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Item 2.2 of the provisional agenda\*

## ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Annotated provisional agenda

## INTRODUCTION

1. Article 25 of the Convention on Biological Diversity establishes a Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA), to provide both the Conference of the Parties to the Convention and, as appropriate, its other subsidiary bodies with timely advice relating to the implementation of the Convention.
2. The first meeting of SBSTTA was held in Paris, from 4 to 8 September 1995, in accordance with decision I/7 of the Conference of the Parties. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Jameson Seyani (Malawi). In its decision II/1, the Conference of the Parties took note of the report of the first meeting of SBSTTA (contained in document UNEP/CBD/COP/2/5) and endorsed the modus operandi of SBSTTA as outlined in recommendation I/1.
3. The second meeting of SBSTTA was held in Montreal, from 2 to 6 September 1996. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Peter J. Schei (Norway). In its decision III/2, the Conference of the Parties took note of the report of the second meeting of SBSTTA (contained in document UNEP/CBD/COP/3/3) and decided to give further consideration at its fourth meeting to SBSTTA recommendation II/11, which contains the proposed revised elements of its modus operandi, as part of the longer-term review of the programme of work and the operations of the Conference of the Parties and subsidiary organs. The Conference of the Parties also noted, in particular, the recommendation of SBSTTA that it adopt a thematic approach to its work. In its decision III/3, the Conference of the Parties decided that the meetings of SBSTTA be held in the six official languages of the United Nations and that the modus operandi of SBSTTA be modified accordingly.

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\* UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/3/1.

4. The third meeting of SBSTTA will take place in Montreal, from 1 to 5 September 1997. Registration of the participants will commence on 31 August, at 12 p.m. The venue is the Conference Centre of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) headquarters, in Montreal.

#### ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

##### A. Organizational matters

###### Item 1. Opening of the meeting

5. The meeting will be opened at 10 a.m., on Monday, 1 September 1997.

###### Item 2. Organizational matters

###### 2.1 Election of officers

6. In accordance with rule 26, paragraph 3, of the rules of procedure, by which the Conference of the Parties shall elect the chair of each subsidiary body, the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties elected Prof. Zakri A. Hamid (Malaysia) chairman of SBSTTA and confirmed that his term of office would commence at the start of the third meeting of SBSTTA.

7. At its opening session, SBSTTA shall elect the other members of the Bureau, in accordance with rule 26, paragraph 5, and rule 21 of the rules of procedure for meetings of the Conference of the Parties.

###### 2.2 Adoption of the agenda

8. At its second meeting, SBSTTA adopted recommendation II/12, containing a draft provisional agenda for the third meeting of SBSTTA. The third meeting of the Conference of the Parties took note of the draft provisional agenda and requested the Bureau of SBSTTA to focus the agenda of the third meeting of SBSTTA in line with the comments given at the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties on the work of SBSTTA (decision III/22). On 2 June 1997, the Bureau of SBSTTA met and agreed on a provisional agenda, as contained in document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/3/1. In line with the comments given at the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties, a thematic approach was employed, with a focus on the biological diversity of inland water ecosystems.

9. SBSTTA is invited to adopt the provisional agenda contained in document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/3/1.

###### 2.3 Organization of work

10. Paragraph 8 of recommendation I/1, on the modus operandi of SBSTTA, provides that two open-ended sessional working groups of SBSTTA could be established and operate simultaneously during meetings of SBSTTA; that they should be established on the basis of well-defined terms of reference, and would be open to all Parties and observers; and that the financial implications of these arrangements should be reflected in the budget of the Convention. Paragraph 2 of decision II/1 of the Conference of the Parties

endorsed the modus operandi of SBSTTA. The financial implications of the two sessional working groups are reflected in the budget of the Convention for 1997, as contained in decision III/24.

11. Accordingly, SBSTTA may wish to establish two sessional working groups for its third meeting. The following allocation of tasks between the two sessional working groups and the plenary may be envisaged:

