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CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES SERVING AS THE MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY
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CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES SERVING AS THE MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE NAGOYA PROTOCOL ON ACCESS TO GENETIC RESOURCES AND FAIR AND EQUITABLE SHARING OF BENEFITS ARISING FROM THEIR UTILIZATION
Second meeting
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Cancun, Mexico, 4–17 December 2016

FURTHER GUIDANCE ON THE ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Note by the Executive Secretary

1. The present note is issued upon request of the Bureau of the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol, and the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol. It is intended to provide further guidance to delegations to facilitate their preparations for the meetings.
2. This note supplements the proposed organization of work (UNEP/CBD/COP/13/1/Add.2),¹ which in its section E laid out the consequences of holding three meetings concurrently within a two-week period, proposed ways in which the proceedings might be streamlined and announced that more detailed information on these plans would be made available in due course.
3. The Bureau considered this issue at its meeting in Mexico City on 6 and 7 October 2016. In the conduct of the concurrent meetings, the Bureau emphasized the need for discipline and time management, and agreed to communicate this through their regional meetings and consultations. The Bureau asked that the Rules of Procedure of the Conference of the Parties be brought to the attention of Parties. Furthermore, the Bureau suggested that additional guidance be provided, including information on strict time limits for statements. Accordingly, the Secretariat has prepared the present note under the guidance of the Bureau.

* UNEP/CBD/COP/13/1.

** UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/8/1.

*** UNEP/CBD/NP/COP-MOP/2/1/Rev.1.

¹ Also issued as UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/8/1/Add.2 and UNEP/CBD/NP/COP-MOP/2/1 Add.2.

4. The rules of procedure of the Conference of the Parties are available in all official languages of the United Nations.² They apply, mutatis mutandis, to the meetings of the Parties to the respective protocols, and thus also apply to the concurrent meetings.

5. The Bureau has come to the following conclusions to maximize the amount of time for substantive discussions:

(a) The President and Chairs of the Working Groups count on the support from all delegations to conduct the meetings efficiently;

(b) The Bureau agrees on the need to streamline proceedings where possible, while preserving the full integrity of the decision making processes throughout the meetings;

(c) In practice, this means that, rather than revisiting text agreed at the subsidiary bodies, the limited negotiation time available should be used primarily to address unresolved issues and issues that have not yet been addressed by a subsidiary body. However, Parties retain the right to raise issues as necessary;

(d) As has been common practice, in the opening Plenary, the Rapporteur, on behalf of all delegations, will thank the host Government and congratulate the President, Chairs of the Working Groups and chairs of groups to be established in the course of the meetings on their election. Delegates are strongly discouraged from repeating this statement;

(e) With the exception of regional statements, interventions should not exceed a length of two minutes. The Chairs may cut off delegates where necessary;

(f) In making recommendations on the manner in which delegations might wish to address each agenda item, Chairs will need support from the room to find the balance between swift proceedings on the one hand and enabling and welcoming substantively new elements provided even on previously agreed text;

(g) Depending on the history of draft decision and the level of agreement reached, the Chairs of the Working Groups will recommend different approaches ranging from an invitation to:

(i) Turn clean text coming from subsidiary bodies directly into a Conference Room Paper without the need for statements in the first reading;

(ii) A complete first reading with statements; or

(iii) The expeditious establishment of contact groups or smaller informal groups to address specific issues.

These options are addressed further in paragraphs 6 and 7 below.

6. Most of the issues under consideration by the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties have already been considered by one the subsidiary bodies (SBSTTA, SBI or the Working Group on Article 8(j) and related provisions). For all items, draft decisions have been prepared. The draft decisions fall into the following categories:

(a) Items with clean text coming from subsidiary bodies;

(b) Items with text coming from subsidiary bodies, but with a number of unresolved elements or issues;

(c) Items needing to be re-considered in the light of intersessional work or updated information, or items not previously addressed at a meeting of a subsidiary body.

² [UNEP/CBD/COP/1/17](#), annex III.

7. However, issues under consideration by the eighth meeting of the Parties to the Biosafety Protocol and the second meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol respectively generally fall under the third category mentioned in the paragraph above.

8. Items in the first category, i.e. items with clean text coming from subsidiary bodies, may not need a full round of statements under first reading before a Conference Room Paper (“CRP”) is prepared. Delegations may be encouraged to refrain from making general statements on these items where such matters have already been addressed at the subsidiary bodies.

9. For items in the second category, i.e. items with text coming from subsidiary bodies, but with a number of unresolved elements or issues, delegations may be encouraged to focus any statements, where necessary, on bracketed text in the draft decision. This would allow more time to be allotted to items in the third category which have not been previously addressed by a subsidiary body, or for which there is new information available.

10. To complement the proposed timetable for the Plenary and Working Groups provided in annex II to document UNEP/CBD/COP/13/1/Add.2, a more detailed timetable for each of the working groups is provided in annex II to the present note.

11. Annex II reflects the categorization of draft decisions set out above and in annex I. Working Group I will address matters under the two Protocols as well as the Convention. Thus, for Working Group I, the detailed timetable also indicates how related issues under the Convention and the Protocols may be addressed jointly, or in proximity, as appropriate, in line with the approach set out in section D of document UNEP/CBD/COP/13/1/Add.2. It should be noted that the actual timing that items are taken up in the Working Groups is subject to change, depending on the rate of progress of negotiations.

12. It is hoped that annex II will assist Parties in better understanding how the concurrent meetings are organized and to ensure a more integrated approach between the three instruments. Annex II may also be used by Parties in planning their statements.

Annex I

Category 1: Items with clean text coming from subsidiary bodies

These items may not need a full round of statements under first reading before the CRP is prepared. Delegations are encouraged to avoid general statements on matters addressed already at the subsidiary bodies.

