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### SUBSIDIARY BODY ON SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE

Seventh meeting

Montreal, 12-16 November 2001

Item 2.2 of the provisional agenda\*

#### ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

#### Annotations to the provisional agenda

*Note by the Executive Secretary*

#### 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 and, as appropriate, its other subsidiary bodies with timely advice relating to the implementation of the Convention.
2. To date, the Subsidiary Body has held six meetings. The first took place at the headquarters of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), in Paris, from 4 to 8 September 1995. The other five meetings were held in Montreal, from 2 to 6 September 1996, 1 to 5 September 1997, 21 to 25 June 1999, 31 January to 4 February 2000, and 12 to 16 March 2001. The reports of these meetings have been circulated as documents UNEP/CBD/COP/2/5, UNEP/CBD/COP/3/3, UNEP/CBD/COP/4/2, UNEP/CBD/COP/5/2, UNEP/CBD/COP/5/3, and UNEP/CBD/COP/6/3, respectively.
3. The seventh meeting of SBSTTA will also take place in Montreal, at the headquarters of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), from 12 to 16 November 2001. Registration of participants will commence on 11 November 2001 at 10 a.m.

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## ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

4. The meeting will be opened at 10 a.m., on Monday, 12 November 2001.

## ITEM 2. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

### *Item 2.1. Election of officers*

5. Pursuant to rule 26, paragraph 3 of its rules of procedure, by which the Conference of the Parties elects the chairperson of each of its subsidiary bodies, the Conference of the Parties at its fifth meeting, held in Nairobi in May 2000, elected Mr. Jan Plesnik (Czech Republic) as the Chair of SBSTTA for a term of office commencing at the end of the sixth meeting of SBSTTA and expiring at the end of the eighth meeting (UNEP/CBD/COP/5/23, para.29).

6. In accordance with paragraph 5 of its *modus operandi*, as contained in annex I to decision IV/16 of the Conference of the Parties, SBSTTA at its sixth meeting elected five Bureau members, from China, Kenya, New Zealand, Peru and Slovakia, who will serve for two meetings of the Body. They took office at the end of the sixth meeting of SBSTTA. In order to achieve staggered terms of office, SBSTTA normally elects, at each of its meetings, five new members for a two-meeting term to replace the outgoing members. However, at its seventh meeting, SBSTTA will elect only four new members, to replace the outgoing members from the Dominican Republic, Greece, Jordan and Togo, who were elected at the fifth meeting. The new members will take office at the end of the seventh meeting. The fifth member who would have completed his two-meeting term at the end of the seventh meeting is Mr. Plesnik, now the Chair of the Subsidiary Body, who was elected by the Conference of the Parties at its fifth meeting to serve in this capacity until the end of the eighth meeting.

### *Item 2.2. Adoption of the agenda*

7. The provisional agenda for the seventh meeting of SBSTTA was approved at its sixth meeting (UNEP/CBD/COP/6/3, para. 145 and annex II) and has been circulated as document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/7/1.

### *Item 2.3. Organization of work*

8. In accordance with its *modus operandi*, SBSTTA may wish to establish two sessional working groups. Following consultations with the Bureau, the following allocation of tasks between the plenary and the two working groups is proposed:

- (a) The following items would be considered in plenary at the beginning of the meeting:
1. Opening of the meeting
  2. Organizational matters
  3. Reports:
    - 3.1 Ad hoc technical expert groups;

- 3.2 Assessment processes;
  - 3.3 Biodiversity of dry and sub-humid lands;
  - 3.4 Sustainable use: progress in the development of practical principles, operational guidance and associated instruments;
7. Other matters: consideration of scientific, technical and technological aspects of the strategic plan and review of the Global Biodiversity Outlook.

