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ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES AT ITS THIRTEENTH MEETING ARISING FROM THE DRAFT DECISIONS FOR THE TWELFTH MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES AS WELL AS THOSE PENDING FROM EARLIER DECISIONS

Note by the Executive Secretary

INTRODUCTION

1. The Conference of the Parties, in decision X/9, adopted the multi-year programme of work for the Conference of the Parties for the period 2011-2020. In this decision, the Conference of the Parties decided to update the multi-year programme of work to 2020 at its twelfth meeting.
2. Accordingly, the Executive Secretary prepared document UNEP/CBD/COP/12/26. The note presents proposals to update the multi-year programme of work of the Conference of the Parties for the period 2015-2020 and considers issues that need to be taken into account in the updating of the multi-year programme of work. For example, there will be a continued need to develop and review the implementation of some of the programmes of work and cross-cutting issues under the Convention, as determined by the Conference of the Parties in relevant decisions. In this context, the Executive Secretary has prepared the present information note, which contains a list of issues arising from the draft decisions of the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties as well as those pending from earlier meetings of the Conference of the Parties.
3. Table 1 contains a list of issues to be addressed by the Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth meeting arising from the draft decisions before the Conference of the Parties at its twelfth meeting. The item numbers and titles refer to the items of the revised provisional agenda of the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (UNEP/CBD/COP/12/1/REV1). The text of the draft decisions and associated paragraph numbers are taken from the compilation of draft decisions for the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (UNEP/CBD/COP/12/1/ADD2/REV1).
4. Table 2 contains a list of issues to be addressed by the Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth meeting pending from earlier meetings of the Conference of the Parties. The table contains relevant paragraphs of the decisions from earlier meetings of the Conference of the Parties that refer to the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

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Table 1

Issues to be addressed by the Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth meeting arising from the draft decisions before the Conference of the Parties at its twelfth meeting

<i>Item on the COP 12 agenda¹</i>	<i>Reference in the compilation of draft decisions for COP 12²</i>	<i>Text of the draft decision referring to the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties</i>
Item 9 - Report of the Executive Secretary on the administration of the Convention and the budget for the Trust Funds of the Convention	Paragraph 2	2. Requests the Executive Secretary, with a view to completing the requests contained in paragraphs 25 and 29 of decision XI/31, to implement the actions referred to in paragraphs 26 and 27 of document UNEP/CBD/COP/12/28 in accordance with the timetable contained in the annex to this document, and to report to the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on the Review of Implementation of the Convention ³ at a meeting prior to the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
Item 12 - Mid-term review of progress towards the goals of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, and further actions to enhance progress	Paragraphs 6 (a), 14, 15, 16 (e), and Annex III, Paragraph 4	6. <i>Requests</i> the Executive Secretary: (a) To analyse the fourth edition of the <i>Global Biodiversity Outlook</i> with the aim of proposing ways to enhance guidelines for future national reports and to report on this to the Subsidiary Body and the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention ⁴ at meetings held prior to the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties; 14. <i>Noting</i> , that the thematic and cross-cutting programmes of work of the Convention provide detailed guidance relevant to the implementation of the various elements of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, <i>recalling</i> the key scientific and technical needs related to the implementation of the Strategic Plan identified by the Subsidiary Body in its recommendation XVII/1, and <i>reiterating</i> that, other than the specific gaps identified in that recommendation, policy-support tools and methodologies, if more widely shared and adapted to the specific needs of Parties, are sufficient to enable action to implement the Strategic Plan and to achieve the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, <i>requests</i> the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, in its future meetings, to review the main implications of the key findings of the fourth edition of the <i>Global Biodiversity Outlook</i> for the enhanced implementation of the Strategic Plan and the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, in particular for the targets where there has been insufficient

¹ Taken from the revised provisional agenda of the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (UNEP/CBD/COP/12/1/Rev.1).

² Taken from the compilation of draft decisions for the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (UNEP/CBD/COP/12/1/Add.2/Rev.1).

³ Or to the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, if established.

⁴ This is subject to a decision by the Conference of the Parties at its twelfth meeting on the establishment of a subsidiary body on implementation, as recommended by the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention at its fifth meeting, in paragraph 7 of the draft decision contained in its recommendation 5/2.

