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REVISED ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA**INTRODUCTION**

1. Following the invitation of the Government of the Republic of Korea, which was welcomed by the Conference of the Parties in its decision XI/32, the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties will be held at the Alpensia Convention Center, Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea, from 6 to 17 October 2014.
2. At its meeting held in Montreal on 6 October 2013, the Bureau considered the draft provisional agenda of the meeting, which was subsequently finalized by the Executive Secretary, taking into account the comments by the Bureau, and approved via electronic means on 2 December 2013 (UNEP/CBD/COP/12/1). The provisional agenda has been revised by the Executive Secretary in the light of the outcomes of the fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention and the eighteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice. The revised provisional agenda (UNEP/CBD/COP/12/1/Rev.1) was approved by the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties and made available on 25 July 2014.
3. Preliminary annotations to the provisional agenda were prepared and made available on 21 March 2014 to facilitate preparations for the meeting by Parties and observers. The annotations to the provisional agenda were updated and finalized by the Secretariat, in consultation with the Bureau, corresponding to the revised provisional agenda and in the light of the status of ratification of the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization.
4. The provisional agenda and the annotations have been prepared in line with the multi-year programme of work for the Conference of the Parties adopted in decision X/9, in which the Conference of the Parties has identified items for consideration at its twelfth meeting, and with other decisions of the Conference of the Parties. In accordance with paragraph 2 of decision V/20 and the guidance of the Bureau, the Executive Secretary organized the revised provisional agenda for the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties under the following main sections: (1) organizational matters; (2) reports; (3) Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets: assessing progress and enhancing implementation; (4) other items resulting from the programme of work of the Convention; (5) operations of the Convention; and (6) final matters. Annex I provides a list of the documents for the meeting.

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

6. In accordance with rule 7 of the rules of procedure, the Secretariat has notified those bodies and agencies of this meeting, whether governmental or non-governmental, qualified in fields relating to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, which have informed the Secretariat of their wish to be represented at the meeting, so that they may be represented as observers. A list of such bodies will be made available to the Conference of the Parties for information.

7. A high-level ministerial segment will be organized by the host country in consultation with the Secretariat and the Bureau (see annex IV). The high-level segment will take place from 15 to 16 October 2014 at the Alpensia Convention Center. It is expected that the high-level segment will be opened by the Minister of Environment of the Republic of Korea and that other senior officials will also address the meeting.

8. In accordance with established practice, the Executive Secretary has prepared a compilation of the various draft decisions proposed by subsidiary bodies at intersessional meetings or developed by the Executive Secretary in the light of earlier decisions and recommendations (UNEP/CBD/COP/12/1/Add.2), as well as a summary of the financial implications of draft decisions (UNEP/CBD/COP/12/1/Add.3).

9. The twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties may be preceded, on 5 October 2014, by regional preparatory meetings for Africa, Asia, and Latin America and the Caribbean.

I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

Item 1. Opening of the meeting

10. The meeting will be opened at 10 a.m. on Monday, 6 October 2014, by the President of the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties or his representative.

11. At the opening session, the Conference will hear addresses of welcome by representatives of the Government of the Republic of Korea, the Province of Gangwon and the local authorities.

12. The Executive Secretary will address the meeting and highlight the main issues before the Conference of the Parties.

Item 2. Election of officers

Election of the President

13. It is expected that, at the opening session, the President of the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties or his representative will call for the election of a representative of the host country as President of the twelfth meeting. The term of office of the President will begin immediately following his or her election at the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and will end with the election of a successor at the thirteenth meeting.

Election of officers other than the President

14. In accordance with rule 21 of the rules of procedure (as adopted by decision I/1 and amended by decision V/20), in addition to the President, ten Vice-Presidents, one of whom acts as Rapporteur, are to be elected from among the representatives of the Parties present at the meeting. The term of office of the Vice-Presidents will commence upon the closure of the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and end at the closure of the thirteenth meeting. At its eleventh meeting, the Conference of the Parties elected 10 Vice-Presidents from the following countries for a term of office commencing upon the closure of its eleventh meeting and ending at the closure of its twelfth meeting:

Ms. Senka Barudanović (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

Ms. Eleni Rova Tokaduadua (Fiji)
Mr. Ioseb Kartsivadze (Georgia)
Mr. Spencer Thomas (Grenada)
Mr. Boukar Attari (Niger)
Ms. Tone Solhaug (Norway)
Ms. María Luisa del Río Mispireta (Peru)*
Ms. Chaweewan Hutacharern (Thailand)
Mr. Francis Ogwal (Uganda)
Mr. Jeremy Eppel (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)

*replacing Ms. Valeria González Posse (Argentina) from 1 January 2014

15. Regional groups are urged to submit their nominations at the opening of the meeting. This will allow the newly elected members of the Bureau to attend, as observers, the Bureau meetings to be held during the meeting of the Conference of the Parties in order to ensure a smooth transition between outgoing and incoming Bureau members.

Election of officers of subsidiary bodies and other meetings

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

Item 3. Adoption of the agenda

17. The revised provisional agenda (UNEP/CBD/COP/12/1/Rev.1) has been approved by the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties. It was prepared by the Executive Secretary in accordance with rule 8 of the rules of procedure, with the guidance of the Bureau, and taking into account the multi-year programme of work for the Conference of the Parties for the period 2011-2020 contained in decision X/9 and other relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties. The provisional agenda issued on 12 December 2013 (UNEP/CBD/COP/12/1) has been revised in the light of the outcomes of the fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention and the eighteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice.

Item 4. Organization of work

18. In accordance with established practice, the Conference of the Parties may wish to establish two working groups to support the work of the plenary.

19. The plenary would address organizational matters (section I), reports of subsidiary bodies, the status of the Nagoya Protocol and the budget for the programme of work for the biennium 2015-2016 (section II), as well as consideration of draft decisions and final matters (section VI). In addition, the fourth edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook would be launched in plenary (with substantive considerations taken up subsequently in Working Group I).

20. Working Group I would be devoted to the assessment of progress in the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the consideration of further action with a view to enhancing implementation (section III). These matters are a major focus of the work of the Conference of

the Parties at its twelfth meeting and are expected to result in a number of decisions that, collectively, may be known as the “Pyeongchang Roadmap for the enhanced implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets”. These decisions are expected to provide for further tools and guidance, where necessary, to assist the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and its Aichi Biodiversity Targets as well as for further capacity-building, enhancement of technical and scientific cooperation and other initiatives and measures regarding resource mobilization and the financial mechanism. A further decision would consider how the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and its Aichi Biodiversity Targets contribute to sustainable development and how biodiversity can be further integrated into the sustainable development agenda. Parties will be invited to share experiences relevant for implementation under section III in a dialogue forum that is planned to take place on Friday, 10 October 2014. Working Group I would also address items related to the operations of the Convention (Section V).

21. Working Group II would address the remaining issues. While general progress in the implementation of the programmes of work will be considered as part of the assessment of progress under section III in Working Group I, matters highly specific to individual programmes of work and cross-cutting issues and cooperation would be considered under section IV in Working Group II.

22. If the two working groups are established, the Conference of the Parties will need to elect a Chairperson for each.

23. As provided for in Article 26 of the Nagoya Protocol, the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol will be held concurrently with the meeting of the Conference of the Parties (see annex III). The arrangements for the concurrent meetings have been developed in light of recommendation 5/2 of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Review of Implementation of the Convention. On Monday, 13 October 2014, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol will start its considerations. Therefore, there will be no meetings of the Working Groups on the morning of Monday, 13 October 2014. Further, to ensure consideration of items under the Convention and the Protocol, as far as possible, in close proximity, it is suggested for the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol to refer the substantive items on its agenda to the same working groups as established by the Conference of the Parties. In order to advance the work under the Protocol as much as possible, it is suggested that the sessions of the Working Groups on the afternoon of Monday, 13 October, and the morning of Tuesday, 14 October, be devoted to matters under the Protocol.

24. A proposed division of responsibilities between the plenary and the two working groups of the Conference of the Parties is contained in a timetable in annex II, showing also the proposed schedule for the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol.

25. It is proposed that a dialogue session will be held during a plenary session at the end of the first week of the meeting.

Item 5. Report on the credentials of representatives to the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties

26. Rule 18 of the rules of procedure states that:

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

27. Rule 19 provides that “the Bureau of any meeting shall examine the credentials and submit its report to the Conference of the Parties for decision”.
28. In order to assist Parties in fulfilling the requirements of rule 18, the Executive Secretary has issued a notification and distributed to national focal points sample formats of appropriate credentials.
29. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider and adopt the report on credentials submitted to it by the Bureau.