(b) Working Group I would consider item 4 (Main theme: forest biological diversity), the theme for in-depth discussion at the meeting. It is proposed to consider the item under three headings:

- (i) Status and trends of, and major threats to, forest biological diversity including forest ecosystem functioning and services;
- (ii) Options for the conservation and sustainable use of forest biological diversity, (including advice on scientific programmes and international cooperation in research and development related to conservation and sustainable use of forest biological diversity; identification of innovative, efficient and state-of-the-art technologies and know-how relating to forest biodiversity, and ways and means of promoting the development and transfer of such technologies); and
- (iii) Enabling activities addressing the underlying causes of forest biological diversity loss and degradation;

(c) Working Group II would consider item 5 (Other substantive issues), including:

- 5.1 Agricultural biodiversity (with a focus on the International Initiative on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Pollinators);
- 5.2 Plant conservation strategy;
- 5.3 Incentive measures;
- 5.4 Indicators and environmental impact assessment;

(d) The following items would be taken up in plenary towards the end of the meeting:

- 6. Preparation for the eighth and ninth meetings of SBSTTA:
  - 6.1 Draft provisional agendas;
  - 6.2 Dates and venues;
- 7. Other matters (*continued*);
- 8. Adoption of the report;
- 9. Closure of the meeting.

9. It is also envisaged that the Secretariat, in consultation with the Bureau, would invite keynote speakers to provide plenary with scientific background on some of the issues before the meeting.

10. A list of documents prepared for the meeting is provided in annex I below.

11. There will be no more than two meetings convened at the same time, each with simultaneous interpretation. A provisional organization of work is contained in annex II below.

### **ITEM 3. REPORTS**

#### ***Item 3.1. Ad hoc technical expert groups***

12. At its fifth meeting, the Conference of the Parties decided to establish ad hoc technical expert groups in the fields of marine and coastal protected areas, and mariculture (decision V/3, para. 15); forest biological diversity (decision V/4, para. 4); and the biological diversity of dry and sub-humid lands (decision V/23, para. 7). In addition, SBSTTA established at its sixth meeting an ad hoc technical expert group on the interlinkages between climate change and biological diversity (recommendation VI/7, para. 5). A progress report on the status of these groups and the work completed to date is provided in the note by the Executive Secretary prepared under this item (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/7/2).

13. SBSTTA may wish to take note of the progress report on the ad hoc technical expert groups contained in the note by the Executive Secretary.

#### ***Item 3.2. Assessment processes***

14. In its decision V/20, the Conference of the Parties requested SBSTTA to identify and, where needed, further develop procedures and methods to undertake or participate in scientific assessments, or make use of existing ones.

15. In order to advance assessments on current priority issues, and to test a range of methods and modalities for assessments, in accordance with paragraph 29 (b) of decision V/20 and paragraphs 1 and 9 of its recommendation VI/5, SBSTTA requested the Executive Secretary to make the necessary arrangements in consultation with its Bureau, taking into account available resources, to carry out the pilot assessment projects on forest biological diversity, impacts of invasive alien species and on interlinkages between biological diversity and climate change; and to develop rapid assessment methods for the biodiversity of inland water ecosystems and for marine and coastal biological diversity, including, in particular, guidelines for ecosystem evaluation and assessment (recommendation VI/5, para. 6 and 9).

16. The note by the Executive Secretary prepared under this item (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/7/3) summarizes the progress in responding to the request of SBSTTA.

17. SBSTTA is invited to take note of the note of the Executive Secretary and to advise the Conference of the Parties on the status of implementation of decision V/20.

#### ***Item 3.3. Biological diversity of dry and sub-humid lands***

18. At its fifth meeting, the Conference of the Parties considered a draft programme of work on dry and sub-humid lands submitted by the Executive Secretary. Following its consideration, the Conference of

the Parties endorsed the programme of work as annexed to decision V/23 and, in paragraphs 6-10 of the same decision, requested the Executive Secretary:

(a) To review this programme of work and identify expected outcomes, further activities to achieve these outcomes, those who should implement these activities, and timetables for action and follow-up, taking into account the suggestions of the technical group of experts established by paragraph 7 of the same decision;

(b) To collaborate with the Secretariat of the Convention to Combat Desertification, including through the development of a joint work programme, as well as with other relevant bodies and with countries with sub-humid lands, and with other bodies relevant to sub-humid lands in the implementation and further elaboration of the programme of work;

(c) To establish a roster of experts on the biological diversity of dry and sub-humid lands; and

(d) To make available relevant information through various means, including the development in the clearing-house mechanism of a database on dry and sub-humid lands.

