promoting full and timely payment of contributions by Parties for the consideration and review of the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties;	A review has been undertaken by COP-7 and guidelines established on the basis of proposals by the Executive Secretary (see decision VII/34). Could be retired.
7. Urged Parties that have still not paid their contributions to the core budget (BY Trust Fund) to do so without delay, and requested the Executive Secretary to publish and regularly update information on the status of contributions of Parties to the Convention's trust funds (BY, BE, BZ);	Of continuing relevance and effect.
8. Decided, with regard to contributions due from 1 January 2001 onwards, that Parties whose contributions are in arrears for two or more years will be allowed to attend the meetings of the Convention's bodies with a maximum of two delegates until their arrears have been cleared;	Superseded by decision VII/ (paragraph 15) that established new guidelines. Could be retired.
9. Further decided that, with regard to contributions due from 1 January 2001 onwards, Parties that are not least developed countries or small island developing States whose contributions are in arrears for two or more years, will not receive funding from the Secretariat to attend meetings of the Convention's bodies until their arrears have been cleared;	Superseded by decision VII/ (paragraph 15) that established new guidelines. Could be retired.
10. Authorized the Executive Secretary to enter into commitments up to the level of the approved budget, drawing on available cash resources, including unspent balances, contributions from previous financial periods and miscellaneous income;	Of continuing effect.
11. Decided also to fund, upon request, from the core budget (BY) the participation of members of the bureaux of the Conference of the Parties, Subsidiary Body on Scientific Technical and Technological Advice and the Intergovernmental Committee on the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety at the inter-sessional meetings of the respective bureaux;	Superseded by decisions VI/29 (paragraph 15) and VII/34 (paragraph 19). Could be retired.
12. Took note of the decisions of the Bureau of the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties authorizing the Executive Secretary to utilize savings, unspent balances from	Superseded by subsequent decisions. Could be retired.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
previous financial periods and miscellaneous income in the amount of US\$ 1,565,000 from the BY Trust Fund to fund the participation of developing country Parties, in particular the least developed and small island developing States, and other Parties with economies in transition, in the meetings of the Convention and requested the Executive Secretary, in consultation with the Bureau, to monitor the availability of voluntary contributions to the BZ Trust Fund in the event of any shortfall;	
13. Decided that the trust funds (BY, BE, BZ) for the Convention shall be extended for the period of two years, beginning 1 January 2002 and ending 31 December 2003;	Superseded by subsequent decisions. Could be retired.
14. Invited all Parties to the Convention to note that contributions to the core budget (BY) are due on 1 January of the year in which the these contributions have been budgeted for, and to pay them promptly, and urged Parties, in a position to do so, to pay by 1 October 2000 for the calendar year 2001 and by 1 October 2001 for the calendar year 2002 the contributions required to finance expenditures approved under paragraph 1 above, as offset by the amount in paragraph 4, and, in this regard, requested that Parties be notified of the amount of their contributions by 1 August of the year preceding the year in which the contributions are due;	Superseded by subsequent decisions. Could be retired.
15. Urged all Parties and States not Parties to the Convention, as well as governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and other sources, to contribute to the trust funds (BY, BE, BZ) of the Convention;	Of continuing relevance and effect.
16. Took note of the funding estimates for the Special Voluntary Trust Fund (BE) for Additional Voluntary Contributions in Support of Approved Activities for the Biennium 2001-2002 specified by the Executive Secretary and included in table 3 below, and urged Parties to make contributions to this Fund;	Superseded by subsequent decisions. Could be retired.
17. Took note of the funding estimates for the special voluntary Trust Fund (BZ) for facilitating participation of developing country Parties, in particular the least developed and the small island developing States amongst them, and other Parties with economies in transition, for the biennium 2001-2002, as specified by the Executive Secretary and included in table 4 below, and urged Parties to make contributions to this Fund;	Superseded by subsequent decisions. Could be retired.
18. Authorized the Executive Secretary, in consultation with the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties, to adjust the servicing of the programme of the work, including postponement of meetings, if sufficient resources are not available to the Secretariat in a timely fashion;	Of continuing relevance and effect.
19. Requested the Executive Secretary to prepare and submit a budget for the programme of work for the biennium 2003-2004 for the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, and report on income and budget performance as well as any adjustments made to the Convention budget for the biennium 2001-2002;	Implemented. Two reports were submitted to the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting (UNEP/CBD/COP/6/10) and (UNEP/CBD/COP/6/16). Could be retired.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
20. Instructed the Executive Secretary, in an effort to improve the efficiency of the Secretariat and to attract highly qualified staff to the Secretariat, to enter into direct administrative and contractual arrangements with Parties and organizations - in response to offers of human resources and other support to the Secretariat - as may be necessary for the effective discharge of the functions of the Secretariat, while ensuring the efficient use of available competencies, resources and services, and taking into account United Nations rules and regulations. Special attention should be given to possibilities of creating synergies with relevant, existing work programmes or activities that are being implemented within the framework of other international organizations;	Of continuing relevance and effect.
21. Requested the President of the Conference of the Parties to consult with the Secretary-General of the United Nations on an assessment of the level of the post of the Executive Secretary of the Convention and report to the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties, taking into account paragraph 1 of the Administrative Arrangements endorsed in decision IV/17.	Implemented. Could be retired.