Item 6. Pending issues

30. At its first meeting, the Conference of the Parties adopted the rules of procedure for its meetings in decision I/1, with the exception of paragraph 1 of rule 40, relating to the taking of substantive decisions. The Conference of the Parties has considered this outstanding matter at its subsequent meetings but without resolving it conclusively. At the third meeting, consensus was reached concerning some, but not all, of the text in brackets.
31. In decision I/6, the Conference of the Parties adopted the financial rules for the administration of the Trust Fund for the Convention on Biological Diversity. Paragraphs 4 and 16 of these rules contain bracketed text. Paragraph 4 deals with scale of assessments for the apportionment of contributions by Parties to the Trust Fund. Paragraph 16 deals with adopting decisions regarding the Trust Fund. The paragraphs have been considered at subsequent meetings of the Conference of the Parties but without any agreement. The text therefore remains bracketed.
32. Since it is not expected that this matter can be resolved at the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, it will be suggested that its consideration be postponed to a future meeting.

Item 7. Date and venue of the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties

33. In accordance with paragraph 2 of rule 4 of its rules of procedure, the Conference of the Parties is to decide on the date and duration of its next ordinary meeting. At its fifth meeting, the Conference decided to amend rule 4 of its rules of procedure so that ordinary meetings of the Conference of the Parties would be held every two years. Rule 3 of the rules of procedure provides that meetings of the Conference of the Parties shall take place at the seat of the Secretariat, unless the Conference of the Parties decides otherwise or other appropriate arrangements are made by the Secretariat in consultation with the Parties.
34. With respect to the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the Government of Mexico has made known its intention to offer to host, in 2016, the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the eighth meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol.
35. Under this item, a decision regarding the date and venue of the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties will be required.
36. Taking into account the need to identify early in advance the host of meetings of the Conference of the Parties, Governments wishing to host the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and the respective meetings of the governing bodies of the Protocols to the Convention are encouraged to inform the Secretariat. In this context, the Government of Egypt has informed the Secretariat that Egypt will consider the possibility of hosting a future meeting of the Conference of the Parties and that they will communicate their decision to the Secretariat in due time.

II. REPORTS

Item 8. Reports of intersessional and regional preparatory meetings

37. Under this item, the President will inform the Conference of the Parties of the meetings of subsidiary bodies held during the intersessional period and their reports on the understanding that the

substantive issues arising therein will be taken up under the appropriate agenda item. These include the following reports:

(a) Eighth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Inter-Sessional Working Group on the Implementation of Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity (UNEP/CBD/COP/12/5);

(b) Seventeenth and eighteenth meetings of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (UNEP/CBD/COP/12/2 and UNEP/CBD/COP/12/3);

(c) Fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention (UNEP/CBD/COP/12/4).

38. The regional groups may wish to report to the Conference of the Parties on the results of the preparatory meetings to be held immediately prior to the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Item 9. Report of the Executive Secretary on the administration of the Convention and the budget for the Trust Funds of the Convention

39. The report of the Executive Secretary on the administration of the Convention, including information on operational efficiencies in accordance with decision XI/31, paragraph 24, and the budget for the trust funds of the Convention (UNEP/CBD/COP/12/7) will be before the Conference of the Parties for its consideration. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to take note of the report and to take up the information contained therein in its consideration of agenda item 30 on the budget for the programme of work for the biennium 2015-2016.

40. The plenary may wish to establish a contact group on budget to address agenda item 9 on the administration of the Convention, agenda item 3230 on the budget for the programme of work for the biennium 2015-2016, of anticipating that the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties, at its first plenary session, would also refer to this contact group consideration of its budget for its programme of work (item 15 on its agenda; see UNEP/CBD/COP/12/6).

Item 10. Status of the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from Their Utilization

41. According to the multi-year programme of work for the Conference of the Parties adopted in decision X/9, the Conference of the Parties will consider the status and implementation of the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization. In this context, the Conference of the Parties will have before it the report of the third meeting of the Open-ended Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Committee for the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from Their Utilization (UNEP/CBD/COP/12/6), as well as a status report on the Protocol (UNEP/CBD/COP/12/8).

42. By 14 July 2014, 51 Parties (50 countries and the European Union) had ratified, approved, accepted or acceded to the Nagoya Protocol. Accordingly, the Nagoya Protocol is due to enter into force on 12 October 2014, and the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol is scheduled to be held from 13 to 17 October 2014, concurrent with the second week of the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. Therefore, the Conference of the Parties may wish to refer the recommendations of the Intergovernmental Committee to the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol for adoption. The Conference of the Parties may also wish to consider referring remaining work outlined in the recommendations by the Intergovernmental Committee, in particular on cooperative procedures and institutional mechanisms to promote compliance with the Nagoya Protocol and address cases of non-compliance (Article 30), to a contact group in order to advance work on this issue with a view to facilitating decision taking by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol when its first meeting convenes on 13 October 2014.

III. STRATEGIC PLAN FOR BIODIVERSITY 2011-2020 AND THE AICHI BIODIVERSITY TARGETS: ASSESSING PROGRESS AND ENHANCING IMPLEMENTATION

43. At its tenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties adopted the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, including the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, urged Parties to take actions to implement it (decision X/2, para. paragraph3), and decided that future meetings of the Conference of the Parties would review progress in the implementation of the Strategic Plan, share experiences relevant for implementation and provide guidance on means to address obstacles encountered (decision X/2, para. paragraph14). The Conference of the Parties may therefore wish to focus, at its twelfth meeting, on assessing progress in the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and on taking further action with a view to enhancing implementation to achieve the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020.

Item 11. Fourth edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook

44. At its tenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties decided that the fourth edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook should be prepared to provide a mid-term review of progress towards the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, including an analysis of how the implementation of the Convention and its Strategic Plan has contributed to the 2015 targets of the Millennium Development Goals (decision X/2, para. paragraph13).

45. At its eighteenth meeting, the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice considered a draft of the fourth edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook. In line with the guidance contained in recommendation XVIII/1, the fourth edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook has been finalized by the Executive Secretary under the guidance of the SBSTTA Bureau and the GBO-4 Advisory Group in collaboration with a number of partners, including DIVERSITAS, the United Nations Environment Programme World Conservation Monitoring Centre and members of the Biodiversity Indicators Partnership. The report draws upon a range of sources, including the fifth national reports, as well as the scientific literature and case studies. A large number of experts and partners have contributed to its preparation. Elements of the report have undergone comprehensive technical reviews and the full draft report was open for review by Parties and observers for a four-week period in June and July 2014.

Action under item 11

46. Under this agenda item, the fourth edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook will be formally launched. The Conference of the Parties will have before it the final version of the report. A summary will be contained in document UNEP/CBD/COP/12/9. The full report will be available in all six official languages of the United Nations. Parties, other Governments and observer organizations will be invited under this item to provide reflections on the report and its key messages as a basis for subsequent deliberations and consideration of draft decisions under agenda item 12.

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

47. In line with Article 23, subparagraph 4 (a) of the Convention, and decisions X/2 and X/9, the Conference of the Parties may wish to consider the status of progress towards the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, and to decide on further actions.

48. The assessment will be conducted on the basis of the results contained in the fourth edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook, which will be launched under item 11 of the provisional agenda. At its eighteenth meeting, the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice adopted recommendation XVIII/1, containing a draft decision for the Conference of the Parties to note the general conclusions of the fourth edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook, and provided for an annex with a list of potential key actions to enhance implementation. At its seventeenth meeting, the Subsidiary Body on

Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice identified a list of key scientific and technical needs for the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and adopted recommendation XVII/1.

Action under item 12

49. Under this agenda item, the Conference of the Parties may wish to consider the draft decision contained in document UNEP/CBD/COP/12/1/Add.2, which has been compiled on the basis of SBSTTA recommendations XVII/1 (*Scientific and technical needs related to the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020*) and XVIII/1 (*Fourth edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook*).

50. The Conference of the Parties may also wish to consider the annexes to this draft decision, which have been prepared by the Executive Secretary:

(a) A list of potential key actions to enhance implementation, developed on the basis of the fourth edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook (UNEP/CBD/COP/12/9/Add.1);

(b) The draft terms of reference for a meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on indicators for assessing progress towards implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 contained in document UNEP/CBD/COP/12/9/Add.2.

