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Item 5 of the provisional agenda\*

DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDAS FOR THE SIXTH AND SEVENTH MEETINGS OF THE  
SUBSIDIARY BODY ON SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE

Note by the Executive Secretary

1. In its fourth meeting, held in Bratislava in May 1998, the Conference of the Parties decided upon its programme of work for its fifth, sixth and seventh meetings. That programme is contained in annex II to its decision IV/16. The Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) will determine the draft provisional agenda for its future meetings in light of this programme and other relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties. The present note has been prepared accordingly, based on the advice of the SBSTTA Bureau, which met in September 1999. Draft provisional agendas for sixth and seventh meetings of SBSTTA are provided in annex I and annex II, respectively.

2. In suggesting the agendas for these two meetings of SBSTTA, which are planned to take place between the fifth and sixth meetings of the Conference of the Parties, the SBSTTA Bureau has taken into account:

- (a) The need to prepare for the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, in particular concerning matters to be considered in depth;
- (b) The need to ensure a balanced distribution of work between the two meetings; and
- (c) The need to ensure adequate time for implementation of work, and for preparation of documents, between the relevant meetings.

3. Two issues within the mandate of SBSTTA —alien species and forest biological diversity—are to be considered in depth by the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting. In preparation for that discussion, it is proposed that the question of alien species be considered at the sixth meeting of SBSTTA and forest biological diversity at the seventh meeting.

4. Additionally, it is proposed that SBSTTA would consider reports on progress of ongoing work under thematic areas as follows:

- (a) Inland waters and marine and coastal biodiversity at its sixth meeting; and
- (b) Agricultural biodiversity and drylands at its seventh meeting.

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This arrangement would allow some time for implementation of work under the latter two thematic areas, following the envisaged adoption of their respective work programmes at the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

5. Some additional items may be considered by SBSTTA at each meeting, in the light of the decisions to be taken at the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

6. Finally, it is proposed that the sixth meeting of SBSTTA be held in (January or) February 2001 and the seventh meeting in September 2001.

Annex IDRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SIXTH MEETING OF THE SUBSIDIARY BODY ON  
SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE

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. Reports:
  - 3.1. Marine and coastal biological diversity;
  - 3.2. Inland water biological diversity.
4. Priority issue: Alien invasive species.
5. Draft provisional agenda for the seventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice.
6. Dates and venue of the seventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice.
7. Other matters.
8. Adoption of the report.
9. Closure of the meeting.

Annex II

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

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. Reports:
  - 3.1. Biological diversity of dryland, arid, semi-arid, Mediterranean, savannah and grassland ecosystems;
  - 3.2. Agricultural biological diversity.
4. Priority issue: Forest biological diversity.
5. Draft provisional agendas for the eighth and ninth meetings of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice.
6. Dates and venue of the eighth and ninth meetings of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice.
7. Other matters.
8. Adoption of the report.
9. Closure of the meeting.

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