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

Overview of the decision

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

Overall Assessment & Action by the Conference of the Parties

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

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
The Conference of the Parties, 1. Established a programme of work on the biological diversity of dryland, Mediterranean, arid, semi-arid, grassland, and savannah ecosystems, which may also be known as the programme on “dry and sub-humid lands”, bearing in mind the close linkages between poverty and loss of biological diversity in these areas;	Of continuing relevance and effect.
2. Endorsed the programme of work contained in annex I to the present decision;	Of continuing relevance and effect.
3. Urged Parties, countries, international and regional organizations, major groups and other relevant bodies to implement it, to support scientifically, technically and financially its activities at the national and regional levels and to foster cooperation among countries within regions and subregions sharing similar biomes;	Of continuing relevance and effect.
4. Endorsed the indicative list of levels of implementation and coordination for the various activities which are	Of continuing relevance and effect.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
proposed in annex II, and the process described in the paragraphs 5, 6 and 7 below, and illustrated in annex III;	
5. Requests the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice to review and assess periodically the status and trends of the biological diversity of dry and sub-humid lands on the basis of the outputs of the activities of the programme of work, and made recommendations for the further prioritization, refinement and scheduling of the programme of work based on the review by the Executive Secretary referred to in paragraph 8 below;	Of continuing relevance and effect.
6. Requested the Executive Secretary to review this programme of work and identify expected outcomes, further activities to achieve these outcomes, those who should implement these activities, and timetables for action and follow-up, taking into account the suggestions of the technical group of experts, and to present these to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice for consideration at a following meeting. This process should be carried out in close collaboration with the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification and other relevant bodies to provide synergy and avoid duplication;	<p>The report of the AHTEG was submitted to COP 6 (see UNEP/CBD/COP/6/INF/39).</p> <p>The Executive Secretary undertook a review of the programme of work in collaboration with UNCCD through a liaison group and presented a report to SBSTTA 7 (see UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/7/4).</p> <p>Could be retired.</p>
7. Requested the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice to establish an ad hoc technical group of experts with the following tasks: (a) Consolidate and assess information on the status and trends of biodiversity of dry and sub-humid lands, on the possible establishment of an international network of dry and sub-humid areas of particular value for biodiversity, on indicators, on processes affecting biodiversity, on global benefits derived from biodiversity, and on the socio-economic impacts of its loss, including the interrelationship between biodiversity and poverty; (b) Assess the progress and the effects of the specific measures that have been taken for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, for resource management and for the support of sustainable livelihoods; (c) Assess international priorities set up at the regional and global levels and make proposals for expected outcomes, further activities, possible actors that may implement them, and timetables for action;	<p>The report of the AHTEG was submitted to COP 6 (see UNEP/CBD/COP/6/INF/39).</p> <p>Could be retired.</p>
8. Requested the Executive Secretary to collaborate with the Secretariat of the Convention to Combat Desertification, including through the development of a joint work programme, drawing upon the elements contained in the note by the Executive Secretary on coordination between the Convention on Biological diversity and the Convention to Combat Desertification (UNEP/CBD/COP/5/INF/15), as well as with other relevant bodies, in the implementation and further elaboration of the programme of work and further requested the Executive Secretary to seek inputs from and collaborate with countries with sub-humid lands, and with other bodies relevant to sub-humid lands;	<p>A joint work programme was agreed with UNCCD (see UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/7/4).</p> <p>Could be retired.</p>
9. Requested the Executive Secretary to establish a roster of experts on the biological diversity of dry and sub-humid lands. This should be carried out in close collaboration with	Implemented but of continuing relevance and effect.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
the Executive Secretary of the Convention to Combat Desertification and other relevant bodies to provide synergy and avoid duplication;	
10. Requested the Executive Secretary to make available relevant information on the biological diversity of dry and sub-humid lands through various means, including the development in the clearing-house mechanism of a database on dry and sub-humid lands;	Of continuing relevance and effect
11. Invited bilateral and international funding agencies to provide support for the implementation of the activities of the programme of work on the biodiversity of dry and sub-humid lands, in particular for capacity-building in developing countries and countries with economies in transition.	Of continuing relevance and effect