SBSTTA session	Agenda items
Plenary	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Opening of the meeting</li> <li>2. Organizational matters</li> <li>8. Promotion of international technical and scientific cooperation: report on the implementation of the pilot phase of the clearing-house mechanism</li> <li>9. Progress report on the work of SBSTTA and the effectiveness of its advice (1995-1997)</li> <li>10. Draft provisional agenda of the fourth meeting of SBSTTA</li> <li>11. Date and venue of the fourth meeting of SBSTTA</li> <li>12. Other matters</li> <li>13. Adoption of the report</li> <li>14. Closure of the meeting</li> </ol>
Working Group I	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. The main ecosystem topic: assessment of the status and trends of the biological diversity of inland water ecosystems and identification of options for conservation and sustainable use</li> <li>4. Scientific, technical and technological aspects of the conservation and sustainable use of coastal and marine biodiversity: report of the First Meeting of Experts on Marine and Coastal Biological Diversity and consideration of a draft three-year work plan</li> <li>7. Implementation of Article 7 on indicators and monitoring</li> </ol>
Working Group II	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Scientific, technical and technological advice on forest biological diversity, taking account of research and technical priorities previously identified</li> <li>6. Review of ongoing activities on agricultural biological diversity.</li> </ol>

12. There will be no more than two meetings convened at the same time, each with simultaneous interpretation.

13. At the opening session, SBSTTA may wish to receive reports from the meetings organized by the Global Biodiversity Forum and by the International Council of Scientific Unions-DIVERSITAS and held in Montreal immediately prior to the third meeting, as well as any other relevant reports.

B. Matters on which advice from SBSTTA is required by the Conference of the Parties at its fourth meeting

Item 3. The main ecosystem topic: assessment of the status and trends of the biological diversity of inland water ecosystems and identification of options for conservation and sustainable use

14. In accordance with its medium-term programme of work, at its fourth meeting, the Conference of the Parties will consider ways and means to assess the status and trends of the biological diversity of inland water ecosystems and identify options for conservation and sustainable use.

15. At its second meeting, SBSTTA underlined the desirability of preparing thematic assessments in line with the major themes and specific needs of the Convention, and recognized that freshwater ecosystems are in urgent need of global assessment (recommendation II/1, paragraph 12).

16. In decision III/2, the Conference of the Parties noted these recommendations and, in decision III/13, requested SBSTTA to provide the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties with scientific, technical and technological advice on the status and trends of biological diversity in inland water ecosystems and the identification of options for conservation and sustainable use. To assist SBSTTA in its consideration of this agenda item, the Secretariat has prepared document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/3/2, which reviews the status and trends of the biological diversity of inland waters, and identifies important needs within the priorities of the Convention. Documents UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/3/7 and 8, prepared for consideration under item 7 of the provisional agenda (see below), also address issues related to the biological diversity of inland waters.

17. SBSTTA is invited to consider these matters with a view to providing appropriate advice to the Conference of the Parties.

Item 4. Scientific, technical and technological aspects of the conservation and sustainable use of coastal and marine biodiversity: report of the First Meeting of Experts on Marine and Coastal Biological Diversity and consideration of a draft three-year work plan

18. In accordance with decision II/10 of the Conference of the Parties, the Secretariat organized the First Meeting of Experts on Marine and Coastal Biological Diversity, held in Jakarta, from 7 to 10 March 1997. The report of the meeting is contained in document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/3/Inf.1.

19. The conclusions and recommendations of the meeting, in particular the elements of a three-year work programme identified by the meeting, have formed the basis for the report by the Executive Secretary on the conservation and sustainable use of marine and coastal biological diversity contained in document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/3/4.

20. SBSTTA is invited to consider this report, which includes the Executive Secretary's proposal for a three-year work plan, with a view to providing the advice to the Conference of the Parties called for in paragraph 7 of decision II/10.

Item 5. Scientific, technical and technological advice on forest biological diversity, taking account of research and technical priorities previously identified

21. At its third meeting, the Conference of the Parties adopted decision III/12 on forest biological diversity. The Executive Secretary was asked to develop a focused work programme for forest biological diversity, which should initially focus on research, cooperation and the development of technologies necessary for the conservation and sustainable use of forest biological diversity (decision III/12, paragraph 6).

22. The Conference of the Parties also requested SBSTTA to contribute advice on this draft programme of work and to report back to the Conference of the Parties at its fourth meeting. In paragraph 9 of decision III/12, SBSTTA is requested, in providing this advice, to bear in mind for possible future action, *inter alia*, the remaining forest research priority items listed in its recommendation II/8.

23. SBSTTA is further directed, in paragraph 10 of that decision, in the light of the proposed work programme and taking account of the priorities already identified in recommendation II/8, to advance its scientific, technical and technological consideration of forest biological diversity by initially focusing on the synthesis and development of scientific information in the following research areas:

(a) Methodologies necessary to advance the elaboration and implementation of criteria and indicators for the conservation of biological diversity as part of sustainable forest management;

(b) Scientific analysis of the ways in which human activities, in particular forest management practices, influence biological diversity and assessment of ways to minimize or mitigate negative influences.

