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ADVICE**

Eighth meeting

Montreal, 10-14 March 2003

Item 2.2 of the provisional agenda*

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA*Annotations to the 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 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 seven 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, 12 to 16 March and 12 to 16 November 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, UNEP/CBD/COP/6/3 and UNEP/CBD/COP/6/4, respectively.

3. The eighth meeting of SBSTTA will also take place in Montreal, at the headquarters of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), from 10 to 14 March 2003. Registration of participants will commence on 9 March 2003 at 10 a.m.

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

4. The meeting will be opened at 10 a.m., on 10 March 2003.

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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, and 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. In accordance with the decisions taken by the Conference of the Parties at its fifth meeting, and by the Subsidiary Body at its sixth and seventh meetings, the Bureau of the eighth meeting of SBSTTA will comprise the following members: Mr. Alfred A. Oteng-Yeboah (Ghana), Ms. Grace N.W. Thitai (Kenya), Mr. Dehui Wang (China), Mr. Asghar Mohammadi Fazel (Islamic Republic of Iran), Chair: Mr. Jan Plesnik (Czech Republic), Mr. Peter Straka (Slovakia), Mr. Joseph Ronald Toussaint (Haiti), Ms. Lily Rodriguez (Peru), Ms. Paula Warren (New Zealand), Mr. Robert Andren (Sweden).

7. At its sixth meeting, held in The Hague in April 2002, the Conference of the Parties elected Mr. Oteng-Yeboah Chair of the Subsidiary Body for its ninth and tenth meetings (UNEP/CBD/COP/6/20, para. 19). In addition, at the current meeting, the Subsidiary Body will elect new members to serve on the Bureau for a two-meeting term, commencing at the end of the eighth meeting, to replace the members from Kenya, China, the Czech Republic, Peru and New Zealand.

Item 2.2. Adoption of the agenda

8. The provisional agenda for the eighth and ninth meetings of SBSTTA were approved at its seventh meeting (UNEP/CBD/COP/6/4, para. 144 and annex II). In order to include the additional requests made by the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting in April 2002 for activities to be implemented and advice to be provided prior to its seventh meeting, the following action was taken:

(a) The Executive Secretary, in consultation with the Bureau, revised the provisional agendas of the eighth and ninth meetings of SBSTTA;

(b) The SBSTTA Bureau decided, in a telephone conference held on 6 September 2002, to enhance the work of focal points by proposing that they discuss inter-sessionally and in the margins of SBSTTA meetings, some items that could not be included on the agendas of the eighth and ninth meetings of SBSTTA, to keep them manageable and productive. Consideration of the format for reporting on agrobiodiversity and the Global Taxonomy Initiative (GTI) were identified as some of the items to be discussed by the SBSTTA focal points and GTI focal points respectively. The results of these consultations would be reported under items 3.2 and 3.3 as appropriate;

(c) The SBSTTA Bureau decided also to integrate the consideration of the technical and scientific aspects of technology transfer and cooperation, initially included as a distinct item on the agenda of the ninth meeting of SBSTTA, in the discussions of the thematic and cross-cutting issues on the agenda of the eighth and ninth meetings of SBSTTA. Accordingly, the notes by the Executive Secretary under agenda items 4 and 5 of the current meeting will include sections on scientific and technical aspects of technology transfer and cooperation. Following a request made by the SBSTTA Bureau, the Bureau of

the Conference of the Parties at its meeting held in Montreal on 23-24 September 2002, decided that the legal and socio-economic aspects of technology transfer and cooperation would be considered by the open-ended inter-sessional meeting to be held in March 2003 to consider, *inter alia*, the multi-year programme of work;

(d) The Executive Secretary will also make as much reference as possible to the outcome-oriented targets adopted by the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties in the pre-session documents on thematic and cross-cutting programmes of work to facilitate consideration by SBSTTA of decision VI/9, on the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation. In paragraph 10 of this decision, the Conference of the Parties requested SBSTTA to:

- (i) Take the targets into consideration in its periodic reviews of the thematic and cross-cutting programmes of work of the Convention; and
- (ii) To develop ways and means, within the Convention's thematic and cross-cutting programmes of work, for promoting implementation of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation, and for monitoring and assessing progress; and to report to the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting.