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

Overview of the decision

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

Overall assessment and possible action by the Conference of the Parties

Several elements of the decision are of continuing relevance.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
The Conference of the Parties, 1. Requested the Executive Secretary to invite organizations involved in sustainable-use initiatives, and other relevant organizations, to gather, compile and disseminate through the clearing-house mechanism and other means, case-studies on best practices and lessons learned from the use of biological diversity under the thematic areas of the Convention, drawing on the experience of Parties, Governments, relevant organizations, the private sector and indigenous and local communities;	This guidance has been superseded by decision VII/12, paragraph 2(b). Could be retired.
2. Commended to the Executive Secretary the process being used to develop the ecosystem approach and requests him, together with relevant organizations, to adapt and immediately initiate that process for relevant work on sustainable use;	The process has been applied in the four workshops on sustainable use (see decision VI/13). Could be retired.
3. Requested the Executive Secretary to assemble, in collaboration with relevant organizations, drawing from an assessment of the case-studies referred to in paragraph 1 above, and the process referred to in paragraph 2 above, practical principles, operational guidelines and associated instruments, and guidance specific to sectors and biomes, which would assist Parties and Governments to develop ways to achieve the sustainable use of biological diversity, within the framework of the ecosystem approach, and to present a progress report for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice	Progress report prepared and presented at SBSTTA-9 (see document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/9). Could be retired.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
prior to the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;	
4. Invited Parties and Governments to identify indicators and incentive measures for sectors relevant to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity;	Superseded by paragraphs 5 and 7 of decision VII/12. Indicators and incentives are also covered by paragraphs 5 and 7 as well as the Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines for the Sustainable Use of Biodiversity, under principles 1, 2, 3, 11. Could be retired.
5. Invited Parties, Governments and relevant organizations to undertake appropriate actions to assist other Parties, especially developing countries and countries with economies in transition, to increase their capacity to implement sustainable-use practices, programmes and policies at regional, national and local levels, especially in pursuit of poverty alleviation. Appropriate actions may include: (a) Workshops; (b) Assistance to Parties in the identification of sectors where priority action is required; (c) Assistance to Parties in the development of appropriate action plans; (d) Information dissemination and appropriate technology transfer under mutually agreed terms;	Ongoing. Four workshops were organized by the Secretariat with financial assistance from the Governments of the Netherlands and Norway. Part b, c and d are still valid.
6. Urged Parties, Governments and organizations to develop or explore mechanisms to involve the private sector and indigenous and local communities in initiatives on the sustainable use of biological diversity, and in mechanisms to ensure that indigenous and local communities benefit from such sustainable use;	The involvement of the private sector is included in paragraph 8 of decision VII/12 and Addis Ababa principle 9. Likewise, the involvement of Indigenous and Local communities is included in paragraph 6 of decision VII/12 and is addressed by most of the Addis Ababa principles and particularly by principle 12. Could be retired.
7. Recognized that sustainable use can be an effective tool in imbuing value to biodiversity, and invites Parties to identify areas for conservation that would benefit through the sustainable use of biological diversity, and to communicate this information to the Executive Secretary	Ongoing.