24. In order to be able to draw effectively upon the active assistance of all Parties, as requested in paragraph 7 of decision III/12, the Executive Secretary established a roster of experts on forest biological diversity based on names submitted by Governments. A meeting of a liaison group on forest biological diversity, the participants of which were drawn from the roster, was held in Helsinki, from 25 to 28 May 1997. The report of the meeting is contained in document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/3/Inf.5.

25. On the basis of the recommendations of the liaison group and, in accordance with paragraph 7 of decision III/12, of the substantive comments provided by the secretariat of the Intergovernmental Panel on Forests (IPF) and other relevant institutions and organizations, the Executive Secretary has prepared a proposal for the focused programme of work called for in paragraph 6 of decision III/12.

26. The proposed programme of work is contained in document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/3/5. SBSTTA is invited to consider this proposed programme of work, together with the matters referred to in paragraphs 22 and 23 above, and to prepare appropriate advice for the Conference of the Parties at its fourth meeting.

Item 6. Review of ongoing activities on agricultural biological diversity

27. In its recommendation II/1, SBSTTA acknowledged the importance of assessing the situation of biological diversity in agricultural ecosystems and the effects of different agricultural production systems on natural resources and on the conservation and sustainable use of biological resources at the ecosystem, species and genetic levels. It stressed that such an assessment should take into account the work of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in the area of agricultural biological diversity. It noted that an interdependence exists between sustaining biological diversity and sustaining agriculture. It also recognized that agricultural practices may affect biological diversity in agricultural systems in both negative and positive ways and that, when individual activities of many producers are considered in aggregate, the potential exists for significant offsite impacts on biological diversity. Because agriculture takes place across landscapes and often leads to a simplification of land-use patterns, as well as impacts upon other terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems, an improved understanding of the role of agriculture in the overall context of an agro-ecosystem or a region is needed.

28. In its decision III/11, on the conservation and sustainable use of agricultural biological diversity, the Conference of the Parties recalled recommendation II/7 of SBSTTA and recognized, inter alia, agricultural biological diversity as a key focal area, in view of its social and economic relevance and the prospects offered by sustainable agriculture for reducing the negative impacts on biological diversity, enhancing the value of biological diversity and linking conservation efforts with social and economic benefits. The Conference of the Parties decided to establish a multi-year programme of activities on agricultural biological diversity. The aims of this work programme are: first, to promote the positive effects and mitigate the negative impacts of agricultural practices on biological diversity in agro-ecosystems and their interface with other ecosystems; second, to promote the conservation and sustainable use of genetic resources of actual or potential value for food and agriculture; and, third, to promote the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising out of the utilization of genetic resources.

29. The Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to invite FAO, in close collaboration with other relevant United Nations bodies and regional and international organizations, to identify and assess relevant

ongoing activities and existing instruments at the international level, choosing among the thematic areas in the indicative list in Annex 2 to the decision. The results should be reported back on a phased basis to the Conference of the Parties through SBSTTA.

30. The Conference of the Parties further encouraged interested Parties and international agencies to conduct case studies on the two initial issues described in Annex 3 to the decision and instructed SBSTTA to coordinate and assess the lessons learned from work on those topics and to report back to the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate.

31. To assist SBSTTA in its consideration of this item, the Executive Secretary, on the basis of inputs from Parties, Governments and international organizations, has prepared document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/3/6, which reports on progress made in implementing decision III/11.

32. This document notes the ongoing review of relevant activities and existing instruments at the national and international levels, taking into consideration the thematic areas in Annex 2 to decision III/11. It also notes that appropriate mechanisms and processes are being established to enable the Executive Secretary to present to the Conference of the Parties, at its fourth meeting, the findings of the review, based upon initiatives taken by Parties, Governments and regional and international organizations and bodies, as a basis for setting priorities for further work within the multi-year programme of activities on agricultural biological diversity.

33. In this context, the Executive Secretary suggests that it may be premature for SBSTTA to provide advice to the Conference of the Parties on priorities for further work within the programme of activities on agricultural biological diversity, pending the conclusions of the ongoing review. SBSTTA may thus wish to consider the progress made to date and the recommendations outlined in document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/3/6 and to provide appropriate advice to the Conference of the Parties.

Item 7. Implementation of Article 7 on indicators and monitoring

34. At its second meeting, SBSTTA recognized the vital importance of the monitoring and assessment of biological diversity, particularly with regard to Article 7 of the Convention, and further recognized that the primary responsibility for undertaking the monitoring and assessment of biological diversity lies with individual Parties. SBSTTA advocated a two-track approach to assessment and indicator development.

