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TECHNICAL EXPERT MEETING ON THE GLOBAL STRATEGY FOR PLANT CONSERVATION OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, 11-13 February 2002

Item 2.2 of the provisional agenda*

ORGANIZATION OF WORK: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Annotations to the provisional agenda

INTRODUCTION

1. The Conference of the Parties (COP) to the Convention on Biological Diversity will consider at its sixth meeting, to be held from 8 to 19 April 2002, in The Hague, The Netherlands, the adoption of a global strategy for plant conservation, which would aim at reducing or halting the current and continuing loss of plant diversity in the world (COP decision V/10).
2. The Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA), at its seventh meeting in November 2001, adopted recommendation VII/8 on "Global Strategy for Plant Conservation," which, *inter alia* recommends in paragraph (a) that the Conference of the Parties, at its sixth meeting, consider for adoption a global strategy for plant conservation, which should include outcome-oriented global targets for 2010, developed on the basis of proposals presented by SBSTTA, and taking into account the results of the inter-sessional work (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/7/8).
3. SBSTTA *requests* the Executive Secretary to carry out the following tasks, during the inter-sessional period prior to the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties:
 - a) refine the quantitative elements of the targets in the draft strategy providing a scientific and technical rationale in each case, and clarifying terms as necessary, with the support of technical experts, in consultation with participants of the ongoing international initiatives referred to in the fourth preambular paragraph of decision VII/8, and on the basis of advice from Parties (recommendation VII/8, paragraph 2); and,

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- b) prepare an analysis of the opportunities for implementation of the strategy through the thematic and cross-cutting programmes of work of the Convention, including in particular the Ecosystem Approach and the Global Taxonomy Initiative, as well as through existing relevant international, regional and national initiatives, and any gaps in these programmes and initiatives (recommendation VII/8, paragraph 3).
4. In response to recommendation VII/8, Parties and international organizations and other relevant organizations have been invited by the Executive Secretary to provide advice on the refinement of the quantitative elements of the targets in the strategy.
5. This expert group meeting has been organized in collaboration with the Jardín Botánico Canario “Viejo y Clavijo”, and is one of the intersesional activities requested by SBSTTA in preparation for the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
6. During this meeting, the Group will be expected to refine the quantitative elements of the targets contained in the annex to recommendation VII/8, taking into account the advice from Parties and international organizations, and to prepare an analysis of the opportunities for implementation of the strategy.
7. A list of documents for the meeting is attached. (Annex I).
8. Registration of participants will commence at 9 a.m. on Monday 11 February 2002.

ITEM. 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

9. A representative of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity will open the meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, 11 February 2001.
10. The participants will be welcomed to the meeting by representative(s) of the Government of Spain.
11. The participants will be welcomed to the meeting by Dr. David Bramwell, Director of the Jardín Botánico “Viera y Clavijo”
12. A representative of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity will recall the mandate of the Group from the Conference of the Parties, and review the goals, objectives and expected outputs of the Group.

ITEM 2. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

2.1. Election of officers

13. The Technical Expert Group will be invited to elect its Chair and its Rapporteur.

2.2. Adoption of the agenda

14. The provisional agenda prepared by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/GSPC/1/1) will be before the Group for consideration and adoption.

2.3. *Organization of work*

15. The Group is invited to consider the provisional organization of work for the meeting annexed to the present annotated provisional agenda. (Annex II).

16. The Group may wish to work in its entirety in Plenary, without establishing any working groups.

2.4. *Self-Introduction by the participants*

17. The Group members will be invited to introduce themselves.

II. REVIEW OF THE GLOBAL STRATEGY FOR PLANT CONSERVATION

18. There are four main substantive items in the agenda, reflecting the objectives in the manner described in paragraph 6 above. Each item (3 to 6) will be introduced by one of the expert. Following the introduction to the topic, the group will be invited to discuss the issues raised.

ITEM 3. REVIEW OF THE BACKGROUND TO THE GLOBAL STRATEGY FOR PLANT CONSERVATION AND SBSTTA RECOMMENDATION VII/8

19. A presentation of the background to the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation will be made, explaining the history of this initiative, and its context. In addition, the content of SBSTTA recommendation VII/8 will be reviewed.