DECISION V/25: BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY AND TOURISM

Overview of the decision

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

Overall assessment and possible action by the Conference of the Parties

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

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
The Conference of the Parties,	
1. Endorsed the assessment of the inter-linkages between biological diversity and tourism contained in the annex to the	Included in the goals of the CBD Guidelines on Biodiversity and Tourism Development,

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
<p>present decision, which includes:</p> <p>(a) The economic importance of tourism and its interrelationship with the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity; The potential impacts of tourism on biological diversity, including economic, social and environmental impacts;</p>	<p>paragraph 23 item 4, paragraph 32.</p> <p>Could be retired.</p>
<p>2. Accepted the invitation to participate in the international work programme on sustainable tourism development under the Commission on Sustainable Development process with regard to biological diversity, in particular, with a view to contributing to international guidelines for activities related to sustainable tourism development in vulnerable terrestrial, marine and coastal ecosystems and habitats of major importance for biological diversity and protected areas, including fragile riparian and mountain ecosystems, bearing in mind the need for such guidelines to apply to activities both within and outside protected areas, and taking into account existing guidelines, and requests the Executive Secretary to prepare a proposal for the contribution on guidelines, for example by convening an international workshop;</p>	<p>The CBD participated in the CSD process.</p> <p>Workshop was organized and the guidelines developed. COP-7 adopted the CBD Guidelines on Biodiversity and Tourism Development.</p> <p>Could be retired.</p>
<p>3. Decided to transmit the assessment of the inter-linkages between tourism and biological diversity to the Commission on Sustainable Development, with the recommendation to the Commission on Sustainable Development to incorporate the assessment in the international work programme on sustainable tourism development;</p>	<p>Assessment was transmitted to CSD.</p> <p>Could be retired</p>
<p>4. Recommended to Parties, Governments, the tourism industry and relevant international organizations, in particular the World Tourism Organization, to consider this assessment as a basis for their policies, programmes and activities in the field of sustainable tourism, and encourages them to pay particular attention to:</p> <p>a) The unique role of ecotourism - that is, tourism that relies on the existence and maintenance of biological diversity and habitats - and the need to develop clear strategies to develop sustainable ecotourism sectors which provides for full and effective participation and viable income-generating opportunities for indigenous and local communities;</p> <p>(b) The need to develop, with all the potential stakeholders, strategies and plans, based on the ecosystem approach and aiming at a balance between economic, social, cultural and environmental concerns, while maximizing opportunities for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, the equitable sharing of benefits and the recognition of traditional knowledge, in accordance with Article 8(j) of the Convention, and seeking to minimize risks to biological diversity;</p> <p>(c) The need for long-term monitoring and assessment, including the development and use of indicators to measure impacts of tourism on biological diversity and consequently to improve strategies and plans for tourism activities;</p> <p>(d) Tangible benefits to the local economies, such as job creation and the sharing of benefits arising from the sustainable use of biological diversity for tourism purposes. In this regard, small and medium-sized enterprises can play a major role;</p> <p>(e) The need to develop sustainable tourism which is an important mechanism for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, and to meet the expectations of all stakeholders, while encouraging responsible behaviour on the part of tourists and the</p>	<p>Assessment and recommendations were transmitted to relevant organizations.</p> <p>This guidance has been superseded by decision VII/14.</p> <p>Could be retired.</p>