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 scientific cooperation and other initiatives to assist implementation

Progress in revising/updating and implementing national biodiversity strategies and action plans and submission of fifth national reports

51. In its decision X/2, the Conference of the Parties urged Parties and other Governments to implement the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and to develop national and regional targets with a view to contributing to collective global efforts to reach the global targets, to review, and as appropriate update and revise, their national biodiversity strategies and action plans, adopted as policy instruments, and to use the revised and updated national biodiversity strategies and action plans as effective instruments for the integration of biodiversity targets into national development policies and strategies and planning processes.

52. In its decision XI/2 A, the Conference of the Parties urged those Parties and other Governments that had not yet done so to review and, as appropriate, update and revise, their national biodiversity strategies and action plans in line with the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011–2020, including national plans related to biodiversity.

53. The Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention, at its fifth meeting, reviewed progress by Parties in the updating of national biodiversity strategies and action plans and adopted recommendation 5/3.

54. An updated report on progress in revising/updating and implementing national biodiversity strategies and action plans, including national targets, and fifth national report submissions will be provided for the information of the Conference of the Parties (UNEP/CBD/COP/12/10).

Enhancement of capacity-building, technical and scientific cooperation and other initiatives to assist implementation

55. The Conference of the Parties, in its decision X/2, emphasized the need for capacity-building activities and the effective sharing of knowledge, in order to support countries and indigenous and local communities in the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020. In its decision XI/2 A, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to continue promoting and facilitating activities to strengthen implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011–2020 and progress towards the Aichi Biodiversity Targets at the national, regional and subregional levels.

56. The Conference of the Parties, in its decision XI/2 C, requested the Executive Secretary, among other things, to develop a coherent, consistent and coordinated approach to technical and scientific cooperation. It also requested the Executive Secretary to identify how he can facilitate implementation of the Convention by acting as a convenor, to build partnerships and capacity.

57. With regard to the review, updating and revising of national biodiversity strategies and action plans, the Conference of the Parties, in its decision XI/2 A, requested the Executive Secretary to facilitate the continued exchange of best practices and lessons learned and strengthened cooperation with regional and subregional processes, South-South and triangular cooperation and voluntary peer-review processes among interested Parties. In addition, in decision XI/15, the Executive Secretary was requested to enable regional and global technical support networks to help the ongoing review, updating and implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans in small island developing States and least developed countries with islands.

58. With regard to the clearing-house mechanism, the Executive Secretary was requested in decision XI/2 B to: (a) establish a standard information-exchange mechanism for the clearing-house mechanism to interconnect the central and national clearing-house mechanisms, where possible; (b) collaborate with the other biodiversity-related conventions to ensure mutual compatibility and to avoid duplication of work; and (c) continue to use automated translation tools to facilitate exchange of technical and scientific information in line with Articles 17 and 18 of the Convention.

59. The Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention, at its fifth meeting, addressed the above-mentioned matters and adopted recommendation 5/11.

60. A further progress report on technical and scientific cooperation and the clearing-house mechanism is provided in document UNEP/CBD/COP/12/11.

Communication, education and public awareness and the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity

61. In decision XI/2 D, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to promote the implementation of the strategy for the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity within the programme of work on communication, education and public awareness, to maintain the Decade's web portal to highlight all activities and to prepare a summary of information on activities under the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity. Additional information will be provided on activities related to the International Day for Biological Diversity, the 2014 theme for which is island biodiversity.

62. A progress report on these matters is provided in document UNEP/CBD/COP/12/12.

Action under item 13

63. Under this agenda item, the Conference of the Parties may wish to consider, for finalization and adoption, the draft decisions which are contained in document UNEP/CBD/COP/12/1/Add.2 and originate from:

(a) WGRI recommendation 5/3 (*Review of progress in revising/updating and implementing national biodiversity strategies and action plans and submission of fifth national reports*);

(b) WGRI recommendation 5/11 (*Review of progress in providing support in implementing the objectives of the Convention and its Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020*).

64. In doing so, the Conference of the Parties may wish to take into account the information provided in documents UNEP/CBD/COP/12/10, UNEP/CBD/COP/12/11 and UNEP/CBD/COP/12/12.

Item 14. Resource mobilization

65. In the strategy for resource mobilization (annex to decision IX/11), the Conference of the Parties provided for a comprehensive review of the implementation of the strategy at its twelfth meeting. Responding to the request in decision XI/4, the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention reviewed the implementation of the strategy for resource mobilization at its fifth meeting and adopted recommendation 5/10, which addresses targets for resource mobilization,

modalities and milestones for Aichi Biodiversity Target 3, financial reporting, technical support and capacity-building.

66. In addition, the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention, at its fifth meeting, requested the Executive Secretary to develop proposals for concrete and effective actions for implementing Aichi Biodiversity Target 20, to support the achievement of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets by 2020, with a view to preparing a set of practical decisions at the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

67. The Working Group also requested the Executive Secretary to revise the preliminary reporting framework and to submit the global monitoring report on the implementation of the strategy for resource mobilization, for consideration of the Conference of the Parties at its twelfth meeting.

Action under item 14

68. Under this agenda item, the Conference of the Parties may wish to consider, for finalization and adoption, the draft decision contained in document UNEP/CBD/COP/12/1/Add.2 which originates from recommendation 5/10 (*Review of implementation of the strategy for resource mobilization*), as well as the additional information contained in documents UNEP/CBD/COP/12/13 (strategy for resource mobilization), UNEP/CBD/COP/12/13/Add.1 (global monitoring report on resource mobilization), UNEP/CBD/COP/12/13/Add.2 (second report of the High Level Panel on Global Assessment of Resources for implementing the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020), UNEP/CBD/COP/12/13/Add.3 (revision of preliminary reporting framework), UNEP/CBD/COP/12/13/Add.4 (options for voluntary guidance on safeguards) and UNEP/CBD/COP/12/13/Add.5 (report on activities on collective actions and non-market-based approaches for resource mobilization).

Item 15. Financial mechanism

69. Pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Conference of the Parties and the Council of the Global Environment Facility, the Conference of the Parties is expected to determine the policy, strategy, programme priorities and eligibility criteria for access to and utilization of financial resources available through the financial mechanism, consider reports from the Council of the Global Environment Facility, review the effectiveness of the financial mechanism, and determine funding requirements.

70. The Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention, at its fifth meeting, prepared, in response to decision XI/5, a draft decision on the fourth review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism in accordance with decision X/27.

71. The Conference of the Parties will also have before it the report by the Global Environment Facility, including its response to the reporting requests contained in decision XI/5.

Action under item 15

72. Under this agenda item, the Conference of the Parties may wish to consider the report of the Council of the Global Environment Facility (UNEP/CBD/COP/12/1/Add.1), the draft decision contained in document UNEP/CBD/COP/12/1/Add.2 which originates from recommendation 5/1 (Financial mechanism), as well as further information contained in the note prepared by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/COP/12/14).

73. The Conference of the Parties may also provide further guidance to the financial mechanism. In this context, the Conference of the Parties is also invited to consider any recommendations, as relevant to the financial mechanism, from the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol.

Item 16. Biodiversity and sustainable development

Contribution to the post-2015 United Nations development agenda and the sustainable development goals

74. The Conference of the Parties, in decision X/9 planned to address, at its twelfth meeting, the contribution of the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 to the achievement of relevant 2015 targets of the Millennium Development Goals. This consideration will be based, inter alia, on the fifth national reports, and the fourth edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook.

75. In decision XI/22, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to collaborate with a number of organizations in the process of developing sustainable development goals and to undertake a number of other specific activities related to biodiversity and development.

76. The Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention, at its fifth meeting, addressed these matters, and adopted recommendation 5/8 B.

77. An update on the process for the development of the post-2015 United Nations development agenda and related activities of the Secretariat will be provided in document UNEP/CBD/COP/12/15.

Biodiversity, poverty eradication and development

78. In decision XI/22, the Conference of the Parties decided to discuss, at its future meetings, issues relating to the links between biodiversity and human well-being, livelihoods, poverty eradication and sustainable development.

79. The fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention addressed these matters, including the outcomes of the second meeting of the Expert Group on Biodiversity for Poverty Eradication and Development, which took place in Chennai, India, from 4 to 6 December 2013, and adopted recommendation 5/8.

Biodiversity and human health

80. The Conference of the Parties, in decision XI/6 C requested the Executive Secretary to collaborate with relevant organizations on the further development of indicators relevant to the links between biodiversity and health and the establishment of a joint work programme with the World Health Organization.

81. The Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, at its eighteenth meeting, considered a progress report on this matter and adopted recommendation XVIII/14.

82. An updated report on the interlinkages between biodiversity and human health will be provided in document UNEP/CBD/COP/12/16.