9. Interim review of progress towards the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, and related means of implementation.
 - **Tools to evaluate the effectiveness of policy instruments for the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 (SBSTTA XIX/3)**
10. Strategic actions to enhance the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, including with respect to mainstreaming and the integration of biodiversity within and across sectors.
 - **Biodiversity and climate change (SBSTTA XX/10)**
 - **Progress towards the achievement of Aichi Biodiversity Targets 11 and 12 (SBSTTA XX/1)**
 - **Ecosystem restoration: Short term plan of action (SBSTTA XX/12)**
 - **Forest biodiversity: role of international organizations in supporting the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets (SBSTTA XIX/8)**
 - **Biodiversity and human health (SBSTTA XIX/6)**
14. Article 8(j) and related provisions: guidelines for the repatriation of traditional knowledge; guidelines for the development of legislation or other mechanisms; and recommendations from the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.
 - **Task 15 of the multi-year programme of work on the implementation of Article 8(j) and related provisions: best-practice guidelines for the repatriation of indigenous and traditional knowledge (WG8J 9/2)**
 - **Recommendations from the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues to the Convention on Biological Diversity (WG8J 9/4)**
 - **In-depth dialogue on thematic areas and other cross-cutting issues (WG8J 9/5)**
15. Marine and coastal biodiversity: ecologically or biologically significant marine areas; specific work plan on biodiversity and acidification in cold-water areas; addressing impacts of marine debris and anthropogenic underwater noise on marine and coastal biodiversity; and marine spatial planning and training initiatives.
 - **Voluntary specific workplan on biodiversity in cold-water areas within the jurisdictional scope of the Convention areas (SBSTTA XX/3)**
 - **Addressing impacts of marine debris and anthropogenic underwater noise on marine and coastal biodiversity areas (SBSTTA XX/3)**
 - **Marine spatial planning and training initiatives areas (SBSTTA XX/3)**
17. Other scientific and technical issues, including synthetic biology, implications of the assessment of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services on pollinators, and sustainable wildlife management.
 - **Climate-related geoengineering (SBSTTA XIX/7)**
 - **Sustainable use of biodiversity: bushmeat and sustainable wildlife management (SBSTTA XX/11)**

18. Improving the efficiency of structures and processes under the Convention, including integration among the Convention and its Protocols.
 - **Modus operandi of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation and mechanisms to support review of implementation** (SBI 1/9)
 - **Enhancing integration among the Convention and its Protocols and the organization of meetings** (SBI 1/11 (except 6-12))

Note: corresponding items under CP (item 5) and NP (items 5.2, 5.3) could be considered in the same way
19. Guidelines for the sixth national reports, modalities for future editions of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook* and indicators.
 - **Global Biodiversity Outlook** (SBSTTA XIX/5) and **Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services** (SBSTTA XX/13 (1-7))
 - **Scientific assessment of progress towards selected Aichi Biodiversity Targets** (SBSTTA XX/2)
 - **Key scientific and technical needs related to the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and related research** (SBSTTA XIX/2)

Category 2: Items with draft decisions prepared by subsidiary bodies, but with some unresolved issues or elements

These items may not necessarily need a full round of statements under first reading before the CRP is prepared. Delegations are encouraged to focus any statements, where necessary, on bracketed text in the draft decision.

10. Strategic actions to enhance the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, including with respect to mainstreaming and the integration of biodiversity within and across sectors.
 - **Strategic actions to enhance implementation of the Convention and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 including the mainstreaming of biodiversity within and across sectors** (SBI 1/4, SBSTTA XX/15; SBSTTA XIX/1(5))

*****Note that this issue aligns with the main theme of the UN Conference on Biodiversity and its High-Level Segment. Thus Parties may wish to allot more time to this issue.*
14. Article 8(j) and related provisions: guidelines for the repatriation of traditional knowledge; guidelines for the development of legislation or other mechanisms; and recommendations from the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.
 - **Voluntary guidelines for the development of mechanisms, legislation or other appropriate initiatives to ensure the [free,] prior informed consent [or approval and involvement] of indigenous peoples and local communities for accessing their knowledge, innovations and practices, the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the use and application of such knowledge, innovations and practices relevant for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity and for reporting and preventing unlawful appropriation of traditional knowledge** (WG8J 9/1)
16. Invasive alien species: addressing risks associated with trade; experiences in the use of biological control agents; and decision support tools.
 - **Invasive alien species: addressing risk associated with trade, experiences in the use of biological control and decision support tools** (SBSTTA XX/7)
17. Other scientific and technical issues, including synthetic biology, implications of the assessment of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services on pollinators, and sustainable wildlife management.

- **Implications of the IPBES assessment on pollinators, pollination and food production for the work of the Convention** (SBSTTA XX/8)
17. Other scientific and technical issues, including synthetic biology, implications of the assessment of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services on pollinators, and sustainable wildlife management.
- **Synthetic biology** (SBSTTA XX/8)

Category 3: Items that need to be re-considered in the light of intersessional work or updated information, or have not been addressed at a meeting of a subsidiary body