<i>Item on the COP 12 agenda¹</i>	<i>Reference in the compilation of draft decisions for COP 12²</i>	<i>Text of the draft decision referring to the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties</i>
		<p>progress, also in the light of the key scientific and technical needs for the implementation of the Strategic Plan, identified by the Subsidiary Body in recommendation XVII/1, additional information from fifth national reports, voluntary reports, detailed guidance from the cross cutting issues and Programmes of Work, and the updated global indicators for the Strategic Plan, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth meeting;</p> <p>15. <i>Requests</i> the Subsidiary Body to evaluate the scope and process of the <i>Global Biodiversity Outlook</i>, following the publication of GBO-4, and in light of, and avoiding duplication with, the ongoing work of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services on a global assessment on biodiversity and ecosystem services, and to report to the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to inform its consideration of the modalities of future editions of the <i>Global Biodiversity Outlook</i>;</p> <p>16. <i>Requests</i> the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of the necessary resources:</p> <p>(e) To report to a meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice before the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.</p> <p><i>Annex III</i></p> <p>4. The final report of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group will be made available to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice for its consideration prior to the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.</p>
Item 13 - Review of progress in providing support in implementing the objectives of the Convention and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, and enhancement of capacity-building, technical and	Paragraphs A 4 (f) and C 5, and Paragraph 1(a) under Communication, education and public awareness and the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity	<p><i>A. Provision of support for revising and updating national biodiversity strategies and action plans and capacity-building</i></p> <p>4. <i>Requests</i> the Executive Secretary:</p> <p>(f) To report on progress made and results achieved to the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention at its sixth meeting, or its successor body,⁵ for its consideration prior to the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;</p> <p><i>C. Clearing-house mechanism</i></p> <p>5. <i>Also requests</i> the Executive Secretary to develop a web strategy to ensure that all information common or relevant to the clearing-house mechanism, the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House and</p>

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scientific cooperation and other initiatives to assist implementation		<p>the Biosafety Clearing-House, as well as other platforms developed under the Convention, such as the NBSAP Forum, the website for ecologically and biologically significant marine areas⁶ and any future similar developments, can be accessed centrally to avoid duplication of efforts, and to provide this strategy to the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention, for its consideration at its sixth meeting, or to its successor body,⁷ in preparation for the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Communication, education and public awareness and the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity</i></p> <p>1. <i>Calls upon Parties:</i></p> <p>(a) To conduct surveys at the level of the general public, as well as for key target groups, on the level of public awareness of biodiversity, its value and the steps that can be taken to conserve and sustainably use it and share the results through the clearing house-mechanism prior to the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;</p>
Item 14 - Resource mobilization	Option 2 Paragraph 1(ter)	1(ter). <i>Further decides</i> to [review], at the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, [progress towards the above targets] [and consider the need for changes contingent on resource needs assessments that have been developed and reported by Parties, as foreseen in Aichi Target 20] [consider the need to review the targets above at the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties];]
Item 15 - Financial mechanism	Paragraphs B 6 and 10	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>B. Fourth review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism</i></p> <p>6. <i>Requests</i> the Executive Secretary to explore and report on ways in which the Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth meeting can best utilize the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Convention's protocols to set priorities for the financial mechanism within the context of the four-year framework of programming priorities for GEF-7 and submit the report to the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention at its sixth meeting, or its successor,⁸ for its consideration.</p>

⁶ <http://www.cbd.int/ebsa/>.

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<i>Item on the COP 12 agenda¹</i>	<i>Reference in the compilation of draft decisions for COP 12²</i>	<i>Text of the draft decision referring to the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties</i>
		10. <i>Decides</i> in anticipation of the seventh replenishment of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund that the Conference of the Parties, at its thirteenth meeting, will undertake the second determination of funding requirements, based on information received from Parties through the preliminary reporting framework;
Item 16 - Biodiversity and sustainable development.	Paragraph 2 (a) under Integrating biodiversity into the post-2015 United Nations Development Agenda and the sustainable development goals, and paragraph 9 under Biodiversity and human health	<p><i>Integrating biodiversity into the post-2015 United Nations Development Agenda and the sustainable development goals</i></p> <p>2. <i>Requests</i> the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of funding and human resources:</p> <p>(a) To continue the work requested by Conference of the Parties in decisions X/6 and XI/22, in the context of the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the 20 Aichi Biodiversity Targets, taking into account the outcomes of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development,⁹ the final report of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals to the United Nations General Assembly and the negotiations toward a post-2015 United Nations development agenda, and to report on his efforts for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth meeting;</p> <p><i>Biodiversity and human health</i></p> <p>9. <i>Requests</i> the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technical Advice to consider the implications of the State of Knowledge Review on the Interlinkages between Biodiversity and Human Health for the work under the Convention and to report thereon to the Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth meeting.</p>
Item 18 - Access and benefit-sharing		<p><i>The Conference of the Parties</i></p> <p><i>Requests</i> the Executive Secretary to prepare a note on possible ways and means to promote integrated approaches to issues at the interface between the access and benefit-sharing related provisions of the Convention and the provisions of the Nagoya Protocol, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth meeting.</p>
Item 19 - Article 8(j) and related provisions	Paragraph 4 under Progress report and Paragraph 3 (c) under	<p><i>Progress report on the implementation of the programme of work on Article 8(j) and related provisions and mechanisms to promote the effective participation of indigenous and local communities in the work of the Convention</i></p> <p>4. <i>Decides</i> that one meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Inter-Sessional Working Group on Article 8(j)</p>

⁹ General Assembly resolution 66/288.