Action under item 16

83. Under this agenda item, the Conference of the Parties may wish to consider, for finalization and adoption, the draft decisions and recommendation to the Conference of the Parties contained in document UNEP/CBD/COP/12/1/Add.2 which originate from:

(a) WGRI recommendation 5/8 (Biodiversity for poverty eradication and sustainable development);

(b) SBSTTA recommendation XVIII/14 (Health and biodiversity).

84. In doing so, the Conference of the Parties may wish to take into account the information provided in documents UNEP/CBD/COP/12/15, relevant sections of the fourth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook*, and UNEP/CBD/COP/12/16.

Item 17. Mainstreaming gender considerations

85. The Executive Secretary was requested by the Conference of the Parties in decision XI/9 to update the current Gender Plan of Action (2008-2012) to 2020, to provide guidance for mainstreaming

gender into all programmes of work under the Convention, and to convene capacity-building activities on related issues. In addition, the Executive Secretary was requested to invite Parties to make submissions to the Secretariat on the development of indicators to monitor gender mainstreaming, and to report on the development of such indicators for activities of the Convention (decision XI/9).

86. The Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention, at its fifth meeting, addressed these matters and adopted recommendation 5/12, in which it requested the Executive Secretary to expand the scope of the Gender Plan of Action to include possible actions that Parties can undertake. Accordingly the Executive Secretary prepared specific proposals in this regard (UNEP/CBD/COP/12/17).

Action under item 17

87. Under this agenda item, the Conference of the Parties may wish to consider, for finalization and adoption, the draft decision contained in document UNEP/CBD/COP/12/1/Add.2 which originates from WGRI recommendation 5/12 (*Report on an updated Gender Plan of Action to 2020 and progress in gender mainstreaming, monitoring and evaluation and indicators*), taking into account the additional information contained in document UNEP/CBD/COP/12/17.

IV. OTHER ITEMS RESULTING FROM THE PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE CONVENTION

Item 18. Access and benefit-sharing

88. While all Parties are bound by Article 15 and related provisions of the Convention, it is not envisaged, at this meeting, that the Conference of the Parties will consider substantive matters under this agenda item. However, with a view to maintaining an integrated approach to issues related to access and benefit sharing under the Convention and the Protocol and further to the elements that are under consideration under item 30 as regards improving the efficiencies of structures and processes under the Convention, the Conference of the Parties may wish to request 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, to inform further consideration of this matter by the Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth meeting.

Item 19. Article 8(j) and related provisions

89. In accordance with decision XI/14 A, the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions held its eighth meeting in Montreal from 7 to 11 October 2013 to review progress made in the implementation of Article 8(j) and related provisions, including progress on indicators relevant to traditional knowledge and customary sustainable use (decision XI/3 B). Also, as requested by the Conference of the Parties, the Working Group considered a draft global plan of action on customary sustainable use of biological diversity, as a major component of the programme of work on Article 8(j) and related provisions (decision XI/14 F), and reviewed mechanisms to promote the effective participation of indigenous and local communities in the work of the Convention, including capacity-building efforts, the development of communications, mechanisms and tools, and the operations of the voluntary fund for the participation of indigenous and local communities in Convention processes and other initiatives (decision XI/14 B).

90. Furthermore, the Working Group considered how to take forward tasks 7, 10 and 12 of the revised programme of work (decision XI/14 C), as well as an expert process to advance voluntary guidelines to promote and enhance the repatriation of traditional knowledge relevant to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity (decision XI/14 D). The Working Group further considered sui generis systems for the protection of traditional knowledge (decision XI/14 E).

91. In addition, in response to decision XI/14 G, concerning recommendations of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, the Working Group considered the issue of the use of the term

“indigenous peoples and local communities” within the context of the Convention and requested the Executive Secretary to prepare an analysis, including by obtaining advice from the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs, which is contained in document UNEP/CBD/COP/12/5/Add.1.

Action under item 19

92. Under this agenda item, the Conference of the Parties will have before it the report of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions on the work of its eighth meeting (UNEP/CBD/COP/12/5), and may wish to consider, for finalization and adoption, the draft decisions contained in document UNEP/CBD/COP/12/1/Add.2 which originate from:

- (a) Recommendation 8/1 (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);
- (b) Recommendation 8/2 (Article 10, with a focus on Article 10(c), as major component of the programme of work on Article 8(j) and related provisions of the Convention);
- (c) Recommendation 8/3 (Development of best-practice guidelines for the repatriation of traditional knowledge relevant to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity);
- (d) Recommendation 8/4 (How tasks 7, 10 and 12 could best contribute to work under the Convention and to the Nagoya Protocol);
- (e) Recommendation 8/5 (Sui generis systems for the protection, preservation and promotion of traditional knowledge, innovations and practices);
- (f) Recommendation 8/6 (Recommendations from the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues).

93. In considering recommendation 8/6, the Conference of the Parties may take into account the information provided in the note by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/COP/12/5/Add.1).

Item 20. Liability and redress

94. In accordance with decision X/9, subparagraph (b)(vii), the Conference of the Parties will be invited to further consider this item.

Action under item 20

95. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to review the report prepared by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/COP/12/18) and decide on future work on this item.

Item 21. Marine and coastal biodiversity

Description of ecologically or biologically significant marine areas (EBSAs)

96. In decision X/29, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to work with Parties and other Governments as well as competent organizations and regional initiatives to organize a series of regional workshops with the primary objective to facilitate the description of ecologically or biologically significant marine areas (EBSAs). Subsequently, the Conference of the Parties, in decision XI/17, requested the Executive Secretary to further collaborate with Parties, other Governments, competent organizations, and global and regional initiatives to facilitate the description of areas that meet the criteria for EBSAs through the organization of additional regional or subregional workshops for the remaining regions or subregions where Parties wish workshops to be held, and for the further description of the areas already described where new information becomes available. In decision XI/17, the Conference of the Parties also requested the Executive Secretary, in cooperation with relevant organizations and partners, to undertake a number of supporting activities.

97. At its eighteenth meeting, the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice addressed these matters and adopted recommendation XVIII/3.

Addressing adverse impacts of human activities on marine and coastal biodiversity, the impacts of underwater noise and marine debris and tools and capacity development, including marine spatial planning and training initiatives

98. Pursuant to the requests in decision XI/18, a systematic review document on the impacts of ocean acidification on biodiversity and ecosystem functions as well as proposals to update the specific work plan on coral bleaching have been provided to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, at its eighteenth meeting, where it considered these matters. The Subsidiary Body also addressed priority actions to achieve Aichi Biodiversity Target 10 for coral reefs and closely associated ecosystems.

99. The Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, at its eighteenth meeting, also considered the report of an expert workshop on the impacts of underwater noise on marine biodiversity and a progress report on addressing the impacts of marine debris, prepared in line with decision XI/18. It also considered a progress report on tools and capacity development, including marine spatial planning and training initiatives in response to the requests in decisions X/29, decisions XI/17 and XI/18.

100. The recommendations of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice on these matters are contained in recommendation XVIII/4.

Action under item 21

101. Under this agenda item, the Conference of the Parties may wish to consider, for finalization and adoption, the draft decisions contained in document UNEP/CBD/COP/12/1/Add.2 which originate from:

- (a) SBSTTA recommendation XVIII/3 (Marine and coastal biodiversity: ecologically or biologically significant marine areas);
- (b) SBSTTA recommendation XVIII/4 (Marine and coastal biodiversity: other matters).

Item 22. Invasive alien species

102. In decision XI/28, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to prepare a number of items to address risks associated with the introduction of alien species as pets, aquarium and terrarium species, and as live bait and live food. In order to inform its future work on invasive alien species, the Conference of the Parties also requested the Executive Secretary to assess progress in implementing decisions on invasive alien species and to prepare a preliminary list of the most common pathways for the introduction of invasive alien species.

103. The Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, at its eighteenth meeting, addressed these issues and adopted recommendations XVIII/5 and XVIII/6.

104. In decision XI/28, the Conference of the Parties also requested the Executive Secretary to develop practical, non-prescriptive advice and tools for Parties on applying existing international standards, guidelines and recommendations and information on Parties' practices regarding integrated and strengthened national strategies on invasive alien species, relevant capacity development and harmonization of policy at the national and regional levels. It also requested the Executive Secretary to explore methodologies for fostering awareness, promoting education and generating information on invasive alien species for a broad audience, including indigenous and local communities, the public and other stakeholders.

105. The Conference of the Parties invited the Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures of the World Trade Organization to consider the application made by the Convention on Biological Diversity for observer status in the Committee and requested the Executive Secretary to actively pursue the application (decision XI/28).