6. Date and venue of future meetings of the Conference of the Parties.
- **Date and venue of future meetings of the Conference of the Parties** (SBI 1/11 (6-11)) ***Note, this item will be considered in Plenary*
- 7: Report of the Executive Secretary on the administration of the Convention and the budget for the Trust Funds of the Convention.
- **Administration of the Convention and the budget for the Trust Funds of the Convention** ***Note, this item will be considered in Plenary, facilitated through a contact group on administrative and budgetary matters.*
- 9: Interim review of progress towards the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, and related means of implementation.
- **Progress in the implementation of the Convention and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and towards the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets** (SBI 1/1);
 - **Review of progress towards Aichi Biodiversity Target 16 on the Nagoya Protocol** (SBI 1/2)
11. Resource mobilization and financial mechanism.
- **Resource mobilization** (SBI 1/6)
 - **Guidance to the financial mechanism** (draft decision prepared by the Executive Secretary on the basis of SBI 1/7(5))
12. Other means of implementation: enhancement of capacity-building, technical and scientific cooperation and other initiatives to assist implementation.
- **Capacity-building, technical and scientific cooperation, technology transfer and the clearing-house mechanism** (SBI 1/5)
 - **Communication strategy** (draft decision prepared by the Executive Secretary)
13. Cooperation with other conventions and international organizations.
- **Options to enhance synergies among the biodiversity-related conventions** (SBI 1/8)
14. Article 8(j) and related provisions: guidelines for the repatriation of traditional knowledge; guidelines for the development of legislation or other mechanisms; and recommendations from the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.
- **A glossary of relevant key terms and concepts to be used within the context of Article 8(j) and related provisions** (WG8J 9/4)
15. Marine and coastal biodiversity: ecologically or biologically significant marine areas; specific work plan on biodiversity and acidification in cold-water areas; addressing impacts of marine debris and

anthropogenic underwater noise on marine and coastal biodiversity; and marine spatial planning and training initiatives.

- **Marine and coastal biodiversity: ecologically or biologically significant marine areas (SBSTTA XX/3)** (Annex I only)
19. Guidelines for the sixth national reports, modalities for future editions of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook* and indicators.
- **National reporting (SBI 1/10)**
 - **Indicators for the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets (SBSTTA XX/13 (8-24))**

Items under the Protocols fall under this third category, with the exception of items on *SBI modus operandi* and on *enhancing integration among the Convention and its Protocols*, which were addressed by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation.

Annex II

DETAILED TIMETABLE FOR THE WORKING GROUPS

A. Working Group I (items under the Convention and its Protocols)

Monday, 5 December, afternoon

A number of items under all three instruments are due to be considered in this session. They will be considered in three blocks: the first concerning the review of implementation of the Aichi Targets (including T16) on the basis of the review undertaken by SBI; the second concerning the review of implementation and effectiveness of the Cartagena Protocol including the matter of subsidiary bodies under the Protocol; and the third concerning the process for the future assessment and review of the Nagoya Protocol and the recommendations arising from the reports of the Compliance Committees of both Protocols.

COP item 9. Interim review of progress towards the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, and related means of implementation

NP item 5.1 Review of progress towards Aichi Biodiversity Target 16

Under these items (block one) the following draft decisions will be considered:

Draft decision (origin of draft decision)	<i>Status of draft decision, comments on unresolved issues</i>
<p>CBD: Progress in the implementation of the Convention and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and towards the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets (SBI 1/1); (Category 3)³</p> <p>CBD: Tools to evaluate the effectiveness of policy instruments for the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 (SBSTTA XIX/3) (Category 1); and</p> <p>CBD: Review of progress towards Aichi Biodiversity Target 16 on the Nagoya Protocol (SBI 1/2) (Category 3)</p>	<p><i>Clean text from the subsidiary bodies. As set out in the compilation of draft decisions the draft decision comprising elements from three recommendations of SBI and SBSTTA.</i></p> <p><i>Given that the review of implementation is a major role for COP, and that there is updated information in line with SBI recommendation 1/1, this item may need a complete first reading with statements.</i></p>
<p>NP: Review of progress towards Aichi Biodiversity Target 16 on the Nagoya Protocol (SBI 1/2) (Category 3)</p>	<p><i>Clean text from subsidiary body – this draft decision is closely related to the draft decisions for COP above and is for consideration in light of updated information contained in document UNEP/CBD/NP/COP-MOP/2/2.</i></p>

It is proposed that these items would be introduced together (i.e. four draft decisions that have been developed at SBI 1 and one developed at SBSTTA 19.)

Parties and observers would be invited to consider these draft decisions in the light of the new information presented in documents UNEP/CBD/COP/13/8, UNEP/CBD/COP/13/8/Add.1, UNEP/CBD/COP/13/8/Add.2, UNEP/CBD/COP/13/8/Add.3, as well as UNEP/CBD/NP/MOP/2/2.

³ The categories (1, 2, or 3) refer to the categories used in annex I to documents UNEP/CBD/COP/13/1/Add.3; UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/8/1/Add.3; UNEP/CBD/NP/COP-MOP/2/1/Add.3. Category 1: Items with clean text coming from subsidiary bodies; Category 2: Items with draft decisions prepared by subsidiary bodies, but with some unresolved issues or elements; Category 3: Items that need to be considered in the light of inter-sessional work or updated information, or have not been addressed at a meeting of a subsidiary body.

Unless Parties wish to introduce significant new issues, the Chair may propose to prepare Conference Room Papers on the basis of the draft decisions circulated in advance in documents UNEP/CBD/COP/13/2 and UNEP/CBD/NP/MOP/2/2 to facilitate text-based discussions in a subsequent session of the Working Group later in the week.

Separate CRPs would be prepared, one for each of the three instruments. These CRPs would be examined, in turn, by the Parties to the respective instruments.

CP Item 14.2. Review of implementation and effectiveness of the Protocol.

Under this item (block two) the following draft decisions will be considered:

CP: Assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and mid-term evaluation of the Strategic Plan for the Protocol (SBI 1/3) (Category 3)

A draft decision on one part of this agenda item was prepared by SBI and is provided in UNEP/CBD/CP/MOP/8/12.

Document UNEP/CBD/CP/MOP/8/12/Add.2 is also for consideration under this item and contains a draft decision on the issue of subsidiary bodies under the Protocol. A full first reading will be needed.

Consideration of this item will include the draft decision prepared by SBI as presented in document UNEP/CBD/CP/MOP/8/12 as well as the updated information in UNEP/CBD/CP/MOP/8/12/Add.1. Unless Parties wish to introduce significant new issues, the Chair may propose to prepare a conference room paper on the basis of the draft decision prepared by SBI.