19. In addition, in paragraph 5 of decision V/23, the Conference of the Parties requested SBSTTA, *inter alia*, to review and assess periodically the status and trends of the biological diversity of dry and sub-humid lands, and make recommendations for the further prioritization, refinement and scheduling of the programme of work based on the review by the Executive Secretary.

20. Having in mind that the programme of work will be reviewed by SBSTTA for the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the Executive Secretary has prepared a report on progress in the implementation of the programme of work (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/7/4) focusing on collaborative activities with the Secretariat of the Convention to Combat Desertification.

21. SBSTTA may wish to take note of the progress report of the Executive Secretary and provide additional guidance for the forthcoming review of the programme of work.

***Item 3.4. Sustainable use: progress in the development of practical principles, operational guidance and associated instruments***

22. In paragraphs 1 and 3 of its decision V/24, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary:

(a) To invite organizations involved in sustainable-use initiatives, and other relevant organizations, to gather, compile, and disseminate case-studies on best practices and lessons learned from the use of biological diversity;

(b) To assemble, in collaboration with relevant organizations, drawing from an assessment of the case-studies and the process referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2, respectively, of the decision, practical principles, operational guidelines and associated instruments, and guidance specific to sectors and biomes, which would assist Parties and Governments to develop ways to achieve the sustainable use of biological diversity, within the framework of the ecosystem approach, and to present a progress report for consideration by SBSTTA prior to the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

23. Accordingly, the Executive Secretary has prepared a note (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/7/5) on progress in the development of practical principles, operational guidance and associated instruments for the sustainable use of biological diversity. Bearing in mind that sustainable use will be a substantive issue for consideration after the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, it is envisaged that SBSTTA will consider best practices and lessons learned from the use of biological diversity, as well as practical principles, operational guidelines and associated instruments on sustainable use of biological diversity at one of its future meetings before the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

24. The note also reports on the progress made in the development of guidelines on biological diversity and tourism in response to decision V/25 of the Conference of the Parties, in which the Conference of the Parties accepted “the invitation to participate in the international work programme on sustainable tourism development under the Commission on Sustainable Development process with regard to biological diversity, in particular, with a view to contributing to international guidelines for activities related to sustainable tourism development in vulnerable terrestrial, marine and coastal ecosystems and habitats of major importance for biological diversity and protected areas, including fragile riparian and mountain ecosystems” and requested the Executive Secretary “to prepare a proposal for the contribution on guidelines for activities related to sustainable tourism development, for example, by convening an international workshop”. In addition, in paragraph 6 of that decision, the Conference of the Parties, “in order to contribute further to the international work programme on sustainable tourism development under the Commission on Sustainable Development” requested SBSTTA to transmit its findings, through the Executive Secretary, to the Commission on Sustainable Development at its tenth meeting.

25. Accordingly, the note also contains, in an annex, the draft international guidelines for activities related to sustainable tourism development in vulnerable terrestrial, marine and coastal ecosystems and habitats of major importance for biological diversity and protected areas, including fragile riparian and mountain ecosystems, prepared by the Workshop on Biological Diversity and Tourism, convened by the Executive Secretary in Santo Domingo from 4 to 7 June 2001, in response to decision V/25. The report also includes recommendations for future action.

26. SBSTTA may therefore wish to take note of the progress report on the development of practical principles, operational guidance and associated instruments and endorse the guidelines for activities related to sustainable tourism development and biological diversity in vulnerable terrestrial, marine and mountain ecosystems and transmit them to the Commission on Sustainable Development at its tenth session, in line with decision V/25 of the Conference of the Parties.

#### **ITEM 4. MAIN THEME FOCUS: FOREST BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY**

27. In paragraph 2 of its decision V/4, the Conference of the Parties decided to consider expanding the focus of the work programme on forest biological diversity from research to practical action at its sixth meeting.