106. The Executive Secretary will make available a progress report on these matters (UNEP/CBD/COP/12/19).

Action under item 22

107. Under this agenda item, the Conference of the Parties may wish to consider, for finalization and adoption, the draft decisions contained in document UNEP/CBD/COP/12/1/Add.2, which originate from:

(a) SBSTTA recommendation XVIII/5 (Management of risks associated with introduction of alien species as pets, aquarium and terrarium species, and as live bait and live food, and related issue);

(b) SBSTTA recommendation XVIII/6 (Review of work on invasive alien species and considerations for future work).

Item 23. Global Strategy for Plant Conservation

108. The Conference of the Parties decided to undertake a mid-term review of the implementation of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation 2011-2020, in tandem with the mid-term review of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 (decision X/17). The Conference of the Parties agreed that monitoring the implementation of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation, including the use of indicators, should be seen in the broader context of, and linked to, the monitoring, review and evaluation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 (decision XI/26).

109. The Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, at its eighteenth meeting, considered progress in achieving the targets of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation 2011-2020 as well as progress in undertaking a number of activities in relation to the further development of the online toolkit for the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation, and adopted recommendation XVIII/2.

Action under item 23

110. Under this agenda item, the Conference of the Parties may wish to consider, for finalization and adoption, the draft decision contained in document UNEP/CBD/COP/12/1/Add.2 which originates from SBSTTA recommendation XVIII/2 (*Progress in achieving the targets of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation 2011-2020*).

Item 24. New and emerging issues: synthetic biology

111. In decision XI/11, the Executive Secretary was requested to prepare a synthesis of submissions and information on (a) components, organisms and products resulting from synthetic biology; and (b) possible gaps and overlaps with the applicable provisions of the Convention, its Protocols and other relevant agreements related to these; including an analysis of how the criteria set out in paragraph 12 of decision IX/29, apply to this issue.

112. The Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice addressed this matter at its eighteenth meeting and adopted recommendation XVIII/7, which requested a revision of the information documents on synthetic biology and its potential impacts on biodiversity and on the possible gaps and overlaps with the Convention, its Protocols and other relevant agreements, based on further peer-review.

Action under item 24

113. Under this agenda item, the Conference of the Parties may wish to consider, for finalization and adoption, taking into account the additional information contained in the note by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/COP/12/20), the draft decision contained in document UNEP/CBD/COP/12/1/Add.2, which originates from SBSTTA recommendation XVIII/7 (*Synthetic biology*).

Item 25. Biodiversity and climate change

114. In decision XI/21, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to continue discussions on the relevant activities presented in document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/16/9 which address obstacles with regard to the integration of biodiversity into relevant climate-related activities. In

decision X/33, the Conference of the Parties had also requested the Executive Secretary to support Parties and relevant organizations and processes to design and implement ecosystem-based approaches for mitigation and adaptation as they relate to biodiversity.

115. In decision XI/19, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to enhance collaboration with the Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and other members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests, as well as with other relevant organizations and initiatives, to further support the efforts of Parties to promote the contribution of REDD+ activities towards achieving the objectives of the Convention. The Conference of the Parties also requested the Executive Secretary to compile information relevant to the application of safeguards for biodiversity. In addition, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to compile information from Parties on initiatives and experiences regarding paragraph 67 of decision 2/CP.17 of the UNFCCC Conference of the Parties (on non-market-based approaches, such as joint mitigation and adaptation approaches for the integral and sustainable management of forests) with regard to its possible contribution to the objectives of the Convention.

116. The Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice addressed these matters at its eighteenth meeting.

Action under item 25

117. Under this agenda item, the Conference of the Parties may wish to consider, for finalization and adoption, the draft decision contained in document UNEP/CBD/COP/12/1/Add.2 which originates from SBSTTA recommendation XVIII/10 (*Biodiversity and climate change*), taking into account the additional information contained in the note by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/COP/12/21).

Item 26. Ecosystem conservation and restoration

118. In decision XI/16, the Conference of the Parties invited Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations, and requested the Executive Secretary, to undertake certain activities to support countries in implementing ecosystem restoration.

119. In decision XI/24, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary, in partnership with relevant organizations, to continue supporting implementation of national action plans for the programme of work on protected areas and progress towards achieving Aichi Biodiversity Target 11 and other related targets at the national, subregional and regional levels.

120. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, at its eighteenth meeting, considered a progress report prepared by the Executive Secretary on these matters and adopted recommendation XVIII/11.

Action under item 26

121. Under this agenda item, the Conference of the Parties may wish to consider, taking into account the additional information contained in document UNEP/CBD/COP/12/22 prepared by the Executive Secretary, for finalization and adoption, the draft decision contained in document UNEP/CBD/COP/12/1/Add.2, which originates from SBSTTA recommendation XVIII/11 (*Ecosystem conservation and restoration*).

Item 27. Sustainable use of biodiversity: bushmeat and sustainable wildlife management

122. In decision XI/25, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to provide to the Subsidiary Body for Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice: (i) periodic updates on the progress made by the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions on customary sustainable use of biodiversity by indigenous and local communities; and (ii) a synthesis report on progress in sustainable wildlife management, in particular bushmeat species management and customary sustainable use, and on related capacity-building requirements, based on submissions from

Parties and relevant organizations, and with the full and effective participation of indigenous and local communities.

123. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice considered a progress report on activities undertaken by Parties, other Governments, relevant organizations and initiatives, including relevant initiatives, actions and experiences of indigenous and local communities, as well as on relevant activities of the Executive Secretary and adopted recommendation XVIII/13.

Action under item 27

124. Under this agenda item, the Conference of the Parties may wish to consider, for finalization and adoption, the draft decision contained in document UNEP/CBD/COP/12/1/Add.2, which originates from SBSTTA recommendation XVIII/13 (Sustainable use of biodiversity: bushmeat and sustainable wildlife management).

Item 28. Biofuels and biodiversity

125. In decision XI/27, the Conference of the Parties decided to review progress on the implementation of decisions IX/2 and X/37 at its twelfth meeting.

Action under item 28

126. Under this agenda item, the Conference of the Parties may wish to consider the note prepared by the Executive Secretary on this matter (UNEP/CBD/COP/12/23).

Item 29. Cooperation with other conventions, international organizations and stakeholders' engagement, including business

127. In decision XI/6 the Conference of the Parties stressed the need to support the arrangements necessary to ensure that the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and its Aichi Biodiversity Targets are embraced beyond the Convention on Biological Diversity by all relevant institutions, organizations and processes. Under this item, the Conference of the Parties will be invited to provide further guidance on cooperation with the other Rio conventions, other biodiversity-related conventions, international organizations and programmes, engagement with subnational and local governments and stakeholders as well as business.

Cooperation with the biodiversity-related conventions and the Rio conventions, the Environment Management Group, and other United Nations entities and international organizations

128. The Executive Secretary was requested, in decisions XI/6 and XI/15, to undertake a number of activities related to cooperation with biodiversity-related and Rio conventions. With regard to water and in particular Aichi Biodiversity Target 14, in decision XI/23 the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with the Secretariat of the Ramsar Convention and in consultation with relevant partners and initiatives, to develop a cooperative partnership to promote awareness of, and capacity-building for, ecosystem-based solutions for water resources management.

129. The Conference of the Parties will also be invited to welcome the progress report by the Environment Management Group on the contribution of the United Nations system to the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and on cooperation among its members. The Conference of the Parties will also be provided with information on the collaboration with other United Nations entities and other international organizations in support of the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the achievement of its Aichi Biodiversity Targets.

130. With regard to forestry and agriculture, and in particular Aichi Biodiversity Targets 7 and 13, the Executive Secretary will provide an update on collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. A progress report on advances under the joint programme on biological and cultural diversity of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the Secretariat of the Convention will also be made available.

131. The Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention, at its fifth meeting, addressed some of these matters and adopted recommendation 5/7.

Tourism

132. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to review the application of the Guidelines on Biodiversity and Tourism Development (decision XI/6) based on the note by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/COP/12/24/Add.1).

Stakeholder engagement

133. The Executive Secretary prepared information on the engagement of stakeholders in relevant processes of the Convention in response to decisions XI/8 B and C on civil society for consideration by the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention, at its fifth meeting, which addressed these matters and adopted recommendation 5/6.