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
<p>tourist industry, tourism enterprises and the local population;</p> <p>(f) Awareness-raising, information-sharing, education and training of tourism operators and their staff and sensitization of tourists on biological diversity issues and technical and capacity-building at the local level, which enhance the goal of the respect and the conservation of biological diversity and its sustainable use;</p> <p>(g) The fact that in order to contribute to the sustainable use of biological diversity through tourism, there is a need to implement a flexible mix of instruments, such as integrated planning, multi-stakeholder dialogue that includes indigenous peoples, zoning in land-use planning, environmental impact assessment, strategic environmental assessment, standards, industry performance-recognition programmes, recognized accreditation bodies, ecolabelling, codes of good practice, environmental management and audit systems, economic instruments, indicators and limits regarding the carrying capacity of the natural areas;</p> <p>(h) The importance of the involvement and the need for the participation of indigenous and local communities and their interface with other sectors in the development and management of tourism, as well as their monitoring and assessment, including of cultural and spiritual impacts;</p> <p>(i) The importance of the understanding of the values and knowledge of use of biological diversity held by the indigenous and local communities and the opportunities these offer for sustainable tourism and the support of local tourism;</p>	
<p>5. Endorsed the work of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice on tourism as an example of sustainable use of biological diversity by exchanging experiences, knowledge and best practices through the clearing-house mechanism, and encourages Parties, Governments and relevant organizations to continue to submit to the Executive Secretary case-studies in this regard;</p>	<p>The use of the clearing-house mechanism to collect and disseminate information on case studies and best practices is specifically addressed in paragraph 3(c) of decision VII/14.</p> <p>Could be retired.</p>
<p>6. In order to contribute further to the international work programme on sustainable tourism development under the Commission on Sustainable Development process with regard to biological diversity, and, in particular, to the review of its implementation, which will be carried out in 2002, requests the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice to transmit its findings, through the Executive Secretary, to the Commission on Sustainable Development at its tenth session;</p>	<p>The first draft of the guidelines were transmitted to and considered by CSD-10.</p> <p>Could be retired.</p>
<p>7. Encouraged Parties, Governments, the tourism industry and relevant organizations to undertake activities including local capacity-building, that would be supportive of the preparations for both the International Year of Ecotourism and the International Year of Mountains, as well as activities of the International Coral Reef Initiative, and in particular:</p> <p>(a) Urges the tourism industry to work in partnership with all stakeholders and to commit to work within principles and guidelines for sustainable tourism development;</p> <p>(b) Encourages Parties and Governments to complement voluntary efforts by establishing enabling policies and legal frameworks for the effective implementation of sustainable tourism.</p>	<p>Activities were undertaken at the time of the two events.</p> <p>Decision VII/14 contains relevant provisions on capacity-building.</p> <p>Could be retired</p>

DECISION V/26: ACCESS TO GENETIC RESOURCES

Overview of the decision

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

Overall assessment and possible action by the Conference of the Parties

A number of elements of this decision remain relevant. Paragraphs A7-10; A15; B3-4; C1-3 and 5 could be retired.