28. In the same decision, the Conference of the Parties requested SBSTTA:

(a) To consider: (i) the impact of climate change on forest biological diversity (para. 11); (ii) the causes and effects of human-induced uncontrolled forest-fires on forest biological diversity and possible approaches to address their negative impacts (para. 12); and (iii) the impact of, and propose sustainable practices for, the harvesting of non-timber forest resources, including bush meat and living botanical resources (para. 14); and

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(b) To prepare scientific advice in order to integrate biodiversity considerations, including biodiversity conservation, in the implementation of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and its Kyoto Protocol (para. 17).

29. In addition, in the same decision, the Conference of the Parties decided to establish an Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Forest Biological Diversity to assist SBSTTA in its work on forest biological diversity (para. 4), and requested the Executive Secretary to organize the meetings of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group, and carry out a number of collaborative activities in preparation for the consideration of this agenda item by SBSTTA (paras. 5, 6 and 15).

30. SBSTTA will have before it the report of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Forest Biological Diversity (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/7/6) containing:

(a) The main findings of a review of available information on the status and trends of, and major threats to, forest biological biodiversity, including significant gaps in that information;

(b) Prioritized options for the conservation and sustainable use of forest biological diversity;

(c) Advice on scientific programmes and international cooperation in research and development related to the conservation and sustainable use of forest biological diversity; and

(d) Information on innovative, efficient and state-of-the-art technologies and know-how relating to forest biodiversity, including ways and means of promoting the development and transfer of such technologies.

31. Also available will be an information document, prepared by the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Forest Biological Diversity, which reviews in some detail the status and trends of forest biological diversity, forest ecosystem functioning and services, the direct and underlying causes of biological diversity loss, and ongoing international initiatives on forest biological diversity conservation and sustainable use.

32. In addition, the Executive Secretary has prepared a note (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/7/7) describing the impacts of climate change on forest biodiversity, the causes and effects of human-induced uncontrolled forest fires on forest biological diversity and the impact of harvesting of non-timber forest resources, including bush meat and living botanical resources as well as possible options on how to mitigate the negative impacts on forest biological diversity for consideration and inclusion in national biodiversity strategies and action plans. Also before SBSTTA under this item will be a proposal (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/7/8) on how the practical actions identified by the Expert Group could be integrated in an expanded programme of work on forest biological diversity to facilitate the implementation of paragraph 2 of decision V/4 of the Conference of the Parties.

33. SBSTTA is invited to consider the report of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group and the notes of the Executive Secretary. SBSTTA may wish to endorse the review of the status and trends of, and major threats to, forest biological diversity prepared by the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/7/6, section II), and advise the Conference of the Parties on how to further develop and implement the programme of work on forest biological diversity.

## ITEM 5. OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

### *Item 5.1. Agricultural biological diversity*

34. In its decision V/5, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary, *inter alia*:

(a) To undertake the necessary steps for the full implementation of the programme of work on agricultural biological diversity and to prepare a progress report and proposals for its further implementation to be considered by SBSTTA prior to the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (paras. 7 and 8);

(b) To invite the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to facilitate and coordinate the International Initiative for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Pollinators that the Conference of the Parties decided to establish as a cross-cutting initiative within the programme of work on agricultural biodiversity, and to prepare a proposal for a plan of action on pollinators taking into account the recommendations at the São Paulo Declaration on Pollinators, as well as contributions submitted by countries and relevant organizations (para. 16); and

(c) To report on the status of development of genetic-use-restriction technologies (GURTs) and of relevant initiatives at international, regional and national levels (para. 28).

35. In addition, in paragraph 10 of decision IV/6, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to report on the impact of trade liberalization on the conservation and sustainable use of agricultural biological diversity in consultation with relevant bodies, such as the World Trade Organization.

36. In its meetings held during the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the SBSTTA Bureau decided to focus the discussions on agricultural biodiversity at the seventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body on the International Initiative for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Pollinators.

37. The meeting will have before it a report prepared by FAO on the International Initiative for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Pollinators, and document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/7/9, prepared by the Executive Secretary, containing a progress report and proposals for the further implementation of the programme of work on agrobiodiversity. Also available will be information documents containing further information on the status of development of GURTs and other similar technologies at international, regional and national levels and on the impact of trade liberalization on the conservation and sustainable use of agricultural biological diversity.