Business and biodiversity

134. With regard to business and biodiversity, the Executive Secretary was requested to facilitate dialogue among business, Governments, and other stakeholders through ongoing support for business and biodiversity initiatives. The Executive Secretary was further requested to compile information on best practices and to facilitate the engagement of businesses, Governments and other stakeholders in adopting such practices through various means. In addition, the Executive Secretary was requested to refine the analysis of tools and mechanisms in order to help businesses understand and adopt solutions for biodiversity management and to help raise awareness about the conservation of biodiversity and sustainable use of its components and the drivers of biodiversity loss, thereby assisting businesses to build capacity related to biodiversity and ecosystem services (decision XI/7). The Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention, at its fifth meeting, addressed these matters and adopted recommendation 5/4.

Subnational implementation

135. In decision X/22 the Executive Secretary was requested to report on the implementation of the Plan of Action on Subnational Governments, Cities and Other Local Authorities for Biodiversity (2011-2020), endorsed by paragraph 1 of the same decision, at future meetings of the Conference of the Parties. The Executive Secretary was also requested to convene, with appropriate partners, meetings of local authorities at the margins of future meetings of the Conference of the Parties. For the fourth time, a summit of local and subnational governments will be held in parallel with the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

136. In decision XI/8 A, the Executive Secretary was requested to support the Global Partnership on Local and Subnational Action for Biodiversity and its activities as an effective platform for scientific and technical cooperation, capacity development and the dissemination of best practices for local and subnational implementation of the Convention, and to continue to involve local and subnational authorities in the series of workshops to review and update national biodiversity strategies and action plans, including regional activities.

137. The Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention, at its fifth meeting, addressed these matters and adopted recommendation 5/5.

Action under item 29

138. Under this agenda item, the Conference of the Parties may wish to consider, taking account additional information contained in document UNEP/CBD/COP/12/24 and Add.1 addendum, for finalization and adoption, the draft decisions contained in document UNEP/CBD/COP/12/1/Add.2, which originate from:

- (a) WGRI recommendation 5/7 (Cooperation with other conventions, international organizations and initiatives);

- (b) WGRI recommendation 5/4 (Report on progress related to business engagement);
- (c) WGRI recommendation 5/6 (Stakeholder engagement);
- (d) WGRI recommendation 5/5 (Engagement with subnational and local governments).

V. OPERATIONS OF THE CONVENTION

Item 30. Improving the efficiency of structures and processes under the Convention, and retirement of decisions

139. The Conference of the Parties is expected to address under this agenda item the matter of improving the efficiency of structures and processes under the Convention and its two Protocols (decision XI/10). The Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention, at its fifth meeting, addressed these matters and adopted recommendation 5/2, in which it requested the Executive Secretary to prepare:

- (a) A plan for the concurrent organization in a two-week period of meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol;
- (b) Terms of reference for a subsidiary body on implementation to replace the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention;
- (c) Proposals for voluntary peer-review of national biodiversity strategies and action plans.

140. The response of the Executive Secretary is contained in document UNEP/CBD/COP/12/25.

141. Annex III (together with annex II) to this document presents a plan for 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 response to paragraph 1 of recommendation 5/2 of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention.

Retirement of decisions

142. The Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention, at its fifth meeting, also addressed the process of retiring decisions in line with decision XI/12 and adopted recommendation 5/9 on ways to refocus the exercise towards supporting the review of implementation of existing decisions and creating a good basis for the adoption of new decisions.

Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services

143. The Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice considered, at its seventeenth and eighteenth meetings, the relationship with the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, including potential implications for the preparation of future editions of the Global Biodiversity Outlook and how the Convention, and in particular the Subsidiary Body, should collaborate with the Platform, by (a) identifying scientific and technical needs that could be addressed by the Platform, and (b) considering relevant outputs of the Platform, in line with decision XI/13 C. The Subsidiary Body adopted recommendations XVII/3 and XVIII/9.

Action under item 30

144. Under this agenda item, the Conference of the Parties may wish to consider, for finalization and adoption, the draft decisions contained in document UNEP/CBD/COP/12/1/Add.2, which originate from:

- (a) WGRI recommendation 5/2 (Improving the efficiency of structures and processes under the Convention and its Protocols);
- (b) WGRI recommendation 5/9 (Retirement of decisions);

(c) SBSTTA recommendations XVII/3 and XVIII/9 (Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services).

145. In considering WGRI recommendation 5/2, the Conference of the Parties may wish to take into account the information provided by the Executive Secretary in document UNEP/CBD/COP/12/25.

Item 31. Multi-year programme of work of the Conference of the Parties up to 2020

146. The Conference of the Parties, in decision X/9, decided to update the multi-year programme of work at its twelfth meeting.

Action under item 31

147. Under this agenda item, the Conference of the Parties may wish to consider for adoption the proposed multi-year programme of work to 2020 contained in document UNEP/CBD/COP/12/26.

Item 32. Budget for the programme of work for the biennium 2015-2016

148. Under this item, the Conference of the Parties may wish to adopt a programme budget for the biennium 2015-2016 to meet the core administrative costs of the Conference of the Parties, the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, the meetings of other subsidiary bodies and the Secretariat on the basis of a proposed budget prepared by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/COP/12/27).

149. As requested in decision XI/31, the proposal contains five alternatives for the core programme budget based on:

(a) Making an assessment of the required rate of growth for the programme budget BY Trust Fund;

(b) Increasing the core programme budget (BY Trust Fund) from 2013-2014 level by 7.5 per cent in nominal terms;

(c) Increasing the core programme budget (BY Trust Fund) to an amount that represents a 7.5 per cent increase in nominal terms of the combined total of the BY and any distinct costs of the Nagoya Protocol over the BY Trust Fund total amount for 2013–2014;

(d) Maintaining the core programme budget (BY Trust Fund) at the 2013-2014 level in nominal terms;

(e) Setting a core programme budget (BY Trust Fund) for 2015-2016 that maintains the combined total of BY Trust Fund and any distinct costs for the Nagoya Protocol at the same nominal total amount as the BY Trust Fund for 2013–2014.

150. As in the past, the levels of contributions to the budget by individual Parties, which are annexed to the document, have been based on the United Nations scale of assessments for the apportionment of expenses adjusted for the Convention on Biological Diversity. Detailed information on activities and resource needs by programme and subprogramme are explained in the note by the Executive Secretary on detailed subprogramme activities and resources required (UNEP/CBD/COP/12/27/Add.1), while tables indicating the status of the trust funds under the Convention, the financial statements for 2012-2013 and the scale of contributions for the biennium 2013-2014 are being circulated as an information document.

151. Both the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-Sharing provide that, “to the extent that they are distinct; the costs of the secretariat services for the Protocol shall be met by the Parties hereto”. Therefore, there is a need to identify those Secretariat costs that are distinct to both the Protocols and those that are common to the Convention and the Protocols. Given that the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol will immediately precede the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, the latter will be informed of the budget adopted for the Cartagena Protocol for the next biennium as its distinct costs. Given that the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties

serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol will be convened concurrently with the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, and that related matters on access and benefit-sharing (Article 15 and related Articles) will continue to be relevant under the Convention, the Conference of the Parties and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol may wish to coordinate consideration of the budget of the Convention and that of the Nagoya Protocol.

152. In addition, the Conference of the Parties may wish to consider the information contained in an information document which will be prepared by the Executive Secretary on the results of the in-depth functional review of the Secretariat (decision XI/31).

153. It is suggested that a joint budget contact group be established under agenda item 9 to prepare a budget, which will be submitted to plenary for adoption. The budget contact group will be invited to report to the plenary midway through the meeting.

Action under item 32

154. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider the relevant information provided in document UNEP/CBD/COP/12/27 and Add.1, taking into account also any relevant recommendations from the third meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Nagoya Protocol, as appropriate.

VI. FINAL MATTERS

Item 33. Other matters

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

Item 34. Adoption of the report

156. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider and adopt the report on the work of its twelfth meeting on the basis of the draft report prepared by the Rapporteur and the reports of the two working groups. It may also wish to annex to its report the outcomes of the high-level segment of the meeting and other events organized in conjunction with its meeting. In accordance with established practice, the Conference of the Parties may wish to authorize the Rapporteur to complete the final report after the meeting with the guidance of the President and assistance of the Secretariat.

Item 35. Closure of the meeting

157. It is expected that the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties will be closed on Friday, 17 October 2014, at approximately 6 p.m.

