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Third meeting  
Montreal, Canada  
1 to 5 September 1997

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Organizational matters:
  - 2.1 Election of officers;
  - 2.2 Adoption of the agenda;
  - 2.3 Organization of work.
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.
4. Scientific, technical and technological aspects of the conservation and sustainable use of coastal and marine biodiversity: report of the First Meeting of Experts and consideration of a draft three-year work plan.
5. Scientific, technical and technological advice on forest biological diversity, taking account of research and technical priorities previously identified.
6. Review of ongoing activities on agricultural biological diversity:
  - 6.1 Review of relevant ongoing activities and existing instruments at the national and international levels relating to the thematic areas of Annex 2 to decision III/11 and advice on priorities for further work within the programme of activities on agricultural biological diversity;

- 6.2 Review of work done on the topics described in Annex 3 to decision III/11.
7. Implementation of Article 7 on indicators and monitoring:
  - 7.1 Provision of scientific advice and further guidance to assist in the national elaboration of Annex I of the Convention;
  - 7.2 Review of methodologies for assessment of biological diversity;
  - 7.3 Current approaches to indicator development and recommendations for a preliminary core set of indicators of biological diversity, particularly those related to threats, and options for capacity-building in developing countries in the application of guidelines and indicators for subsequent national reports.
8. Promotion of international technical and scientific cooperation: report on the implementation of the pilot phase of the clearing house mechanism.
9. Progress report of the SBSTTA's work and of the effectiveness of its advice (1995-1997):
  - 9.1 Overall assessment of the operations of the SBSTTA and proposals for action, including ways and means to further the development of cooperative arrangements at the scientific and technical level with appropriate biological diversity-related conventions and institutions.
10. Draft provisional agenda of the fourth meeting of the SBSTTA.
11. Date and venue of the fourth meeting of the SBSTTA.
12. Other matters.
13. Adoption of the report.
14. Closure of the meeting.