38. SBSTTA may wish:

(a) To take note of the proposed plan of action prepared by FAO with other organizations on the International Initiative for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Pollinators;

(b) To consider proposals on the further implementation of the programme of work prepared by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/7/9) and make recommendations to the Conference of the Parties on the further implementation of the programme of work.

***Item 5.2. Plant conservation strategy***

39. In paragraph 4 of its decision V/10, the Conference of the Parties requested SBSTTA to make recommendations regarding the development of a global strategy for plant conservation, which would be aimed at halting the current and continuing unacceptable loss of plant diversity. In paragraph 5 of the same decision, it requested the Executive Secretary to solicit the views of Parties and to liaise with relevant organizations, in order to gather information regarding plant conservation, including information on existing international initiatives.

40. The Executive Secretary has prepared, in collaboration with various organizations through informal consultations, and taking into account the views of Parties, a note (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/7/10) containing proposal for a global strategy for plant conservation, as well as information on international initiatives relating to plant conservation.

41. SBSTTA may wish to consider the scope and gaps of ongoing international initiatives for plant conservation and make recommendations to the Conference of the Parties concerning the development of the proposed global strategy.

***Item 5.3. Incentive measures***

42. In paragraph 1 of its decision V/15, the Conference of the Parties established a programme of work to promote the development and implementation of social, economic and legal incentive measures for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity. In paragraphs 3 and 5 of the same decision, it requested the Executive Secretary to collaborate with relevant organizations:

(a) To gather and disseminate additional information on instruments in support of positive incentives and their performance, and to develop a matrix identifying the range of instruments available, their purpose, interaction with other policy measures, and effectiveness;

(b) To continue gathering information on perverse incentive measures, and on ways and means to remove or mitigate their negative impacts on biological diversity, and consider how these ways and means may be applied;

(c) To elaborate proposals for the design and implementation of incentive measures; and

(d) To promote coordinated action on incentives with other international biodiversity-related agreements and relevant organizations.

43. In paragraph 4 of the decision, the Conference of the Parties decided to integrate actions on incentives in thematic work programmes and ensure synergy with activities on sustainable use, and requested the Executive Secretary to promote coordinated action on incentives with other international biodiversity-related agreements and relevant organizations.

44. The Executive Secretary has prepared a note on incentive measures (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/7/11) containing:

(a) Additional information on instruments in support of positive incentives and their performance;

- (b) Information on perverse incentive measures;
- (c) Proposals for the design and implementation of incentive measures; and
- (d) A report on coordinated action on incentives with other international biodiversity-related agreements and relevant organizations.

45. SBSTTA may wish to consider the information and proposals in the note prepared by the Executive Secretary and prepare advice for the design and implementation of incentive measures for all the programmes of work of the Convention, including, in particular, for ensuring synergy with activities on sustainable use.

#### ***Item 5.4. Indicators and environmental impact assessment***

46. With regard to indicators, the Conference of the Parties, in paragraphs 1, 2 and 5 of its decision V/7, requested the Executive Secretary:

(a) To carry out the pending activities set out in the work programme on indicators of biological diversity as approved by decision IV/1 A, including in particular the preparation of documents containing sets of principles and standard questions for designing national-level monitoring programmes and indicators, and list of available and potential indicators;

(b) To establish a process for the review and wide discussion of the documents prepared under subparagraph (a) above; and

(c) To produce an interim report on progress, including the ongoing work on indicators in the thematic and other work programmes.

47. Accordingly, the Executive Secretary has prepared a note on designing national-level monitoring programmes and indicators (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/7/12) containing:

(a) A set of principles and standard questions for designing national-level monitoring programmes and indicators; and

(b) An indicative list of available and potential indicators, covering the ecosystem, species, and genetic levels, taking into account the ecosystem approach, which may be used by Parties at the national, regional and global levels to describe the state and trends of biodiversity.

48. SBSTTA may wish to consider the proposed principles, standard questions and list of indicators and provide guidance to the Executive Secretary for the further development of the report to be submitted on this item to the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting.