Annex I

**PROVISIONAL LIST OF DOCUMENTS FOR THE TWELFTH MEETING OF THE
CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES**

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*Annex II***PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK AT THE TWELFTH MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES**

(Showing also proposed organization of work for the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties of the Nagoya Protocol, based on the proposal for the concurrent organization of the two meetings – see annex III)

<p><i>Monday, 6 October</i> 1000 - 1300</p>	<p>PLENARY (Twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties)</p> <p>I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Opening of the meeting. 2. Election of officers. 3. Adoption of the agenda. 4. Organization of work. 5. Report on the credentials of representatives to the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. 6. Pending issues. 7. Date and venue of the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. <p>II. REPORTS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. Reports of intersessional and regional preparatory meetings. 9. Report of the Executive Secretary on the administration of the Convention and the budget for the Trust Funds of the Convention. 10. Status of the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization. <p>III. THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR BIODIVERSITY 2011-2020 AND THE AICHI BIODIVERSITY TARGETS: REVIEW OF PROGRESS AND ENHANCING IMPLEMENTATION</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. Fourth edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook (Launch) 	
<p><i>Monday, 6 October</i> 1500 - 1800</p>	<p>WORKING GROUP I</p> <p>III. THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR BIODIVERSITY 2011-2020 AND THE AICHI BIODIVERSITY TARGETS: REVIEW OF PROGRESS AND ENHANCING IMPLEMENTATION (<i>continued</i>)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 13. Review of progress in providing support in implementing the objectives of the Convention and its Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, and enhancement of capacity-building, technical and scientific cooperation and other initiatives to assist implementation 	<p>WORKING GROUP II</p> <p>IV. OTHER ITEMS RESULTING FROM THE PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE CONVENTION</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 19. Article 8(j) and related provisions 20. Liability and redress
<p><i>Tuesday, 7 October</i> 1000 - 1300</p>	<p>WORKING GROUP I</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 14. Resource mobilization 15. Financial mechanism 	<p>WORKING GROUP II</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 21. Marine and coastal biodiversity 22. Invasive alien species

<p><i>Tuesday, 7 October</i> 1500 - 1800</p>	<p>WORKING GROUP I 16. Biodiversity and sustainable development 17. Mainstreaming gender considerations</p>	<p>WORKING GROUP II 23. Global Strategy for Plant Conservation 24. New and emerging issues: synthetic biology 25. Biodiversity and climate change</p>
<p><i>Wednesday, 8 October</i> 1000 - 1300</p>	<p>WORKING GROUP I V. OPERATIONS OF THE CONVENTION 30. Improving the efficiency of structures and processes, and retirement of decision</p>	<p>WORKING GROUP II 26. Ecosystem conservation and restoration 27. Sustainable use of biodiversity: bushmeat and sustainable wildlife management 28. Biofuels and biodiversity</p>
<p><i>Wednesday, 8 October</i> 1500 - 1800</p>	<p>WORKING GROUP I 31. Multi-year programme of work of the Conference of the Parties up to 2020</p>	<p>WORKING GROUP II 29. Cooperation with other conventions, international organizations and stakeholders' engagement, including business.</p>
<p><i>Thursday, 9 October</i> 1000 – 1300</p>	<p>WORKING GROUP I (Matters outstanding)</p>	<p>WORKING GROUP II (Matters outstanding)</p>
<p><i>Thursday, 9 October</i> 1500 – 1800</p>	<p>WORKING GROUP I (Matters outstanding)</p>	<p>WORKING GROUP II (Matters outstanding)</p>
<p><i>Friday, 10 October</i> 1000 – 1300</p>	<p>WORKING GROUP I (Matters outstanding)</p>	<p>WORKING GROUP II (Matters outstanding)</p>
<p><i>Friday, 10 October</i> 1500 - 1800</p>	<p>PLENARY (Twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties) Dialogue session Review of progress 18. Access and benefit-sharing. Adoption of decisions on the basis of draft decisions approved by the Working Groups</p>	

<p>Monday, 13 October 1000 – 1300</p>	<p>PLENARY (First meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties of the Nagoya Protocol)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Opening of the meeting. 2. Adoption of the agenda. 3. Adoption of the rules of procedure for meetings of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol. 4. Organizational matters: (4.1. Election of officers; 4.2. Organization of work) 5. Report on the credentials of representatives to the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol. 6. Report of the Open-ended Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Committee for the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization. 15. Programme budget for the biennium following the entry into force of the Nagoya Protocol. 20. Date and venue of the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol. 7. Exchange of information and views on the status of the ratification and implementation of the Nagoya Protocol. 	
<p>Monday, 13 October 1500 – 1800</p>	<p>WORKING GROUP I Items under the Nagoya Protocol:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. The Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House and information-sharing (Article 14) 9. Monitoring and reporting (Article 29) 	<p>WORKING GROUP II Items under the Nagoya Protocol:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 10. Cooperative procedures and institutional mechanisms to promote compliance with the Nagoya Protocol and address cases of non-compliance (Article 30) 11. Model contractual clauses, voluntary codes of conduct, guidelines and best practices and/or standards (Article 19 and 20) 19. The need for and modalities of a global multilateral benefit-sharing mechanism (Article 10)
<p>Tuesday, 14 October 1000 – 1300</p>	<p>WORKING GROUP I Items under the Nagoya Protocol:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 12. Guidance to the financial mechanism (Article 25) 13. Guidance on resource mobilization for the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol 16. Improving the efficiency of structures and processes under the Convention and its Protocols 17. Measures to assist in capacity-building, capacity development and strengthening of human resources and institutional capacities in developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition (Article 22) 18. Measures to raise awareness of the importance of genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge (Article 21) 	<p>WORKING GROUP II Items under the Nagoya Protocol:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 14. Cooperation with other international organizations, conventions and initiatives
<p>Tuesday, 14 October 1500 – 1800</p>	<p>PLENARY: Joint session of the COP and the COP-MOP of the Nagoya Protocol Review of progress in Working Groups and the budget contact group Item under the Convention: 30. Budget for the programme of work for the biennium 2015-2016 Item under the Protocol: 15. Programme budget for the biennium following the entry into force of the Nagoya Protocol (followed by Working Groups)</p>	

<p><i>Tuesday, 14 October 1500 – 1800 (continued)</i></p>	<p>WORKING GROUP I (Matters outstanding: items under the Convention and/or the Nagoya Protocol, as necessary)</p>	<p>WORKING GROUP II (Matters outstanding: items under the Convention and/or the Nagoya Protocol, as necessary)</p>
<p><i>Wednesday, 15 October 1000 - 1300</i></p>	<p>Opening session of the High-level segment (no sessions of COP, COP-MOP or Working Groups)</p>	
<p><i>Wednesday, 15 October 1500 – 1800</i></p>	<p>WORKING GROUP I (Matters outstanding: items under the Convention and/or the Nagoya Protocol, as necessary)</p>	<p>WORKING GROUP II (Matters outstanding: items under the Convention and/or the Nagoya Protocol, as necessary)</p>
<p><i>Thursday, 16 October 1000 – 1300</i></p>	<p>WORKING GROUP I (Matters outstanding: items under the Convention and/or the Nagoya Protocol, as necessary)</p>	<p>WORKING GROUP II (Matters outstanding: items under the Convention and/or the Nagoya Protocol, as necessary)</p>
<p><i>Thursday, 16 October 1500 – 1800</i></p>	<p>WORKING GROUP I (Matters outstanding: items under the Convention and/or the Nagoya Protocol, as necessary)</p>	<p>WORKING GROUP II (Matters outstanding: items under the Convention and/or the Nagoya Protocol, as necessary)</p>
<p><i>Friday, 17 October 1000 - 1300</i></p>	<p>PLENARY (First meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties of the Nagoya Protocol) Adoption of decisions on the basis of draft decisions approved by the Working Groups</p> <p>21. <i>Other matters</i> 22. <i>Adoption of the report</i> 23. <i>Closure of the meeting</i></p>	
<p><i>Friday, 17 October 1500 - 1800</i></p>	<p>PLENARY (Twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties) VI. FINAL MATTERS Adoption of decisions on the basis of draft decisions approved by the Working Groups</p> <p>33. <i>Other matters</i> 34. <i>Adoption of the report</i> 35. <i>Closure of the meeting</i></p>	

Annex III

**PLAN FOR 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**

1. This annex provides a plan for 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 developed in line with the request of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention in paragraph 1(a) of its recommendation 5/2.