Consideration of this item will also include consideration of subsidiary bodies under the Protocol. A draft decision on this matter is contained in document UNEP/CBD/CP/MOP/8/12/Add.2. A full first reading will be required.

CP item 14.1. Monitoring and reporting (Article 33)

CP Item 4. Report of the Compliance Committee

NP Item 4. Report of the Compliance Committee (Article 30)

NP item 13. Assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Protocol (Article 31)

Under these items (block three) the following draft decisions are expected to be considered:

Draft decision (origin of draft decision)	<i>Status of draft decision, comments on unresolved issues</i>
CP: Monitoring and reporting (Article 33) (Category 3)	<i>A draft decision is provided in document UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/8/11. A full first reading will be needed.</i>
CP: Report of the Compliance Committee (Category 3)	<i>A draft decision based on the recommendations of the Compliance Committee is provided in document UNEP/CBD/BS/MOP/8/2. A full first reading will be needed.</i>
NP: Report of the Compliance Committee (Article 30) (Category 3)	<i>Recommendations of the compliance committee to the COP-MOP are provided in document UNEP/CBD/NP/MOP/2/4. A full first reading will be needed.</i>
NP: Assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Protocol (Article 31) (Category 3)	<i>Elements for a draft decision, prepared by the Executive Secretary, are provided in document UNEP/CBD/NP/MOP/2/11. Since this is the first time that the issue is examined, a full first reading will be needed.</i>

It is proposed that these items would be addressed in the Working Group in turn by the Parties to the instrument concerned. In each case, a full first reading would be needed. (Note: Nomination of members of the Compliance Committees will take place in plenary).

Tuesday, 6 December, morning

COP item 11. Resource mobilization and financial mechanism

CP item 8. Matters related to the financial mechanism and resources

NP item 7. Financial mechanism and resources (Article 25)

Under these items the following draft decisions will be considered:

Draft decision (origin of draft decision)	<i>Status of draft decision, comments on unresolved issues.</i>
CBD: Resource mobilization (SBI 1/6, with additional elements in UNEP/CBD/COP/13/11) (Category 3)	<i>A draft decision was prepared by SBI. However, a full first reading will be needed to allow Parties to consider updated information.</i>
CBD: Guidance to the financial mechanism (developed on basis of SBI 1/7, para. 5, as per UNEP/CBD/COP/13/12) (Category 3)	<i>A draft decision, prepared by the Executive Secretary, is provided in document UNEP/CBD/COP/13/14. A full first reading will be needed.</i>
CP: Guidance to the financial mechanism (Category 3)	<i>A draft decision, prepared by the Executive Secretary, is provided in document UNEP/CBD/BS/MOP/8/5. A full first reading will be needed.</i>
NP :Guidance to the financial mechanism (Category 3)	<i>A draft decision, prepared by the Executive Secretary, is provided in document UNEP/CBD/NP/MOP/2/5. A full first reading will be needed.</i>

A number of items under all three instruments are due to be considered in this session. They will be considered in two blocks: first, resource mobilization under the Convention would be addressed. Second, the financial mechanism would be addressed under all three instruments. In each case a full first reading will be needed.

The draft decisions on guidance to the financial mechanism under the three instruments will be introduced together in the first reading. A contact group on guidance to the financial mechanism may be established to address issues as necessary.

In a second reading, the three CRPs relating to the three instruments would be considered in turn. Once the CRPs are approved by the respective Parties in the Working Group, the L documents would be considered by plenary sessions of each instrument. Finally, the COP Plenary would consider the recommendations from each of the two MOPs.

Tuesday, 6 December, afternoon

COP item 12. Other means of implementation: enhancement of capacity-building, technical and scientific cooperation and other initiatives to assist implementation

CP item 6.1. Report on the status of biosafety capacity-building activities and review of the Framework and Action Plan for Capacity-Building

CP item 6.2. Report on the use of the roster of biosafety experts

NP item 10. Measures to assist in capacity-building and capacity development (Article 22)

CP item 17. Public awareness, education and participation (Article 23)

NP item 11. Measures to raise awareness of the importance of genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge (Article 21)

CP item 7. Operation and activities of the Biosafety Clearing-House

NP item 6. The ABS Clearing-House and information-sharing (Article 14)

Under these items the following draft decisions will be considered:

Draft decision (origin of draft decision)	<i>Status of draft decision, comments on unresolved issues.</i>
CBD: Capacity-building, technical and scientific cooperation, technology transfer and the clearing-house mechanism (SBI 1/5) (Category 3)	<i>A draft decision was prepared by SBI. However, a full first reading will be needed to allow Parties to consider updated information in UNEP/CBD/COP/13/13.</i>
CP. Report on the status of biosafety capacity-building activities and review of the Framework and Action Plan for Capacity-Building (Category 3)	<i>A draft decision, prepared by the Executive Secretary, is provided in document UNEP/CBD/BS/MOP/8/3. A full first reading will be needed.</i>
CP. Report on the use of the roster of biosafety experts (Category 3)	<i>A draft decision, prepared by the Executive Secretary, is provided in document UNEP/CBD/BS/MOP/8/3/Add.1. A full first reading will be needed.</i>
NP: Measures to assist in capacity-building and capacity development (Art. 22) (Category 3)	<i>A draft decision, prepared by the Executive Secretary, is provided in document UNEP/CBD/NP/MOP/2/8. A full first reading will be needed.</i>
CBD: Communication strategy (Category 3)	<i>A draft decision, prepared by the Executive Secretary, is provided in document UNEP/CBD/COP/13/14. Since this is the first time that the issue is examined, a full first reading will be needed.</i>

NP: Measures to raise awareness of the importance of genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge (Article 21) (Category 3)	<i>A draft decision, prepared by the Executive Secretary, is provided in document UNEP/CBD/NP/MOP/2/9. A full first reading will be needed.</i>
CP: Public awareness, education and participation (Article 23) (Category 3)	<i>A draft decision, prepared by the Executive Secretary, is provided in document UNEP/CBD/BS/MOP/8/15. A full first reading will be needed.</i>
CP: Operation and activities of the Biosafety Clearing-House (Category 3)	<i>A draft decision, prepared by the Executive Secretary on the basis of the recommendations of the Informal Advisory Committee to the BCH, is provided in document UNEP/CBD/BS/MOP/8/4. A full first reading will be needed.</i>
NP: The ABS Clearing-House and information-sharing (Article 14) (Category 3)	<i>Elements for a draft decision, prepared by the Executive Secretary, are provided in document UNEP/CBD/NP/MOP/2/3. A full first reading will be needed.</i>

A number of items are due to be considered in this session under the three instruments. The items will be considered in turn in the order shown above.