9. The provisional agenda for the eighth meeting of SBSTTA (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/8/1) was mailed out to all national focal points and posted on the website of the Convention on 11 October 2002. The Subsidiary Body will be invited to consider the provisional agenda for adoption. The provisional agenda of the ninth meeting will be considered under agenda item 7.1 of this meeting.

Item 2.3. Organization of work

10. 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:
 - 2.1. Election of officers;
 - 2.2. Adoption of the agenda;
 - 2.3. Organization of work.
 3. Reports:
 - 3.1 Progress in implementation of thematic programmes of work;
 - 3.2. Progress in implementation of the programmes of work on cross-cutting issues;
 - 3.3. Report of the Chair of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice on the inter-sessional activities of the Bureau.
- 6.3 (c) Operations of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice: multi-year programme of work of the Conference of the Parties up to 2010.

(b) Working Group I would consider items 4 (“Mountain biological diversity”, the theme for in-depth discussion at the meeting), 6.2 (“Biological diversity and tourism: draft guidelines for activities related to sustainable tourism development and biological diversity and case-studies on the implementation of the guidelines”) and 6.3 (a) (“Strategic plan of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice”) and (b) (“Assessment of recommendations made to the Conference of the Parties by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice”);

(c) Working Group II would consider items 5.1 (“Inland water ecosystems: review, further elaboration and refinement of the programme of work”), 5.2 (“Marine and coastal biological diversity: review, further elaboration and refinement of the programme of work”) and 6.1 (“Dry and sub-humid lands biodiversity: matters requested by the Conference of the Parties in paragraphs 5 and 6 of its decision V/23 and decision VI/4”);

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

7. Preparation for the ninth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice:
 - 7.1. Provisional agenda;
 - 7.2. Dates and venue.
8. Other matters.
9. Adoption of the report.
10. Closure of the meeting.

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 I below.

12. It is also envisaged that the Secretariat, in consultation with the Bureau, would invite a keynote speaker to provide the plenary with scientific background on the main theme of the meeting, mountain biodiversity.

13. A list of pre-session documents prepared for the meeting is provided in annex I below.

ITEM 3. REPORTS

Item 3.1. Progress in implementation of thematic programmes

14. A brief report covering the period from the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties will be provided on all thematic programmes of work (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/8/2). The Subsidiary Body may wish to take note of the report.

Item 3.2. Progress in implementation of the programmes of work on cross-cutting issues

15. A brief report will be provided on all cross-cutting issues (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/8/3). The Subsidiary Body may wish to take note of the report.

Item 3.3. Report of the Chair of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice on the inter-sessional activities of the Bureau

16. The Chair of SBSTTA will present a brief report of the inter-sessional activities of the Bureau members (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/8/4). The Subsidiary Body may wish to take note of the report.

ITEM 4. MAIN THEME: MOUNTAIN BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

17. In its decision IV/16, the Conference of the Parties decided to consider the following three main themes at its seventh meeting: (i) mountain ecosystems, (ii) protected areas and (iii) transfer of technology and technology cooperation. At its seventh meeting, SBSTTA decided to consider and provide advice to Conference of the Parties on mountain biodiversity. To facilitate the work of SBSTTA, the Executive Secretary prepared the notes on the status and trends of, and threats to, mountain biodiversity (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/8/5), measures taken for the conservation and sustainable use of mountain biodiversity (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/8/6) and proposed elements for a programme of work on mountain biodiversity (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/8/7).

18. SBSTTA will consider the documents prepared by the Executive Secretary and may wish to:

(a) Endorse for submission to the Conference of the Parties the note on the status and trends of, and threats to, mountain biodiversity as our current state of knowledge of the topic, on the basis of which the Conference of the Parties can formulate its decision for future work;

(b) Develop a programme of work containing three programme elements: conservation, sustainable use and benefit-sharing; institutional and socio-economic enabling environment; and knowledge, assessment and monitoring. In developing the programme of work, the Subsidiary Body may wish to take into account the ongoing initiatives for the conservation and sustainable use of mountain biodiversity as well as gaps identified in the measures taken for the conservation and sustainable use of mountain biodiversity, including the work being carried out on mountains as part of the implementation of other programmes of work under the Convention on Biological Diversity and joint activities with biodiversity-related conventions, agreements and recommendations developed in many forums in the framework of the International Year of the Mountains and the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, held in Johannesburg from 26 August to 4 September 2002.

