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Item 10 of the provisional agenda\*

DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF THE FOURTH MEETING OF THE SUBSIDIARY  
BODY ON SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICENote by the Executive Secretary

To assist the third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) in the consideration of agenda item 10, the secretariat has prepared a draft provisional agenda of its fourth meeting, contained in the annex to this note. The proposed draft provisional agenda of the fourth meeting of SBSTTA has been prepared on the basis of recommendation II/12 of the second meeting of SBSTTA (see document UNEP/CBD/COP/3/3), as well as decision III/22 of the Conference of the Parties (see document UNEP/CBD/COP/3/38), together with other relevant decisions of the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties, containing specific requests to SBSTTA.

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Annex

DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF THE FOURTH MEETING OF THE SUBSIDIARY BODY ON SCIENTIFIC,  
TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Organizational matters:
  - (a) Election of officers;
  - (b) Adoption of the agenda;
  - (c) Organization of work.
3. Assessment of the status and trends of terrestrial biological diversity: scientific, technical and technological advice on matters relating to dryland and mountain biological diversity and options for conservation and sustainable use.
4. Review of ongoing activities under the Convention on Biological Diversity:
  - (a) Implementation of the pilot phase of the clearing-house mechanism;
  - (b) Implementation of the three-year work plan on the conservation and sustainable use of marine and coastal biodiversity;
  - (c) Implementation of Article 8 (j);
  - (d) Implementation of the work plan for the conservation and sustainable use of forest biodiversity.
5. Advice on activities, instruments, issues and priorities relating to agricultural biological diversity: consideration of the draft multi-year programme of work.
6. Impact assessment: scientific analysis of the ways in which human activities influence biological diversity and identification of ways to minimize or mitigate negative impacts.
7. Consideration of matters related to benefit-sharing:
  - (a) Benefit-sharing with regard to promoting and facilitating access to

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and transfer and development of technology, including the knowledge and practices of local and indigenous communities;

(b) Measures to promote and advance the distribution of benefits from biotechnology, in accordance with Article 19.

8. Identification of alternative models and mechanisms for linkages between in situ and ex situ conservation techniques.
9. Review of existing conventions and other international agreements relevant to the various paragraphs of Article 8.
10. Review of the operations of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, in the light of the review by the Conference of the Parties of its operations and those of subsidiary organs.
11. Draft provisional agenda for the fifth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice.
12. Date and venue of the fifth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice.
13. Other matters.
14. Adoption of the report.
15. Closure of the meeting.

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