It is possible that a contact group on capacity-building will be established to prepare the CRPs for COP item 12 (short-term action plan).

In a second reading, the CRPs on each agenda item would be considered in turn. Once the CRPs are approved by the respective Parties in the Working Group, the L documents would be considered and adopted by plenary sessions of each instrument.

Wednesday, 7 December, morning

COP item 13. Cooperation with other conventions and international organizations.

CP item 9. Cooperation with other organizations, conventions and initiatives.

NP item 8. Cooperation with other international organizations, conventions and initiatives.

Under these items the following draft decisions will be considered:

Draft decision (origin of draft decision)	<i>Status of draft decision, comments on unresolved issues.</i>
CBD: Options to enhance synergies among the biodiversity-related conventions (SBI 1/9) (Category 3)	<i>A draft decision was prepared by SBI. However, a full first reading will be needed to allow Parties to consider updated information in UNEP/CBD/COP/13/16.</i>
CP: Cooperation with other organizations, conventions and initiatives (Category 3)	<i>A draft decision, prepared by the Executive Secretary, is provided in document UNEP/CBD/BS/MOP/8/6. A full first reading will be needed.</i>

In addition, the following issue will be considered, but no decision is envisaged

NP: Cooperation with other international organizations, conventions and initiatives (Category 3)	<i>Background information, prepared by the Executive Secretary, is provided in document UNEP/CBD/NP/MOP/2/6. There is no draft decision.</i>
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It is proposed that these draft decisions would be introduced together and considered in proximity. It is possible that a contact group may be established to consider options to enhance synergies among the biodiversity-related conventions, under the Convention on Biological Diversity.

Wednesday, 7 December, afternoon

COP item 18. Improving the efficiency of structures and processes under the Convention, including integration among the Convention and its Protocols

CP item 5.1. Modus operandi of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation

CP item 5.2. Integration among the Convention and its Protocols

NP item 5.2. Modus operandi of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation

NP item 5.3. Integration among the Convention and its Protocols

Under these items the following draft decisions will be considered:

Draft decision (origin of draft decision)	<i>Status of draft decision, comments on unresolved issues.</i>
CBD: Modus operandi of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation and mechanisms to support review of implementation (SBI 1/9) (Category 1)	<i>Clean text from subsidiary body - may not need a full round of statements under first reading before the CRP is prepared.</i>
CP: Modus operandi of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation (SBI 1/9) (Category 1)	<i>Clean text from subsidiary body - may not need a full round of statements under first reading before the CRP is prepared.</i>
NP: Modus operandi of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation (SBI 1/9) (Category 1)	<i>Clean text from subsidiary body - may not need a full round of statements under first reading before the CRP is prepared.</i>
COP item 18. Enhancing integration among the Convention and its Protocols and the organization of meetings (SBI 1/11 (except paras. 6-11)) (Category 1)	<i>Clean text from subsidiary body - may not need a full round of statements under first reading before the CRP is prepared.</i>
CP: Integration among the Convention and its Protocols (SBI 1/11) (Category 1)	<i>Clean text from subsidiary body - may not need a full round of statements under first reading before the CRP is prepared.</i>
NP: Integration among the Convention and its Protocols (SBI 1/11) (Category 1)	<i>Clean text from subsidiary body - may not need a full round of statements under first reading before the CRP is prepared.</i>

It is proposed that the draft decisions on the modus operandi would be considered first, followed by the draft decisions on integration. In each case the drafts for the Convention and the two protocols would be considered jointly in the first reading. Parties and observers would be invited to refrain from general statements that repeat points previously raised and discussed at SBSTTA 20.

The Chair may propose to prepare CRPs on the basis of the draft decisions circulated in advance in documents UNEP/CBD/COP/13/2 and UNEP/CBD/COP/13/6, to facilitate text-based discussions in a subsequent session of the Working Group later in the week. Separate CRPs would be prepared, one for each of the three instruments. These CRPs under the Convention would be considered first, followed by those related to the Protocols.

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A number of items under the Protocols are due to be considered in this session. They are un-related items and will be considered in two blocks: the first concerning Nagoya Protocol, the second concerning the Cartagena Protocol.

NP item 12. The need for and modalities of a global multilateral benefit-sharing mechanism (Article 10).

CP item 15. Socio-economic considerations (Article 26).

CP item 16. Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress.

Under these items the following draft decisions will be considered:

Draft decision (origin of draft decision)	<i>Status of draft decision, comments on unresolved issues</i>
NP: The need for and modalities of a global multilateral benefit-sharing mechanism (Category 3)	<i>Conclusions and possible next steps from the Expert Group Meeting on Article 10 of the NP are provided in document UNEP/CBD/NP/MOP/2/10. A full first reading will be needed.</i>
CP: Socio-economic considerations (Article 26) (Category 3)	<i>A draft decision, prepared by the Executive Secretary on the basis of the recommendations from the AHTEG on Socio-economic Considerations, is provided in document UNEP/CBD/BS/MOP/8/13. A full first reading will be needed.</i>
CP: Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress (Category 3)	<i>A draft decision, prepared by the Executive Secretary, is provided in document UNEP/CBD/BS/MOP/8/14. A full first reading will be needed.</i>

These items would be addressed in the Working Group in turn by the Parties to the Protocol. In each case, a full first reading would be needed.