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	Development of best practice guidelines	<p>and Related Provisions be organized prior to the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;</p> <p><i>Development of best-practice guidelines for the repatriation of traditional knowledge relevant to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity</i></p> <p>3. <i>Requests</i> the Executive Secretary, in order to assist the technical expert group in its work:</p> <p>(c) To transmit the result of the work of the technical expert group on the draft voluntary guidelines as well as the compilation of information and views referred to in paragraph 3 (a) above, to the Ad Hoc Open-ended Inter-sessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions at its ninth meeting, for its consideration, and with a view to consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth meeting;</p>
Item 21 - Marine and coastal biodiversity	Paragraphs 3, 11 and 12 under Marine EBSAs, and Paragraphs 4 (b) and 14 under Marine: other matters	<p><i>Marine and coastal biodiversity: ecologically or biologically significant marine areas</i></p> <p>3. <i>Requests</i> the Executive Secretary to include the summary reports prepared by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at its eighteenth meeting, annexed to the present decision,¹⁰ in the EBSA repository, and to submit them, prior to the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, to the General Assembly of the United Nations and particularly its Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group to study issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction, as well as to Parties, other Governments and relevant international organizations in line with the purpose and procedures set out in decisions X/29 and XI/17;</p> <p>11. <i>Requests</i> the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with Parties, other Governments, relevant organizations, including regional seas conventions and action plans, and, where appropriate, regional fisheries management organizations with regard to fisheries management, to facilitate technical training, including the organization of regional and/or subregional capacity-building workshops on the compilation and use of scientific and technical information contained in the EBSA repository and information-sharing mechanism,¹¹ and other relevant information, with a view to contributing to the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, and to report on progress to a future meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice prior to the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;</p> <p>12. <i>Also requests</i> the Executive Secretary, building upon the existing scientific guidance and drawing upon the lessons learned from the series of regional workshops to facilitate the description of areas meeting the EBSA criteria and views gathered from Parties and other Governments, to develop practical options for</p>

¹⁰ Not including the areas in the annex that are bracketed, pending the conclusion of the required national processes or consultations, as indicated by the footnotes to those areas.

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		<p>further work on the description of areas meeting the EBSA criteria, ensuring that the best available scientific and technical information and traditional knowledge are used and that the products are scientifically sound and up-to-date, and to report on progress to a future meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice prior to the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;</p> <p><i>Marine and coastal biodiversity: Impacts on marine and coastal biodiversity of anthropogenic underwater noise and ocean acidification, priority actions to achieve Aichi Biodiversity Target 10 for coral reefs and closely associated ecosystem, and marine spatial planning and training initiatives</i></p> <p>4 (b). <i>Also requests</i> the Executive Secretary, building upon the existing scientific guidance and drawing upon the lessons learned from the series of regional workshops to facilitate the description of areas meeting the EBSA criteria and views gathered from Parties and other Governments, to develop practical options for further work on the description of areas meeting the EBSA criteria, ensuring that the best available scientific and technical information and traditional knowledge are used and that the products are scientifically sound and up-to-date, and to report on progress to a future meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice prior to the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;</p> <p>14. <i>Noting</i> that deep-water corals and many other cold-water organisms are also vulnerable to the impacts of ocean acidification but are impacted by additional stressors that are different from those affecting warm-water coral reefs, and <i>recognizing</i> the need for further work to identify the location and condition of deep-water corals and to understand the impacts of human activities on these corals, <i>requests</i> the Executive Secretary to prepare, in collaboration with Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations, a draft specific workplan on biodiversity and acidification in cold-water areas, building upon the elements of a workplan on physical degradation and destruction of coral reefs, including cold-water corals¹² and in close linkage with the relevant work under the Convention, such as the description of areas meeting the scientific criteria for ecologically or biologically significant marine areas, and relevant competent organizations, such as the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations for its work on vulnerable marine ecosystems (VMEs), and to submit the draft specific workplan on biodiversity and acidification in cold-water areas to a future meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice for consideration prior to the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;</p>
Item 22 - Invasive alien species.	Paragraph 4 under Management of risks associated	<p><i>Management of risks associated with introduction of alien species as pets, aquarium and terrarium species, and as live bait and live food, and related issues</i></p> <p>4. <i>Requests</i> the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with the Convention on International Trade in</p>

¹² Decision VII/5, annex I, appendix 2.