35. In response to the priority tasks identified in paragraphs 20 - 22 of its recommendation II/1, SBSTTA recommended that the Executive Secretary should undertake further work, in consultation with a liaison or expert group, for consideration by SBSTTA at its third meeting.

36. In decision III/10, the Conference of the Parties endorsed recommendation II/1 and instructed SBSTTA:

(a) To provide scientific advice and further guidance, through its thematic work on ecosystems, to the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, to assist in the national elaboration of Annex I of the Convention, using as guidance the elaboration of the terms as set out in paragraphs 12-29 of document UNEP/CBD/COP/3/12;

(b) Further to review methodologies for assessment of biological diversity and to make recommendations for their application to the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

37. Accordingly, the Executive Secretary has prepared, in consultation with a liaison group, documents UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/3/7 (Identification and monitoring of components of biological diversity of inland water ecosystems) and UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/3/8 (Methodologies for the assessment of biological diversity in inland water ecosystems).

38. Under sub-items 7.1 and 7.2 of the provisional agenda, SBSTTA is invited to consider the recommendations contained in these two documents, in conjunction with its consideration of item 3 of the provisional agenda, and to provide appropriate advice to the Conference of the Parties.

39. In accordance with recommendation II/1, as endorsed by decision III/10, the Executive Secretary has also prepared document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/3/9 (Recommendations for a core set of indicators of biological diversity). This document represents a synthesis of a background document prepared by the liaison group and contains recommendations for further work to develop a core set of indicators of biological diversity, particularly those related to threats.

40. The background document prepared by the liaison group is contained in document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/3/Inf.13. The report of the meeting of the liaison group, held in Wageningen, from 30 May to 2 June 1997, is contained in document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/3/Inf.11.

41. SBSTTA is invited to consider the recommendations for further work to develop a core set of indicators of biological diversity, contained in document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/3/9, and to provide appropriate advice to the Conference of the Parties. SBSTTA may also wish to recall paragraph 6 of decision III/10, which calls on Parties to cooperate on a voluntary pilot project to demonstrate the use of successful assessment and indicator methodologies, and may wish to provide any further advice to the Conference of the Parties that it considers necessary.

Item 9. Progress report on the work of SBSTTA and the effectiveness of its advice (1995-1997)

42. In accordance with its medium-term programme of work, at its fourth meeting, the Conference of the Parties will undertake an overall review of its operations and those of subsidiary organs and will consider a longer-term programme of work.



43. At its second meeting, SBSTTA recommended that the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties should adopt the revised elements of the modus operandi of SBSTTA contained in Annex 1 to recommendation II/11 and invited the Conference of the Parties to consider the further conclusions regarding the modus operandi of SBSTTA, contained in Annex 2 to recommendation II/11.

44. In its decision III/2, the Conference of the Parties took note of the recommendations and decided to give further consideration to these matters at its fourth meeting, as part of the overall review of the operations of the Conference of the Parties and subsidiary organs.

45. In view of this, the meeting of the Bureau of SBSTTA held on 2 June 1997 concluded that the third meeting would wish to reconsider the modus operandi of SBSTTA not in isolation, but in the context of the overall review.

46. To assist SBSTTA in its consideration of this agenda item, the Executive Secretary has prepared document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/3/10. SBSTTA is thus invited to prepare advice to the Conference of the Parties on the operations of SBSTTA and on the effectiveness of the advice provided by its first two meetings.

C. Matters on which the Conference of the Parties has not requested further advice from SBSTTA

Item 8. Promotion of international technical and scientific cooperation: report on the implementation of the pilot phase of the clearing-house mechanism

47. In decision III/4, the Conference of the Parties noted the progress made to date in the implementation of the pilot phase of the clearing-house mechanism and decided that the pilot phase should be extended for a further year, until December 1998.

48.\* The Executive Secretary has prepared a report on the implementation of the pilot phase of the clearing-house mechanism for the period from September 1996 to June 1997. This report is an updated version of documents UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/2/9, prepared for the second meeting of SBSTTA, and UNEP/CBD/COP/3/4, prepared for the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties, and reports on progress made by Contracting Parties and by international and regional initiatives in the development of the pilot phase of the clearing-house mechanism. It recalls the guidance provided by the Conference of the Parties before providing, first, a description of the operational framework for the pilot phase; second, an update on the current status of work; and, third, a description of the activities envisaged for achieving the objectives of the three-year pilot phase. SBSTTA is invited to consider this report.

