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ADVICE ON DEVELOPING A FORMAT FOR STANDARDIZED INFORMATION ON FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Format for Reporting Financial Support to Biodiversity

Note by the Executive Secretary

1. In decision III/6, the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties, which was held in Buenos Aires, Argentina in November 1996, urged “developed country Parties to cooperate in the development, where possible, of standardized information on their financial support for the objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity. Where possible, these Parties should submit this information to the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity in their national reports.”
2. The Conference of the Parties at its fourth session held in Bratislava, Slovakia in May 1998 noted “the lack of comprehensive information about trends in development assistance with respect to biological diversity”, and reaffirmed “the need to continue the implementation of decision III/6, paragraph 4, with regard to the provision of standardized information on financial support from developed country Parties for the objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity”.
3. At its fifth session held in Nairobi, Kenya in May 2000, the Conference of the Parties considered a format contained in annex I of the note by the Executive Secretary on additional financial resources (UNEP/CBD/COP/5/14), and decided to request the Workshop on financing for biodiversity to “provide further advice to the Executive Secretary on this matter”. The format is therefore reproduced in the annex to this note for consideration of the Workshop.

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Annex
FORMAT FOR REPORTING FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO BIODIVERSITY

- (1) Percentage of biodiversity funding in official development assistance and in domestic gross products [for Parties] or total lending [for funding institutions].
- (2) New development of funding policies related to biological diversity, including measures to integrate biological diversity into regular operations.
- (3) Special funding programmes related to biological diversity.
- (4) Contributions (in United States dollars) of new and additional financial resources to the financial mechanism, including explanations of how new and additional financial resources are determined [for Parties]; provisions of co-finance to projects funded by the financial mechanism [for funding institutions].
- (5) [For Parties] Contributions (in United States dollars) to biodiversity-related programmes of international and regional institutions and other entities: World Bank, UNDP, UNEP, FAO, UNESCO, UNCTAD, UNIDO, UNU, IMF, IFAD, IAEA, UPOV, OECD, African Development Bank, Asian Development Bank, IDB, EBRD, IUCN, WWF, WRI, SPREP, SADC, ITTO, IEED, SADC, IIED, etc.
- (6) Annual project/activity financing (in United States dollars) in thematic areas: marine and coastal, inland water, forest, mountain, arid and semi-arid, agricultural biological diversity.
- (7) Annual project/activity financing (in United States dollars) on cross-cutting issues: biodiversity planning, identification and monitoring, in situ and ex situ conservation, sustainable use, access to genetic resources and benefit-sharing, incentive measures, capacity-building (research, training, public education and awareness), impact assessment, transfer of technology, biosafety, scientific and technical cooperation including clearing-house mechanism, indigenous and local communities.
- (8) Annual voluntary contributions (in United States dollars) to the Convention on Biological Diversity, and contributions to international agreements of relevance, such as Ramsar, CITES, UNFCCC, UNCCD.

Notes

- (i) For the purpose of reporting on sections (6) and (7), biodiversity projects/activities are:

Those projects/activities in which biodiversity can be identified as being fundamental in the design and impact of the project/activity and in which one of the three objectives of the Convention is addressed (they may be selected by answering the question: "would the project/activity have been undertaken without the objective of biodiversity?"); and Those projects/activities in which biodiversity is not one of the principal reasons for undertaking the activity, but biodiversity accounts for at least 25 percent of the project/activity budget.

- (ii) Projects/activities targeted at the root cause of biodiversity loss, i.e. poverty eradication, and projects/activities that avoids negative impacts on biodiversity conservation and sustainable use should be disclosed in section (2).

(iii) As far as possible, a project/activity should be reported under the thematic areas of destination (i.e., section (6)).

(iv) The cross-cutting issues of destination (i.e., section (7)) are to be used only when a project/activity is ecosystems non-allocable, unspecified or unknown.

(v) Contributions to biodiversity-related international and regional institutions and other entities should be only reported under section (5).