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	with introduction and Paragraphs 8 (d) and (e) under Review of work on invasive alien species and considerations for future work	<p>Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora and relevant organizations, to explore ways and means to address the risks associated with trade in wildlife introduced as pets, aquarium and terrarium species, and as live bait and live food, noting that some trade is unregulated, unreported or illegal, including by enhancing cooperation with authorities responsible for the control of wildlife trade and to report to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at a meeting prior to thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.</p> <p>Review of work on invasive alien species and considerations for future work</p> <p>(d) To explore with relevant partners, including the standard-setting bodies recognized by the World Trade Organization (the International Plant Protection Convention, the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), and Codex Alimentarius Commission) and other members of the interagency liaison group on invasive alien species, methods of alerting potential buyers to the risk posed by invasive alien species sold via e-commerce, and report on progress to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice prior to the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;</p> <p>(e) To assess progress towards the achievement of Aichi Biodiversity Target 9 and to report to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at a meeting to be held prior to the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.</p>
Item 23 - Global Strategy for Plant Conservation	Paragraph 2	<p>2. <i>Noting</i> the limited progress on Target 15, <i>requests</i> the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of resources and in collaboration with relevant organizations, to compile relevant information on opportunities to promote capacity-building activities on botany and other related disciplines and activities to support implementation of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation and to prepare a synthesis for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at a meeting prior to the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;</p>
Item 24 - New and emerging issues: synthetic biology	Paragraphs 5, 7 (a), 7 (c)	<p>[5. <i>Invites</i> Parties, other Governments, relevant international organizations, indigenous and local communities and relevant stakeholders to provide further information on potential and actual positive and negative impacts of organisms, components and products resulting from synthetic biology techniques on the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity taking into account the risks to human health as well as their potential socioeconomic impacts, including food security, as appropriate as well as on existing national and regional regulatory frameworks and supporting guidance and gaps before a meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice to be held prior to the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;]</p>

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		<p>7. <i>Also requests</i> the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of financial resources:</p> <p>(a) To prepare, provide for peer-review, and submit for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at a meeting to be held prior to the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties an updated report on the potential impacts of components, organisms and products resulting from synthetic biology techniques on the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity and associated socioeconomic considerations;</p> <p>(c) To report the outcomes of the workshop to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at a meeting to be held prior to the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;</p>
Item 25 - Biodiversity and climate change	Paragraphs 7 (a) and (b)	<p>7. [Requests the Executive Secretary:]</p> <p>(a) [To develop advice including from pilot experiences, on how Parties can be best encouraged to maximize biodiversity related benefits of REDD+ activities and prepare a draft recommendation for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at a meeting prior to the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of Parties;]</p> <p>(b) [To provide an assessment report on whether and, if so, what kind of additional guidance is requested by REDD+ as well as donor countries and organizations, and, depending on the outcome of the assessment, to prepare a draft recommendation for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at a future meeting prior the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of Parties;]</p>
Item 26 - Ecosystem conservation and restoration	Paragraph 4	<p>4. <i>Requests</i> the Executive Secretary, in consideration of the proposed thematic assessment on land degradation and restoration of the Intergovernmental Science-policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services and with a view to strengthening synergies and avoiding duplication of work, to share all relevant information and results with the Platform, to cooperate in the development of next steps, and to report on progress to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at a meeting to be held prior to the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.</p>
Item 27 - Sustainable use of biodiversity: bushmeat and sustainable wildlife management	Paragraph 8 (c)	<p>8. <i>Requests</i> the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with the Collaborative Partnership on Sustainable Wildlife Management, subject to the availability of resources:</p> <p>(c) To report on progress to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at a meeting to be held prior to the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity.</p>