49. With regard to environmental impact assessment, the Conference of the Parties, in paragraph 5 (c) of decision V/18, requested the Executive Secretary, *inter alia*, to compile and evaluate existing guidelines, procedures and provisions for environmental impact assessment. In paragraph 4 of the same decision, it requested SBSTTA to further develop guidelines for incorporating biodiversity-related issues into legislation and/or processes on strategic environmental assessment, and further elaborate the application of the precautionary approach and the ecosystem approach for completion by the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

50. In response to decision V/18, the Executive Secretary has prepared a note on existing guidelines and procedures, and provisions for integrating biodiversity in environmental impact assessments (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/7/13), containing a compilation and evaluation of environmental impact assessment procedures, and proposals for the further development of guidelines for integrating biodiversity-related issues in environmental impact assessment and for integrating environmental impact assessment into the Convention work programmes on thematic areas and cross-cutting issues.

51. SBSTTA is invited to consider the proposals put forward by the Executive Secretary and prepare its advice to the Conference of the Parties on guidelines for incorporating biodiversity-related issues into legislation and/or processes of strategic environmental assessment, taking into account the ecosystem approach and the precautionary approach; and to provide advice on how to further implement paragraph 1 of Article 14 of the Convention with other related components of the Convention.

## **ITEM 6. PREPARATION FOR THE EIGHTH AND NINTH MEETINGS OF THE SUBSIDIARY BODY ON SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE**

### ***Item 6.1. Draft provisional agendas***

52. To assist the meeting in its consideration of this agenda item, the Executive Secretary has prepared, in consultation with the SBSTTA Bureau, draft provisional agendas for the eighth and ninth meetings of SBSTTA (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/7/14) based on the programme of work of the Conference of the Parties, in particular decision IV/16, which defines the items for in-depth consideration at the meetings of the Conference of the Parties, and on a number of decisions taken by the Conference of the Parties at its fifth meeting and recommendations adopted at the sixth meeting of SBSTTA. These provisional agendas will be revised in the light of the decisions of the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting, including its Strategic Plan.

### ***Item 6.2. Dates and venues***

53. According to the rules of procedure unless the Conference of the Parties decides otherwise or appropriate arrangements are made by the Secretariat in consultation with the Parties, the eighth and ninth meetings of SBSTTA will take place at the seat of the Secretariat, in Montreal, at dates to be defined later.

## **ITEM 7. OTHER MATTERS**

### ***Consideration of scientific, technical and technological aspects of the Strategic Plan and review of the Global Biodiversity Outlook***

54. The Conference of the Parties, in its decision V/20, decided to prepare and develop a Strategic Plan for the Convention, with a view to considering and adopting the Strategic Plan at its sixth meeting. It requested the Executive Secretary to develop the Strategic Plan and to engage in a participatory process that ensures, *inter alia*, consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and its Bureau.

55. The Executive Secretary has prepared a note on the Strategic Plan for the Convention (UNEP/CBD/MSP/2) for the consideration of the Open-ended Inter-Sessional Meeting on the Strategic

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Plan, National Reports and Implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity, which will be held from 19 to 21 November 2001 in Montreal, directly after the seventh meeting of SBSTTA. The Subsidiary Body is invited to provide comments on and inputs to the Strategic Plan, in regard to scientific, technical and technological aspects.

56. The Conference of the Parties, also in its decision V/20, requested SBSTTA to review the implementation of decision II/1 relating to the Global Biodiversity Outlook and provide the results of that review to the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting, together with advice on means to enhance implementation and/or any desirable amendments to the decision. The Global Biodiversity Outlook was reviewed in draft form by SBSTTA at its sixth meeting. The final form of the Global Biodiversity Outlook is available and SBSTTA is invited to review this document and provide recommendations concerning future editions.

57. Under this item, SBSTTA may also consider any other matters proposed and accepted for discussion.

#### **ITEM 8. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT**

58. SBSTTA will consider and adopt its report, which will be presented by Mr. Jan Plesnik (Czech Republic), Chair of SBSTTA, to the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting for consideration under the relevant agenda items.

59. In accordance with established practice, the Subsidiary Body is invited to authorize the Rapporteur to complete the final report after the meeting, with the guidance of the Chair and the assistance of the Secretariat.