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE DECISION	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
A. Access and benefit-sharing arrangements	
The Conference of the Parties,	
1. Requested Parties to designate a national focal point and one or more competent national authorities, as appropriate, to be responsible for access and benefit-sharing arrangements or to provide information on such arrangements within its jurisdiction;	Process is ongoing.
2. Requested Parties to notify the Executive Secretary of the names and addresses of its focal points and competent authorities;	Ongoing
3. Urged Parties to ensure that national biodiversity strategies as well as legislative, administrative or policy measures on access and benefit-sharing contribute to conservation and sustainable-use objectives;	Ongoing.
4. Recognizing the importance for Parties to promote trust-building and transparency in order to facilitate the exchange of genetic resources, particularly with regard to the implementation of Article 15 of the Convention: (a) Urged Parties to pay particular attention to their obligations under Articles 15, 16 and 19 of the Convention, and requests them to report to the Conference of the Parties on the measures they have taken to this effect; (b) Noted that legislative, administrative or policy measures for access and benefit-sharing need to promote flexibility, while recognizing the need for sufficient regulation of access to genetic resources to promote the objectives of the Convention; (c) Noted that all countries are providers and recipients of genetic resources, and urges recipient countries to adopt, appropriate to national circumstances, legislative, administrative or policy measures consistent with the objectives of the Convention that are supportive of efforts made by provider countries to ensure that access to their genetic resources for scientific, commercial and other uses, and associated knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities embodying traditional lifestyles relevant to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, as appropriate, is subject to Articles 15, 16 and 19 of the Convention, unless otherwise determined by that provider country; (d) Recognizing the complexity of this issue, with particular consideration of the multiplicity of prior informed consent considerations, invited Parties to cooperate further to find practical and equitable solutions to this issue;	Of continuing relevance and effect.
5. Noted that the promotion of a comprehensive legal and administrative system may facilitate access to and use of genetic resources and contribute to mutually agreed terms in line with the aims of the Convention;	Of continuing relevance and effect
6. Noted that, in the absence of comprehensive legislation and	Promotion of guidelines, in particular the

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national strategies for access and benefit-sharing, voluntary measures, including guidelines, may help ensure realization of the objectives of the Convention, and to that end invites the Parties to consider promotion of their use;	implementation of the Bonn Guidelines is still relevant.
7. Stresses that it is important that, in developing national legislation on access, Parties take into account and allow for the development of a multilateral system to facilitate access and benefit-sharing in the context of the International Undertaking on Plant Genetic Resources, which is currently being revised.	The International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture was adopted on 3 November 2001. This paragraph could be retired.
8. Noted the report of the Chairman of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (UNEP/CBD/COP/5/INF/12) and urges the Commission to finalize its work as soon as possible. The International Undertaking is envisaged to play a crucial role in the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity. The Conference of the Parties affirmed its willingness to consider a decision by the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations that the International Undertaking become a legally binding instrument with strong links to both the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the Convention on Biological Diversity, and called upon Parties to coordinate their positions in both forums;	The International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture was adopted on 3 November 2001. Could be retired.
9. Noted the common understandings of the Panel of Experts on Access and Benefit-sharing with respect to prior informed consent and mutually agreed terms as contained in paragraphs 156 to 165 of its report (UNEP/CBD/COP/5/8);	Could be retired.
10. Decided to reconvene the Panel of Experts on Access and Benefit-sharing with a concrete mandate and agenda. The Panel will conduct further work on outstanding issues from its first meeting, especially: (a) Assessment of user and provider experience in access to genetic resources and benefit-sharing and study of complementary options; (b) Identification of approaches to involvement of stakeholders in access to genetic resources and benefit-sharing processes; and will include additional expertise. The Panel will submit its report to the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing referred to in paragraph 11 below;	The Panel of Experts was held in March 2001 and fulfilled its mandate. This paragraph could be retired.
11. Decided to establish an Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group, composed of representatives, including experts, nominated by Governments and regional economic integration organizations, with the mandate to develop guidelines and other approaches for submission to the Conference of the Parties and to assist Parties and stakeholders in addressing the following elements as relevant to access to genetic resources and benefit-sharing, <i>inter alia</i> : terms for prior informed consent and mutually agreed terms; roles, responsibilities and participation of stakeholders; relevant aspects relating to <i>in situ</i> and <i>ex situ</i> conservation and sustainable use; mechanisms for benefit-sharing, for example through technology transfer and joint research and development; and means to ensure the respect, preservation and maintenance of knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities embodying traditional lifestyles relevant for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, taking into account, <i>inter alia</i> , work by the World Intellectual Property Organization on intellectual property rights issues. The above-mentioned elements should, in particular, serve as inputs when developing and drafting:	The Working Group was held in October 2001 and developed the first draft of the Bonn Guidelines on ABS. The Guidelines were adopted by COP 6 (see decision VI/24). Decision VI/24 reconvened the Working Group. Although the Working Group discharged its initial mandate, this paragraph constitutes the legislative basis of the Working Group and defines its <i>modus operandi</i>