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CP item 11. Risk assessment and risk management (Articles 15 and 16)

CP item 12. Unintentional transboundary movements and emergency measures (Article 17)

CP item 13. Transit and contained use of living modified organisms (Article 6)

CP item 5.3. Use of the term “indigenous peoples and local communities”

Under these items the following draft decisions will be considered:

Draft decision (origin of draft decision)	<i>Status of draft decision, comments on unresolved issues.</i>
CP: Risk assessment and risk management (Articles 15 and 16) (Category 3)	<i>A draft decision on basis of the recommendations of the AHTEG on Risk Assessment and Risk Management is provided in document UNEP/CBD/BS/MOP/8/8. A full first reading will be needed.</i>
CP: Unintentional transboundary movements and emergency measures (Article 17) (Category 3)	<i>A draft decision, prepared by the Executive Secretary, is provided in document UNEP/CBD/BS/MOP/8/9. A full first reading will be needed.</i>
CP: Transit and contained use of living modified organisms (Article 6) (Category 3)	<i>A draft decision, prepared by the Executive Secretary, is provided in document UNEP/CBD/BS/MOP/8/10. A full first reading will be needed.</i>
CP: Use of the term “indigenous peoples and local communities” (SBI 1/12) (Category 3)	<i>A draft decision, prepared by SBI is provided in UNEP/CBD/COP/13/6, may not need a full round of statements under first reading before the CRP is prepared.</i>

These items would be addressed in the Working Group in turn by the Parties to the Protocol. A full first reading may be needed for all items except CP item 5.3 which is based on a SBI recommendation.

B. Working Group II (all items under COP only)

Monday, 5 December, afternoon

Two items are due to be considered in this session; this will only be possible if the number and length of statements is limited. The items will be taken considered separately.

COP item 15. Marine and coastal biodiversity: ecologically or biologically significant marine areas; specific work plan on biodiversity and acidification in cold-water areas; addressing impacts of marine debris and anthropogenic underwater noise on marine and coastal biodiversity; and marine spatial planning and training initiatives.

Under this item the following draft decisions will be considered:

Draft decision (origin of draft decision)	<i>Status of draft decision, comments on unresolved issues.</i>
Marine and coastal biodiversity: ecologically or biologically significant marine areas (SBSTTA XX/3) (Category 3)	<i>Draft decision prepared by subsidiary body – a limited number of significant issues to be resolved, (perhaps through a Contact Group), but may not need a full round of statements under first reading. Unresolved issues concern options for review of areas described as meeting the EBSA criteria.</i>
Voluntary specific workplan on biodiversity in cold-water areas within the jurisdictional scope of the Convention areas (SBSTTA XX/4) (Category 1)	<i>Clean text from subsidiary body - may not need a full round of statements under first reading before the CRP is prepared.</i>
Addressing impacts of marine debris and anthropogenic underwater noise on marine and coastal biodiversity areas (SBSTTA XX/5) (Category 1)	<i>Clean text from subsidiary body - may not need a full round of statements under first reading before the CRP is prepared.</i>
Marine spatial planning and training initiatives areas (SBSTTA XX/6) (Category 1)	<i>Clean text from subsidiary body - may not need a full round of statements under first reading before the CRP is prepared.</i>

It is proposed that this item would be considered in two blocks: first the draft decision on EBSAs; second the other three draft decisions. All four draft decisions have been developed at SBSTTA 20. Parties and observers would be invited to refrain from general statements that repeat points previously raised and discussed at SBSTTA 20.

For the draft decision on EBSAs, the Chair may propose that a Contact Group consider the issues unresolved at SBSTTA concerning options for review of areas described as meeting the EBSA criteria on the basis of document UNEP/CBD/COP/13/18. A CRP would be prepared on the basis of the draft decision circulated in advance in document UNEP/CBD/COP/13/2 as well as the outcome of the work of the Contact Group.

On the other draft decisions, the Chair may propose to prepare CRPs on the basis of the draft decisions circulated in advance in document UNEP/CBD/COP/13/2, to facilitate text-based discussions in a subsequent session of the Working Group later in the week.

COP item 16. Invasive alien species: addressing risks associated with trade; experiences in the use of biological control agents; and decision support tools.

Under this item the following draft decisions is expected to be considered:

Draft decision (origin of draft decision)	<i>Status of draft decision, comments on unresolved issues.</i>
Invasive alien species: addressing risk associated with trade experiences in the use of biological control and decision support tools (SBSTTA XX/7) (Category 2)	<i>Draft decisions prepared by subsidiary body – a limited number of significant issues to be resolved, but may not need a full round of statements under first reading.</i> Unresolved issues concern reference to “social, economic and cultural issues”, “social factors” and “participatory decision-making” in the annex on technical considerations for biocontrol.

Since this item was prepared by SBSTTA 20, Parties and observers would be invited to refrain from general statements that repeat points previously raised and discussed at SBSTTA 20.

However, if the Party or Parties concerned with the text in brackets indicate(s) that they could accept the text in brackets, or offer a viable alternative formulation, they may wish to do so.

Otherwise, the Chair may propose to prepare a CRP on the basis of the draft decision circulated in advance in document UNEP/CBD/COP/13/2, to facilitate text-based discussions in a subsequent session of the Working Group later in the week. Prior to the consideration of the CRP, informal consultations would be held with the Party or Parties with concerns on the text in brackets, with a view to facilitating resolution of this text.

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COP item 17. Other scientific and technical issues, including synthetic biology, implications of the assessment of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services on pollinators, and sustainable wildlife management. (Also including climate-related geoengineering).