20. The Group is invited to discuss the Global Strategy on Plant Conservation in general, including its content, and that of SBSTTA recommendation VII/8.

ITEM 4. REVIEW AND REVISION OF THE 16 TARGETS INCLUDED IN THE GLOBAL STRATEGY FOR PLANT CONSERVATION

21. Mr. Peter Wyse Jackson, Botanic Gardens Conservation International, UK, will make a presentation of the 16 targets included in the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation, and will introduce the paper on the 16 targets for which the quantitative elements have been refined based on the inputs provided by Parties and international organizations. The participants involved in drafting each target rational paper will further present the refined targets (UNEP/CBD/ GSPC /1/2).

22. The Group will be invited to discuss each of the 16 targets, and make proposals for refinement of their quantitative elements, providing a scientific rationale in each case. The group is also invited to provide clarification for the terminology used, where appropriate.

ITEM 5. REVIEW AND REVISION OF THE PAPER “ANALYSIS OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GLOBAL STRATEGY FOR PLANT CONSERVATION”

23. Ms. Kerry ten Kate, Royal Botanic Gardens, UK, will make a presentation of the paper on analysis of opportunities for the implementation of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation, including key points for consideration and a summary of the content (UNEP/CBD/ GSPC /1/3)

24. The Group is invited to consider the paper and revise it as appropriate, including consideration of opportunities and an analysis of gap areas.

ITEM 6. REVIEW OF THE PAPER “EXISTING INITIATIVES CONTRIBUTION TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GSPC AT NATIONAL LEVEL”

25. Mr. Peter Wyse Jackson will make a presentation of the paper on existing initiatives contribution to the implementation of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation at the national level, including key points for consideration and a summary of the content UNEP/CBD/ GSPC /1/4).

26. The Group is invited to review and discuss the paper.

III. FINAL MATTERS

ITEM 7. OTHER MATTERS

27. Under this item, participants will be invited to raise other matters related to the subject matter of the meeting.

ITEM 8. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

28. The Group will consider and adopt its report, on the basis of the draft report of the meeting and draft recommendations to be presented by the Rapporteur.

ITEM 9. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

29. It is expected that the meeting will be closed at 17h00 on Wednesday, 13 February 2002.

Annex I

**LIST OF DOCUMENTS FOR THE TECHNICAL EXPERT MEETING ON THE GLOBAL
STRATEGY FOR PLANT CONSERVATION OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL
DIVERSITY**

Working documents

UNEP/CBD/GSPC/1/1	Provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/ GSPC /1/1/Add.1	Annotations to the provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/ GSPC /1/2	“Elements for the review of the 16 draft targets of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation”
UNEP/CBD/ GSPC /1/3	“Analysis of Opportunities for the implementation of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation”
UNEP/CBD/ GSPC /1/4	“Existing Initiatives in Contribution to the Implementation of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation at National Level”

Other documents

UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/7/8	“Recommendation VII/8 on the global strategy for plant conservation”
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Annex II

**PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR THE TECHNICAL EXPERT MEETING
ON THE GLOBAL STRATEGY FOR PLANT CONSERVATION OF THE CONVENTION
ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY**

Monday, 11 February 2002

9:30 a.m.	Opening of the meeting (agenda item 1)
Morning	Organizational matters (agenda item 2)
	Review of the background to the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation and SBSTTA recommendation VII/8 (agenda item 3)
Afternoon	Review and revision of the 16 targets included in the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation (agenda item 4)

Tuesday, 12 February 2002

Morning	Review of and revision of the 16 targets included in the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation continued
Afternoon	Review and revision of the paper "Analysis of Opportunities for the Implementation of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation" (agenda item 5)

Wednesday, 13 February 2002

Morning	Review of the paper "Existing Initiatives in Contribution to the Implementation of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation at National Level" (agenda item 6)
Afternoon	Other matters (agenda item 7)
	Adoption of the report (agenda item 8)
5:00 pm	Closure of the meeting (agenda item 9)