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

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	Could be retired.
<p>15. (b) Requested the Executive Secretary, on the basis of these submissions and other relevant material, to make available for the second meeting of the Panel, or the first meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group, a report on these specific issues;</p>	<p>Implemented (see UNEP/CBD/EP-ABS/2/2 and UNEP/CBD/WG-ABS/1/4)</p> <p>Could be retired.</p>
<p>15. (c) Recalled recommendation 3 of the Inter-Sessional Meeting on the Operations of the Convention, and requests the Executive Secretary to prepare his report in consultation with, <i>inter alia</i>, the Secretariat of the World Intellectual Property Organization;</p>	<p>Implemented (see UNEP/CBD/EP-ABS/2/2 and UNEP/CBD/WG-ABS/1/4)</p> <p>Could be retired.</p>
<p>15. (d) Invited relevant international organizations, including the World Intellectual Property Organization, to analyse issues of intellectual property rights as they relate to access to genetic resources and benefit-sharing, including the provision of information on the origin of genetic resources, if known, when submitting applications for intellectual property rights, including patents;</p>	<p>Superseded by decisions VI/24 and VII/19 which provided further guidance to WIPO on this work.</p> <p>The WIPO Secretariat has been carrying out substantive analytical work on these issues, in response to invitations by COP 6 and COP 7.</p> <p>This paragraph could be retired.</p>
<p>15. (e) Requested relevant international organizations, for example, the World Intellectual Property Organization and the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants, in their work on intellectual property rights issues, to take due account of relevant provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity, including the impact of intellectual property rights on the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, and in particular the value of knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities embodying traditional lifestyles relevant for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity;</p>	<p>Superseded by COP decision VII/19, Annex, E, paragraphs 8 and 9 (Access and Benefit-sharing as related to genetic resources)</p> <p>Could be retired.</p>
<p>15. (f) Requested the Executive Secretary to explore experience and possibilities for synergistic interactions resulting from collaboration in research, joint development and the transfer of technology following access to genetic resources.</p>	<p>Superseded by decisions VII/29 on technology transfer and the programme of work on technology transfer.</p> <p>Could be retired.</p>
<p>B. The relationship between intellectual property rights and the relevant provisions of the Agreement on Trade-related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights and the Convention on Biological Diversity</p>	
<p>The Conference of the Parties,</p> <p>1. Reaffirmed the importance of systems such as <i>sui generis</i> and others for the protection of traditional knowledge of indigenous and local communities and the equitable sharing of benefits arising from its use to meet the provisions of the Convention, taking into account the ongoing work on Article 8(j) and related provisions;</p>	<p>Of continuing relevance and effect.</p>
<p>2. Invited the World Trade Organization to acknowledge relevant provisions of the Convention and to take into account the fact that the provisions of the Agreement on Trade-related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights and the Convention on Biological Diversity are interrelated and to further explore this interrelationship;</p>	<p>Of continuing relevance and effect</p>
<p>3. Requested the Executive Secretary to transmit the present decision to the secretariats of the World Trade Organization and the</p>	<p>The decision was transmitted to the WTO and WIPO through communications dated</p>