19. In addition, the Executive Secretary has prepared note containing an indicative list of technologies needed for the implementation of the programme of work on mountain biological diversity (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/8/7/Add.1), which sets out technologies relevant to some aspects of the programme of work and scientific and technical considerations concerning access to them and their adaptation to national and local conditions.

20. SBSTTA may wish to consider these technologies and provide guidance on future work to the Executive Secretary and the open-ended inter-sessional meeting that will consider the legal and socio-economic aspects of technology transfer and development (see para. 8 (c) above).

ITEM 5. IN-DEPTH REVIEWS

Item 5.1. Inland water ecosystems: review, further elaboration and refinement of the programme of work

21. At its fourth meeting, held in May 1998, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity adopted decision IV/4, on status and trends of the biological diversity of inland water ecosystems. The annex to that decision contains its programme of work on the biological diversity of inland water ecosystems.

22. In paragraph 5 of decision V/2, the Conference of the Parties requested SBSTTA to review the implementation of the programme of work and to include, in its review, advice on the further elaboration and refinement of the programme of work, having due regard to the issues relating, *inter alia*, to water supply, land use and tenure, pollution, invasive alien species, the effects of El Niño, and environmental impact assessment.

23. In addition, in paragraph 1 of the same decision, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to report on various ways and means to implement the programme of work, and obstacles in implementing some aspects of the work plan of SBSTTA before the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties as part of the review of the programme of work on the biological diversity of inland water ecosystems by SBSTTA.

24. At its sixth meeting, in paragraph 3 of decision VI/2 the Conference of the Parties emphasized the importance of the review and elaboration of the programme of work on biological diversity of inland water ecosystems.

25. To assist SBSTTA in responding to the requests of the Conference of the Parties, the Executive Secretary has prepared a review of the implementation of the programme of work on biological diversity of inland water ecosystems and advice for its further elaboration and refinement (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/8/8); a summary of the status and trends of, and threats to, inland water biodiversity (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/8/8/Add.1); elements for the further elaboration and refinement of the programme of work (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/8/8/Add.2); a work plan for developing methods and techniques for the valuation of goods and services of inland water ecosystems, incentives and policy reform and understanding of the ecosystem function (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/8/8/Add.3); a note on the provisions of scientific advice and further guidance to assist in the national elaboration of Annex I of the Convention (as pertaining to inland water biodiversity) (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/8/8/Add.4); and a note on methods and regional guidelines for the rapid assessment of inland water biodiversity for all types of inland water ecosystems (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/8/8/Add.5).

26. SBSTTA may wish to consider the review of the implementation of the programme of work on biological diversity of inland water ecosystems and endorse the recommendations for further development and refinement of the programme of work including the draft revised programme of work on biological diversity of inland water ecosystems.

Item 5.2. Marine and coastal biological diversity: review, further elaboration and refinement of the programme of work

27. The programme of work on marine and coastal biological diversity, as approved by the Conference of the Parties in its decision IV/5, and further elaborated in decisions V/3 and VI/3, identifies important operational objectives and priority activities within the framework of five key programme

elements reflecting global priorities. The programme provides a framework for activities to implement the Jakarta Mandate on Marine and Coastal Biological Diversity until 2000, although the framework is designed to be applicable beyond that year. Because the initial three-year timeframe is now over, there is a need for SBSTTA to assess the status of implementation of the programme of work, to evaluate the need for its further development and refinement, and to propose ways in which such refinement can be undertaken in a systematic manner.

28. To assist SBSTTA in its task, the Executive Secretary has prepared a review of the implementation of the programme of work on marine and coastal biological diversity, including proposals for its future development and refinement (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/8/9). The Subsidiary Body will also have before it under this item the summary reports of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Marine and Coastal Protected Areas (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/8/9/Add.1) and the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Mariculture (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/8/9/Add.2) and a note by the Executive Secretary on Conservation and sustainable use of deep seabed genetic resources beyond national jurisdiction (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/8/9/Add.3).