D. Remaining agenda items

Item 10. Draft provisional agenda of the fourth meeting of SBSTTA

49. To assist the meeting in its consideration of this agenda item, the Executive Secretary has prepared a draft provisional agenda for the fourth meeting of the SBSTTA. This is contained in document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/3/11. The draft provisional agenda has been prepared on the basis of recommendation II/12, as well as decision III/22, together with other relevant decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its third meeting.

Item 11. Date and venue of the fourth meeting of SBSTTA

50. Rule 3 of the rules of procedure for meetings of the Conference of the Parties states: "The 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 appropriate arrangements are made by the Secretariat in consultation with the Parties." Rule 4, paragraph 2, of the rules of procedure, applied mutatis mutandis to SBSTTA, requires SBSTTA, at each ordinary meeting, to decide upon the date and duration of the next ordinary meeting.

51. Since the modus operandi of SBSTTA will be considered under item 9 of the provisional agenda and will be the subject of further review by the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, SBSTTA is invited to consider the frequency of its meetings and, accordingly, to recommend dates for its fourth meeting. To assist SBSTTA in its consideration of this item, the meeting will have before it documents UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/3/12 and UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/3/Inf.19.

Item 12. Other matters

52. The meeting will consider any other items proposed and accepted for discussion.

Item 13. Adoption of the report

53. The meeting will consider and adopt its report, which will be presented by Prof. Zakri A. Hamid (Malaysia), Chair of SBSTTA, to the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, for its consideration under the relevant agenda items.

Item 14. Closure of the meeting

54. The meeting will be closed at 6 p.m. on Friday, 5 September 1997.

Annex

PROVISIONAL LIST OF DOCUMENTS FOR THE THIRD MEETING OF THE SUBSIDIARY  
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UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/3/4	Conservation and sustainable use of marine and coastal biological diversity
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/3/5	Draft programme of work for forest biological diversity
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/3/6	Review of ongoing activities on agricultural biological diversity
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/3/7	Identification and monitoring of components of biological diversity of inland water ecosystems (consideration of Article 7 and elaboration of terms in Annex I of the Convention)
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/3/8	Methodologies for the assessment of biological diversity in inland water ecosystems
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/3/9	Recommendations for a core set of indicators on biological diversity
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/3/10	Overall assessment of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/3/11	Draft provisional agenda of the Fourth Meeting of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice
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Information Documents

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UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/3/Inf.2	National Focal Points to the Convention on Biological Diversity
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/3/Inf.3	National Focal Points of the CBD Clearing-house Mechanism
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/3/Inf.4	Institutions related to inland waters biological diversity
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/3/Inf.5	Report of the Meeting of the Liaison Group on Forest Biological Diversity
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/3/Inf.6	Reports from international organizations on their policies, programmes, and activities on agricultural biological diversity (CGRFA-7/97/7 Parts I, II, III and Add. 1, submitted by FAO)
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/3/Inf.7	Report from FAO on its policies, programmes, and activities on agricultural biological diversity and progress report on the Global System for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (CGRFA-7/97/8.1 and 8.2 and CGRFA-7/97/3, submitted by FAO)
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/3/Inf.8	Report of the Seventh Session of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, May 1997 (CGRFA-7/97 REP, submitted by FAO)
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/3/Inf.9	Compilation of contributions on agricultural biological diversity received from parties
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/3/Inf.10	Report of the Joint FAO-CBD Secretariat Technical Consultations and Technical Workshop (June 1997, Rome)
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/3/Inf.11	Implementation of Article 7: report of the meeting of a liaison group on biological diversity indicators
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/3/Inf.12	Report on the International Expert Meeting on Building the Clearing-house (June 1997, Germany)

- UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/3/Inf.13      Recommendations on a core set of indicators of biological diversity: background document prepared by the liaison group
- UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/3/Inf.14      Exploring biodiversity indicators and targets under the Convention on Biological Diversity
- UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/3/Inf.15      Strengthening the first set of national reports under the Convention on Biological Diversity: a discussion paper on indicators, targets and other types of information
- UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/3/Inf.16      Further guidelines for the preparation of national reports
- UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/3/Inf.17      Incentive measures to promote the conservation and the sustainable use of biodiversity: framework for case studies (OCDE/GD(97)125, submitted by OECD)
- UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/3/Inf.18      Workshop on freshwater biodiversity, Selbu, Norway, 5-7 June, 1997 (Draft report) (submitted by organizing institutes in Norway and Sweden)

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