Background

2. At its eleventh meeting, under the item on operations of the Convention, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary, in consultation with the Bureau, to prepare a proposal on improving the efficiency of structures and processes under the Convention and its two Protocols, including the periodicity of meetings until 2020, the organization of intersessional work, and the organization of the meetings of the Conference of the Parties and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the two Protocols, for consideration by the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention at its fifth meeting. (For the proposal of the Executive Secretary, see UNEP/CBD/WGRI/5/12).
3. Article 29 of the Cartagena Protocol and Article 26 of the Nagoya Protocol provide that the Conference of the Parties shall serve as the meeting of the Parties to these Protocols. They further provide that ordinary meetings of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol shall be held, respectively, “in conjunction with” and “concurrently with” the ordinary meetings of COP, unless otherwise decided by COP-MOP.
4. A close integration of the governance of the Convention and its Protocols would promote synergies and provide efficiencies both in terms of financial requirements and substantive considerations. It could contribute to a reduction in cost to the core budgets, more focused agendas, avoid duplication of work and allow Parties to deal more coherently and in a coordinated manner with cross-cutting issues. Such issues include budgetary and institutional issues, organizational matters, multi-year programming and the clearing-houses.
5. As one of the three objectives of the Convention and addressed in its Article 15, access and benefit-sharing is an integral part of the Convention, and it is therefore important that it continue to be addressed as such by COP, even after the entry into force of the Nagoya Protocol.

Consideration of options for the concurrent organization of meetings by the Ad hoc open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention

6. Three options for the concurrent organization of meetings of the governing bodies of the Convention and Protocols were presented in document UNEP/CBD/WGRI/5/12:

Option 1: COP would serve, literally, as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol. There would be a single agenda that would include both Convention and Protocol items. There would be no need to open a separate and distinct meeting of COP serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol. Working groups established by COP would address issues of relevance to both the Convention and the Protocol.

Option 2: distinct meetings of COP and COP-MOP would be formally opened, and adopt their respective agendas. The COP would establish two working groups and COP-MOP would endorse the working groups established by the COP. Each body would hand work down to the working groups.

(Under options 1 and 2 all issues, both under the Convention and the Protocol, would be addressed by common working groups except for the issue of budget, which would be developed by a joint budget committee, and matters that are addressed in plenary.)

Option 3: the work of COP and the work of COP-MOP would be conducted separately (except for the issue of budget and guidance to the financial mechanism), along the lines that currently prevail for the Cartagena Protocol.

7. The Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention, at its fifth meeting, in paragraph 1(a) of its recommendation 5/2, requested the Executive Secretary to prepare a plan for the organization of the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol concurrently with the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, including identifying

specific agenda items under the Convention and the Protocol that may benefit from consideration jointly or in close proximity to one another, in consultation with the Bureaux of the Conference of the Parties and the Intergovernmental Committee for the Nagoya Protocol.

Implications of the entry into force of the Nagoya Protocol for 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 of the Nagoya Protocol

8. Article 33 of the Nagoya Protocol states that the Protocol will enter into force on the ninetieth day after the date of deposit of the fiftieth instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession by States or regional economic integration organizations that are Parties to the Convention. The required number of instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession were received by the depositary on 14 July 2014. Therefore the Nagoya Protocol will enter into force on Sunday, 12 October 2014, during the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
9. Article 26, paragraph 6 of the Nagoya Protocol states that the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol shall be convened by the Secretariat and held concurrently with the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties that is scheduled after the date of the entry into force of the Protocol. The twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties will continue for five more days after the date of entry into force of the Nagoya Protocol and therefore allow the meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol to be held concurrently.
10. Accordingly, arrangements have been made for the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol to be held from 13 to 17 October 2014.

Proposed arrangements for 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

11. The proposed arrangements for 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 are a variation of Option 2 presented in UNEP/CBD/WGRI/5/12 (see paragraph 6 above). The organization of work proposed for the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention and the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol takes into consideration the specific timing restraints arising from the date of the entry into force of the Nagoya Protocol and is therefore without prejudice to the format of further concurrent meetings of the Conference of the Parties and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol.
12. In Option 2, distinct meetings of COP and COP serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol are each formally opened and adopt their respective agendas. The COP establishes two working groups and COP-MOP then endorses the working groups established by COP.
13. The serving President of COP (the President of the previous meeting of COP) will open the meeting of COP on Monday, 6 October. The COP will take up item 1 of the provisional agenda, as well as some procedural matters under item 2, including the election of its President. The COP will adopt the agenda and agree on the organization of work. As has been the practice at previous meetings, it is expected to create two working groups to address all items, except for those addressed in plenary, and establish a budget committee. The working groups will start their work on Monday, 6 October 2014, in the afternoon, and are envisaged to complete their first reading of respective draft decisions by Friday, 10 October 2014, at the latest.
14. The COP may also wish to consider referring remaining work outlined in the recommendations by the Intergovernmental Committee, in particular on cooperative procedures and institutional mechanisms to promote compliance with the Nagoya Protocol and address cases of non-compliance (Article 30), to a contact group in order to advance work on this issue before the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol. The COP would subsequently refer the results of any such work to the COP-MOP.
15. The meeting of COP-MOP to the Nagoya Protocol will be opened on Monday, 13 October. The Chairman of the COP-MOP will be elected from among the members of the Bureau, representing countries that have ratified the Protocol. The COP-MOP will take up some procedural matters, including the adoption of the agenda and the organization of work. It is proposed that the COP-MOP would endorse the working groups and the budget committee established by COP and would refer items of its agenda to the working groups, as appropriate.

16. Those States that are not Parties to the Protocol would be present for the consideration of the items regarding the Protocol as observers. To assist the Chair, measures would be in place to distinguish Parties from non-Parties.
17. To ensure consideration of items under the Convention and the Protocol, as far as possible, in close proximity, it is suggested for the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol to refer the substantive items on its agenda to the same working groups as established by the Conference of the Parties. Except for some specific items identified in the annotations to the provisional agendas of the two meetings, issues of both the Convention and the Nagoya Protocol would be addressed in the two working groups. Items under the Convention and of the Protocol that are of a similar nature would be addressed by the same working group. However, as the meeting of the Conference of the Parties is expected to have completed its first reading of draft decisions by 13 October 2014, the consideration of items under the Convention and the Protocol in close proximity, as requested by the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention, will only be possible to a limited extent.
18. In order to advance as much as possible the work under the Protocol, it is suggested to devote the sessions of the working groups on the afternoon of Monday, 13 October, and the morning of Tuesday, 14 October, to matters under the Protocol. It is foreseen that, even though it will not be possible to hold the first reading of draft decisions in close proximity, once the Chair's texts reflecting the first reading have been prepared as conference room papers (CRPs) for items both under the Convention and the Protocol, the consideration of these CRPs will, as far as possible and feasible, be done in close proximity. The consideration of a CRP by Parties to the Protocol would follow in time immediately after the consideration of a CRP on a related topic by Parties to the Convention in the respective working group.
19. The COP would reconvene in formal plenary setting as may be required. Likewise, COP-MOP would reconvene in formal plenary setting as may be required. They may also organize joint informal sessions. An informal stock-taking plenary of the COP and COP-MOP, combined, would convene for one hour after the first reading of items under both the Convention and the Protocol has been completed.
20. In conclusion of their work, the working groups would deliver one set of draft decisions to COP and another set to COP-MOP.
21. The COP-MOP would convene in a formal setting to review and adopt the draft decisions and conclude any procedural matters. The COP-MOP would then be closed. The COP would then resume in formal setting to consider and adopt the draft decisions passed to it by the working groups, together with recommendations received from COP-MOP. The COP would then be closed.

*Annex IV***INFORMATION ON THE HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT**

1. A high-level ministerial segment will be organized by the host country in consultation with the Secretariat and the Bureau. The high-level segment will be held on 15 and 16 October 2014 at the Alpensia Convention Center. Invitations for the high-level segment are being issued by the Government of the Republic of Korea.
 2. It is expected that the high-level segment will be opened by the Minister of Environment of the Republic of Korea and that the President of the Republic, the Governor of Gangwon Province and other senior officials will address the meeting.
 3. It is also expected that there will be an opportunity for a limited number of statements by Ministers and heads of delegation representing regional groups, some international organizations and major groups. In line with discussions in the COP Bureau, it is not envisaged that there will be statements by all heads of delegation in the plenary.
 4. It is expected that Ministers and heads of delegation will finalize a message to the United Nations General Assembly on “biodiversity for sustainable development”. The message would be prepared in advance through informal consultations among Parties, under the leadership of the Government of the Republic of Korea as the incoming presidency, facilitated by the COP Bureau and Secretariat.
 5. It is also expected that there will be opportunity for Ministers and heads of delegation to discuss issues related to the theme of “biodiversity for sustainable development” in a number of thematic panel sessions. The outcomes of these deliberations will be captured in a Chair’s Report.
 6. There will also be time to allow Ministers and heads of delegation to participate in the work of their delegations to facilitate negotiations in the Conference of the Parties.
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