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Item 29 - Cooperation with other conventions, international organizations and stakeholders' engagement, including business	Paragraph 3 (b) under Business engagement	<p>Business engagement</p> <p>3. <i>Requests</i> the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of resources, in addition to the work specified in previous decisions:</p> <p>(b) To assist the Global Partnership for Business and Biodiversity and its associated national and regional initiatives, as appropriate and in conjunction with other programmes, in establishing a typology of actions in developing reports on the progress of biodiversity mainstreaming by businesses for the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention at its sixth meeting and the Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth meeting, through, among other means, the convening of a technical workshop on reporting frameworks in this area;</p>
Item 30 - Improving the efficiency of structures and processes under the Convention	Paragraph 4 and 6 (bis) under Concurrent meetings, Paragraph 7(quarter) under Subsidiary Body on Implementation, Paragraphs 9 and 10 under Improving the efficiency of structures, Paragraphs 3(b) and 4 under Retirement of decisions	<p>Concurrent meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention and of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meetings of the Parties to the Protocols</p> <p>4. <i>Also decides</i>, on the basis of the plan prepared by the Executive Secretary, and in the light of the consideration of this issue by the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol, that the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties shall be organized within a two-week period that also includes the meetings of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol and to the Cartagena Protocol, in the manner set out in annex I¹³ to this decision;</p> <p>6. <i>(bis) Requests</i> the Executive Secretary to take into account the experience gained from the concurrent organization of the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol in developing the organization of work for the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.</p> <p>Subsidiary Body on Implementation</p> <p>7. <i>(quarter)</i> <i>Requests</i> the Executive Secretary to make arrangements for a meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation to be held prior to the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.</p> <p>Improving the efficiency of structures and processes under the Convention: other matters</p> <p>9. <i>Requests</i> the Executive Secretary to explore ways to increase the efficient convening of meetings, including through virtual means, and to liaise with appropriate entities, such as the United Nations</p>

¹³ The annex has been developed on the basis of the plan prepared by the Executive Secretary pursuant to paragraph 1(b) of WGRI recommendation 5/2.

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		<p>Development Programme, to identify the necessary facilities for delegates, including national focal points, in developing countries to participate effectively in these meetings and report to the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation at its sixth meeting or to the subsidiary body on implementation that may be established in accordance with paragraph 7 above, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth meeting;¹⁴</p> <p>10. <i>Decides</i> to enable a voluntary peer-review process for the national biodiversity strategies and action plans on a pilot basis by interested Parties making best use of mechanisms such as the NBSAP Forum, and <i>requests</i> the Executive Secretary to report on progress and challenges in its implementation to the Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth meeting;</p> <p><i>Retirement of decisions</i></p> <p>3. <i>Requests</i> the Executive Secretary:</p> <p>(b) To implement the online decision tracking tool on a pilot basis and use it to review the decisions of the eighth and ninth meetings of the Conference of the Parties, assemble information on their status and any other related information as contained in the annex to this decision and make the information on the outcome of this exercise available to Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention at its sixth meeting¹⁵ for its consideration and an appropriate recommendation to the Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth meeting;</p> <p>4. <i>Requests</i> the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention at its sixth meeting, or its successor body¹⁶ to consider the information from the Executive Secretary referred to in paragraph 3 (b) above and to prepare a recommendation regarding the online decision tracking tool beyond the pilot phase for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth meeting;</p>

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Table 2**Issues to be addressed by the Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth meeting pending from earlier meetings of the Conference of the Parties**

<i>Decision</i>	<i>Paragraph number of the decision</i>	<i>Request</i>
XI/2. Review of progress in implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans and related capacity-building support to Parties	Paragraph 12 under B. Clearing-house mechanism	<i>B. Clearing-house mechanism</i> 12. <i>Decides</i> to extend the mandate of the informal advisory committee, as defined by its operational guidelines, and to review it at the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;
XI/5. The financial mechanism	Paragraph 2 under B. Four-year framework of programme priorities	<i>B. Four-year framework of programme priorities and review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism</i> 2. <i>Adopts</i> the four-year outcome-oriented framework of programme priorities for the period 2014-2018 as contained in the annex to the present decision and <i>requests</i> the Global Environment Facility (GEF) to implement it and report back to the Conference of the Parties at its twelfth meeting on the GEF-6 strategy and its thirteenth meeting on its implementation and how it responds to the individual elements and their components, and the additional strategic considerations of the framework, in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding between the Conference of the Parties to the Convention and the Council of the Global Environment Facility;
XI/19. Biodiversity and climate change related issues: advice on the application of relevant safeguards for biodiversity with regard to policy approaches and positive incentives on issues relating to reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation in developing countries; and the role of conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks in developing countries	Paragraph 18	18. <i>Requests</i> the Executive Secretary to further develop advice on issues included in paragraph 9 (h) of decision X/33, taking into full account the relevant UNFCCC decisions, based on further views from Parties and in collaboration with the Collaborative Partnership on Forests, and to report to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice prior to the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.