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World Intellectual Property Organization, for use by appropriate bodies of these organizations, and to endeavour to undertake further cooperation and consultation with these organizations;	4 July 2000 and 27 June 2000 respectively. Could be retired.
4. Renewed its request to the Executive Secretary of the Convention to apply for observer status on the Council for the Trade-related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights, and requests him to report back to the Conference of the Parties on his efforts.	The request was renewed without success as of February 2005. Superseded by paragraph 1 of decision VI/24D Could be retired.
C. Ex situ collections acquired prior to the entry into force of the Convention and not addressed by the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture	
The Conference of the Parties 1. Decided to continue the information-gathering exercise on ex situ collections acquired prior to the entry into force of the Convention and not addressed by the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations initiated by decision IV/8;	An International Review of the <i>ex situ</i> Plant Collections of the Botanic Gardens of the World: Reviewing the Plant Genetic Resource Collections of Botanic Gardens Worldwide, was prepared by Botanic Gardens Conservation International with the support of the Government of the United Kingdom and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity. Could be retired.
2. Requested the Executive Secretary to gather available information of the type described in the annexes to the present decision, as appropriate, from Parties, Governments and relevant organizations and forums through questionnaires;	Implemented. Could be retired.
3. Invited relevant organizations and forums already involved in consideration of these issues to provide this information to the Executive Secretary	Implemented. Could be retired
4. Invited Parties, Governments and other organizations to provide capacity-building and technology development and transfer for the maintenance and utilization of ex situ collections;	Of continuing relevance and effect.
5. Requested the Executive Secretary to report to the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting on the implementation of the present decision.	Status of implementation of decision V/26 was reported in document UNEP/CBD/COP/6/19 prepared for COP 6. Could be retired.

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

Overview of the decision

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

Overall assessment and possible action by the Conference of the Parties

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

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The Conference of the Parties, 1. Welcomed General Assembly resolution 54/218, in which the General Assembly, <i>inter alia</i> , invited the secretariat of the Convention to provide reports on how its activities are contributing to the implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21, for the consideration of the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session,	Could be retired.
2. Also welcomed the invitation of the Commission on Sustainable Development extended to secretariats of UNCED-related conventions to support preparatory activities of the ten-year review, and to review and assess their respective programmes of work since United Nations Conference on Environment and Development;	Could be retired.
3. Requested the Executive Secretary to support such preparatory activities and, in particular, to report to the Commission on Sustainable Development on progress made in the implementation of the Convention;	Could be retired
4. Encouraged Parties, Governments and countries to highlight and emphasize biological diversity considerations in their contributions to the ten-year review.	Could be retired.

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

Overview of the decision

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

Overall assessment and possible action by the Conference of the Parties

The decision has only historical value and can be retired.

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

Overview of the decision

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

Overall assessment and possible action by the Conference of the Parties

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

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

Annex II

DECISIONS AND ELEMENTS OF DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES AT ITS FIFTH MEETING TO BE RETIRED

Decisions of the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties

Decision V/1
Decision V/2, paragraphs 1 and 3-8
Decision V/3
Decision V/4, paragraphs 1-15 and 17-20
Decision V/5, paragraphs 1-2, 8, 11-12, 19-21, and 28-29
Decision V/6, paragraphs 3 – 6
Decision V/7, paragraphs 1-3, and 5
Decision V/8, paragraphs 1-9, and 13-17
Decision V/9, paragraphs 2-4 and 6
Decision V/10
Decision V/11, paragraphs 2-3, 7-8, 11, 13-14 and 17
Decision V/12
Decision V/13, paragraph 1
Decision V/14, paragraphs 1, 3-4, 6, and 8-10
Decision V/16, paragraphs 6, 8 – 9, and 14
Decision V/17, paragraphs 1 – 3 and 7(c) and (d)
Decision V/18, paragraphs 1(a) – (e) and 2 - 9
Decision V/19, paragraphs 3 and 8
Decision V/20, paragraphs 1, 4 – 6, 10 – 33, 35, 37- 40
Decision V/21, paragraphs 1 and 3 - 11
Decision V/22, paragraphs 1 – 6, 8 – 9, 11 – 14, 16 – 17, 19 and 21
Decision V/23, paragraphs 6 - 8
Decision V/24, paragraphs 1 – 4 and 6
Decision V/25
Decision V/26 A, paragraphs 7 – 10 and 15
Decision V/26 B, paragraphs 3 – 4
Decision V/26 C, paragraphs 1 – 3 and 5
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