Under this item, the following draft decisions will be considered:

Draft decision (origin of draft decision)	<i>Status of draft decision, comments on unresolved issues.</i>
Climate-related geoengineering (SBSTTA XIX/7) (Category 1)	<i>Clean text from subsidiary body - may not need a full round of statements under first reading before the CRP is prepared.</i>
Synthetic biology (SBSTTA XX/8) (Category 2)	<i>Draft decisions prepared by subsidiary body – a limited number of significant issues to be resolved, (perhaps through a Contact Group), but may not need a full round of statements under first reading</i> <i>Unresolved issues concern the status of a definition of synthetic biology, the role of socioeconomic, cultural and ethical considerations, and the possible consideration of the use of digital sequence information on genetic resources under the Nagoya Protocol.</i>
Implications of the IPBES assessment on pollinators, pollination and food production for the work of the Convention (SBSTTA XX/8) (Category 2)	<i>Draft decisions prepared by subsidiary body – a limited number of significant issues to be resolved, but may not need a full round of statements under first reading.</i> <i>Unresolved issues concern references to risk assessment for LMOs, and reference to WTO obligations. They may potentially be addressed through informal consultations among the Parties concerned.</i>
Sustainable use of biodiversity: bushmeat and sustainable wildlife management (SBSTTA XX/11) (Category 1)	<i>Clean text from subsidiary body - may not need a full round of statements under first reading before the CRP is prepared</i>

It is proposed that this item would be considered as a whole (i.e. all four draft decisions that have been developed at SBSTTA 19 or SBSTTA 20 would be presented together). Parties and observers would be invited to refrain from general statements that repeat points previously raised and discussed at SBSTTA 20.

For the draft decision on synthetic biology, the Chair may propose that a Contact Group consider the issues unresolved at SBSTTA as indicated in the above table.

In the case of the draft decision on pollinators, if the Party or Parties concerned with the text in brackets indicate(s) that they could accept the text in brackets, or offer a viable alternative formulation, they may wish to do so.

Otherwise, the Chair may propose to prepare a Conference Room Paper on the basis of the draft decision circulated in advance in document UNEP/CBD/COP/13/2, to facilitate text-based discussions in a subsequent session of the Working Group later in the week. Prior to the consideration of the CRP, informal consultations would be held with the Party or Parties with concerns on the text in brackets, with a view to facilitating resolution of this text.

For the remaining two draft decisions (on geoengineering and sustainable wildlife management), unless Parties wish to introduce significant new issues, the Chair may propose to prepare Conference Room Papers on the basis

of the draft decisions circulated in advance in document UNEP/CBD/COP/13/2, to facilitate text-based discussions in a subsequent session of the Working Group later in the week.

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Item 10. Strategic actions to enhance the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets (First Part: Mainstreaming and integration of biodiversity within and across sectors; Implications of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable development and of other relevant international processes)

Under this item the following draft decisions will be considered:

Draft decision (origin of draft decision)	<i>Status of draft decision, comments on unresolved issues.</i>
Strategic actions to enhance implementation of the Convention and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 including the mainstreaming of biodiversity within and across sectors (SBI 1/4, SBSTTA XX/15; SBSTTA XIX/1, para. 5) (Category 2)	<i>Draft decisions prepared by subsidiary body – a limited number of issues to be resolved – In addition, given that “Mainstreaming” is a major theme of COP, and the need to take stock of intersessional work, this item may need a complete first reading with statements.</i>

Given that “mainstreaming” is the main theme of the COP, a full session is being allocated to this draft decision which corresponds to part of agenda item 10. Under this item, Parties and observers may wish to refer to intersessional work (see document UNEP/CBD/COP/13/10), as well as the outcome of the High-Level Segment. Parties may also wish to consider advances in relation to the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development and the Paris Climate Agreement, among others. The Chair may propose to prepare a CRP Paper on the basis of the draft decision circulated in advance in document UNEP/CBD/COP/13/2, taking into account interventions made during the session, to facilitate text-based discussions in a subsequent session of the Working Group later in the week.

Wednesday, 7 December, morning

COP item 10. Strategic actions to enhance the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets (Second part: Biodiversity and Climate change; Protected areas; Ecosystem restoration; Forest biodiversity; Biodiversity and human health)

Under this item the following draft decisions will be considered:

Draft decision (origin of draft decision)	<i>Status of draft decision, comments on unresolved issues.</i>
Biodiversity and climate change (SBSTTA XX/10) (Category 1)	<i>Clean text from subsidiary body - may not need a full round of statements under first reading before the CRP is prepared.</i>
Progress towards the achievement of Aichi Biodiversity Targets 11 and 12 (SBSTTA XX/1) (Category 1)	<i>Clean text from subsidiary body - may not need a full round of statements under first reading before the CRP is prepared.</i>
Ecosystem restoration: Short term plan of action (SBSTTA XX/12) (Category 1)	<i>Clean text from subsidiary body - may not need a full round of statements under first reading before the CRP is prepared.</i>
Forest biodiversity: role of international organizations in supporting the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets (SBSTTA XIX/8) (Category 1)	<i>Clean text from subsidiary body - may not need a full round of statements under first reading before the CRP is prepared.</i>
Biodiversity and human health (SBSTTA XIX/6) (Category 1)	<i>Clean text from subsidiary body - may not need a full round of statements under first reading before the CRP is prepared.</i>

It is proposed that this part of item 10 would be considered together (i.e. all four draft decisions that have been developed at SBSTTA 20 – with clean text – would be presented together). Parties and observers would be invited to refrain from general statements that repeat points previously raised and discussed at SBSTTA 20.

Thus, unless Parties wish to introduce significant new issues, the Chair may propose to prepare Conference Room Papers on the basis of the draft decisions circulated in advance in document UNEP/CBD/COP/13/2, to facilitate text-based discussions in a subsequent session of the Working Group later in the week.

Wednesday, 7 December, afternoon

COP item 14. Article 8(j) and related provisions: guidelines for the repatriation of traditional knowledge; guidelines for the development of legislation or other mechanisms; and recommendations from the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.