#### **ITEM 9. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING**

60. The seventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice is expected to be closed on Friday, 16 November 2001, at 6 p.m.

*Annex I*

**PROVISIONAL LIST OF DOCUMENTS FOR THE SEVENTH MEETING  
OF THE SUBSIDIARY BODY ON SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND  
TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE**

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Working title</i>
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/7/1	Provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/7/1/Add.1	Annotations to the provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/7/1/Add.2	Draft recommendations for the consideration of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at its seventh meeting
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/7/2	Progress report on the status and work of the ad hoc technical expert groups
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/7/3	Progress report on ongoing assessment processes
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/7/4	Biological diversity of dry and sub-humid lands: progress report on the implementation of the programme of work
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/7/5	Sustainable use: progress on development of practical principles, operational guidance and associated instruments
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/7/6	Report of the ad hoc technical expert group on forest biological diversity
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/7/7	Consideration of specific threats to forest biological diversity: (a) climate change; (b) human induced uncontrolled forest fires; and (c) harvesting of non-timber forest resources, including bush meat and living botanical resources
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/7/8	Elements for the possible expansion of the draft revised programme of work on forest biological diversity
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/7/9	Agricultural biological diversity: implementation of the programme of work (with a focus on the International Initiative on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Pollinators)
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/7/10	A proposal for a global strategy for plant conservation
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/7/11	Incentive measures: proposals for the design and implementation of incentive measures
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/7/12	Indicators: designing national-level monitoring programmes and indicators
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/7/13	Environmental impact assessment: further development of guidelines for incorporating biodiversity-related issues into the procedures of environmental impact assessment legislation and/or processes and in strategic environmental assessment

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UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/7/14

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Draft provisional agendas for the eighth and ninth meetings of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice

*Annex II*

**PROVISIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WORK FOR THE SEVENTH MEETING OF THE SUBSIDIARY BODY ON  
SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE**

	<i>Plenary</i>	<i>Working Group I</i>	<i>Working Group II</i>
<p><i>Monday, 12 November 2001</i></p> <p>10 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p>	<p>Agenda items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Opening of the meeting</li> <li>2. Organizational matters</li> <li>7. Other matters: Consideration of scientific, technical and technological aspects of the strategic plan and review of the Global Biodiversity Outlook.</li> <li>3. Reports:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3.1 Ad hoc technical expert groups;</li> <li>3.2 Assessment processes</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p>Keynote address</p>		
<p>3 p.m. – 6 p.m.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Reports:           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3.3 Biodiversity of dry and sub humid lands;</li> <li>3.4 Sustainable use: progress in the development of practical principles, operational guidance and associated instruments</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p>Keynote addresses</p>		
<p>6 p.m.</p>	<p>Launching of the poster session on forest biological diversity</p>		

	<i>Plenary</i>	<i>Working Group I</i>	<i>Working Group II</i>
<i>Tuesday, 13 November 2001</i> 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.		Agenda item 4: Main theme focus: Forest biological diversity: (i) Status and trends of, and major threats to, forest biological diversity including forest ecosystem functioning and services	Agenda item 5: Other substantive issues: 5.1. Agricultural biodiversity
3 p.m. – 6 p.m.		(ii) Options for the conservation and sustainable use of forest biological diversity	5.2. Plant conservation strategy;
<i>Wednesday 14 November 2001</i> 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.		(ii) Options for the conservation and sustainable use of forest biological diversity (continued)	5.3. Incentive measures;
3 p.m. – 6 p.m.		(iii) Enabling activities addressing the underlying causes of forest biological diversity loss and degradation	5.4. Indicators and environmental impact assessment
<i>Thursday, 15 November 2001</i> 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.		Outstanding issues from agenda item 4	Outstanding issues from agenda item 5
3 p.m. – 6 p.m.		Continuation of work	Continuation of work
<i>Friday, 16 November 2001</i> 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	6. Preparation for the eighth and ninth meetings of SBSTTA: 6.1 Draft provisional agenda; 6.2 Dates and venues. 7. Other matters (continued) 8. Adoption of the report		
15:00 to 18:00	9. Closure of the meeting		