Under this item the following draft decisions will be considered:

Draft decision (origin of draft decision)	<i>Status of draft decision, comments on unresolved issues.</i>
Voluntary guidelines for the development of mechanisms, legislation or other appropriate initiatives to ensure the [free,] prior informed consent [or approval and involvement] of indigenous peoples and local communities for accessing their knowledge, innovations and practices, the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the use and application of such knowledge, innovations and practices relevant for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity and for reporting and preventing unlawful appropriation of traditional knowledge (WG8J 9/1) (Category 2)	<i>Draft decisions prepared by subsidiary body – a limited number of significant issues to be resolved, but may not need a full round of statements under first reading.</i> <i>Unresolved issues concern language on “[free,] prior informed consent [or approval and involvement]” These issues may potentially be addressed through informal consultations among the Parties concerned.</i>
Task 15 of the multi-year programme of work on the implementation of Article 8(j) and related provisions: best-practice guidelines for the repatriation of indigenous and traditional knowledge (WG8J 9/2) (Category 1)	<i>Clean text from subsidiary body - may not need a full round of statements under first reading before the CRP is prepared.</i>
A glossary of relevant key terms and concepts to be used within the context of Article 8(j) and related provisions (WG8J 9/3) (Category 3)	<i>Draft decision prepared by subsidiary body – a limited number of significant issues to be resolved, (perhaps through a Contact Group).</i> <i>Unresolved issues concern the glossary of key terms and concepts.</i>
Recommendations from the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues to the Convention on Biological Diversity (WG8J 9/4) (Category 1)	<i>Clean text from subsidiary body - may not need a full round of statements under first reading before the CRP is prepared.</i>
In-depth dialogue on thematic areas and other cross-cutting issues (WG8J 9/5) (Category 1)	<i>Clean text from subsidiary body - may not need a full round of statements under first reading before the CRP is prepared.</i>

It is proposed that this item would be considered as a whole (i.e. All four draft decisions and the recommendation from the Permanent Forum that have been developed at WG8J-8 would be presented together). Parties and observers would be invited to refrain from general statements that repeat points previously raised and discussed at WG8J.

However, for the draft decision on the Glossary of key terms and concepts, the Chair may invite comments from Parties focussing on the outcome of the intersessional work on the basis of document UNEP/CBD/COP/13/17, before deciding how to proceed (i.e. whether or not a Contact Group is needed).

In the case of the draft decision on the Voluntary Guidelines, Parties may wish to indicate their preference concerning the formulation of the phrases that contain some terms in brackets. Otherwise, the Chair may propose to prepare a CRP on the basis of the draft decision circulated in advance in document UNEP/CBD/COP/13/2, to

facilitate text-based discussions in a subsequent session of the Working Group later in the week. Prior to the consideration of the CRP, informal consultations would be held with the Party or Parties with concerns on the formulation of the phrases that contain some terms in brackets, with a view to facilitating resolution of this text.

For the remaining three draft decisions (on best-practice guidelines for the repatriation, and the in-depth dialogue, as well as the recommendations from the United Nations Permanent Forum), unless Parties wish to introduce significant new issues, the Chair may propose to prepare Conference Room Papers on the basis of the draft decisions circulated in advance in document UNEP/CBD/COP/13/2, to facilitate text-based discussions in a subsequent session of the Working Group later in the week.

Note that the draft decision on the recommendations from the United Nations Permanent Forum includes a recommendation from COP 13 to COP-MOP 2 of the Nagoya Protocol. Early consideration of the recommendation by the COP 13 Plenary would facilitate subsequent consideration by COP-MOP 2.

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COP item 19. Guidelines for the sixth national reports, modalities for future editions of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook* and indicators

Under this item the following draft decisions will be considered:

Draft decision (origin of draft decision)	<i>Status of draft decision, comments on unresolved issues.</i>
National reporting (SBI 1/10) (Category 3)	<i>The draft decision is a lean text from subsidiary body. However, the annex containing the reporting templates has been revised as per SBI recommendation 1/10.</i>
Global Biodiversity Outlook (SBSTTA XIX/5) and Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (SBSTTA XX/13, paras. 1-7) (Category 1)	<i>Clean text from subsidiary body - may not need a full round of statements under first reading before the CRP is prepared.</i>
Indicators for the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets (SBSTTA XX/13, paras. 8-24) (Category 3)	<i>The draft decision is a lean text from subsidiary body - may not need a full round of statements under first reading before the CRP is prepared., The annex containing the list of indicators has been updated as per SBSTTA recommendation XX/13; however the changes are relatively small.</i>
Scientific assessment of progress towards selected Aichi Biodiversity Targets (SBSTTA XX/2) (Category 1)	<i>Clean text from subsidiary body - may not need a full round of statements under first reading before the CRP is prepared.</i>
Key scientific and technical needs related to the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and related research (SBSTTA XIX/2) (Category 1)	<i>Clean text from subsidiary body - may not need a full round of statements under first reading before the CRP is prepared.</i>

It is proposed that this item would be considered in two blocks: first the draft decision on national reporting; second the remaining draft decisions. All five draft decisions have been developed at SBSTTA 19, SBSTTA 20 or SBI 1. Parties and observers would be invited to refrain from general statements that repeat points previously raised and discussed at these intersessional meetings.

For the draft decision on national reports, the Chair may the Chair may invite comments from Parties focussing on the annex to the decision containing the reporting templates, taking into account the additional information provided in document UNEP/CBD/COP/13/21. Depending on comments made, there may or may not be a need for a contact group.

On the other draft decisions, unless Parties which to introduce significant new issues, the Chair may propose to prepare Conference Room Papers on the basis of the draft decisions circulated in advance in document UNEP/CBD/COP/13/2, to facilitate text-based discussions in a subsequent session of the Working Group later in the week.