29. In addition, the Executive Secretary has prepared information documents: analysis of the implementation of the programme of work on marine and coastal biological diversity on national, regional and global levels; report of the Ad hoc Technical Expert Group on Marine and Coastal Protected Areas; value and effects of marine and coastal protected areas; report of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Mariculture; and suggested guidance to Parties on the creation of a national network of marine and coastal protected areas in an international framework. The Executive Secretary has also prepared a report on the pilot project on methodologies for rapid assessment of marine and coastal biological diversity.

30. SBSTTA may wish to consider the review of the implementation of the programme of work on marine and coastal biological diversity, and endorse the recommendations for its further development and refinement, including the recommendations of the ad hoc technical expert groups on marine and coastal protected areas and on mariculture. SBSTTA may also wish to consider the results of the pilot project on rapid assessment methods.

ITEM 6. OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

Item 6.1. Dry and sub-humid lands biodiversity: matters requested by the Conference of the Parties in paragraphs 5 and 6 of its decision V/23 and decision VI/4

31. At its fifth meeting, the Conference of the Parties requested the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice in paragraph 5 of decision V/23:

(a) To review and assess periodically the status and trends of the biological diversity of dry and sub-humid lands on the basis of the outputs of the programme of work activities; and

(b) Make recommendations for the further prioritization, refinement and scheduling of the programme of work based on the review by the Executive Secretary.

32. In addition, in paragraph 6 of the same decision, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary:

(a) To review the 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-

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up, taking into account the suggestions of the technical group of experts and in close collaboration with the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification and other relevant bodies to provide synergy and avoid duplication; and

- (b) Present to SBSTTA the results of that review.

33. Accordingly, the Subsidiary Body will have before it the report of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on the Biological Diversity of Dry and Sub-Humid Lands (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/8/INF/2), in addition to the note prepared by the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with various organizations, on progress in the implementation of the programme of work (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/8/10).

34. SBSTTA is invited to consider these documents and advise the Conference of the Parties on how to further develop and implement the programme of work on dry and sub-humid lands biodiversity.

Item 6.2. Biological diversity and tourism: draft guidelines for activities related to sustainable tourism development and biological diversity and case-studies on the implementation of the guidelines

35. In its decision VI/26, the Conference of the Parties took note of the progress made in the development of guidelines for activities related to sustainable tourism development and biological diversity in vulnerable terrestrial, marine and mountain ecosystems and requested the Executive Secretary, *inter alia*:

- (a) To review the current draft guidelines taking into account the results of the electronic consultation on the draft international guidelines for activities related to sustainable tourism development (as contained in UNEP/CBD/COP/6/12/Add.2) and the outcome of the World Ecotourism Summit, and to transmit the reviewed draft to SBSTTA at a meeting prior to the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties, for its consideration;

- (b) To gather and compile existing case-studies on the implementation of the Guidelines and make them available to SBSTTA prior to the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

36. The Executive Secretary has prepared a revised text of the guidelines on sustainable tourism (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/8/11, annex), taking into account comments received through the first electronic consultation, the second consultation and the outcome of World Ecotourism Summit. An information document containing a synopsis of existing case-studies on the implementation of the guidelines will also be available].

37. SBSTTA is invited to consider the revised text of the guidelines and may wish to endorse the revised guidelines, submit them to the Conference of the Parties and recommend actions with regard to the promotion, further development and implementation of the guidelines.

Item 6.3. Operations of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice

(a) Strategic Plan of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice

38. At its fifth meeting, in paragraph 24 of decision V/20, the Conference of the Parties decided that the guidance to the SBSTTA contained in specific decisions of a meeting of the Conference of the Parties should take into account the need for a coherent and realistic programme of work for SBSTTA, including the identification of priority issues, allowing flexibility in timing. In paragraphs 25 and 26 of the same decision, the Conference of the Parties, recognizing the need to improve the quality of the scientific, technical and technological advice, provided by SBSTTA, requested SBSTTA to continue to improve the way it conducts its work in order to improve the quality of its advice to the Conference of the Parties.

39. At its sixth meeting, the Conference of the Parties adopted a Strategic Plan for the Convention (decision VI/26, annex). It also adopted, for the first time, outcome-oriented targets for 2010, in decision VI/9, on the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation. In addition, the Conference of the Parties decided to consider its medium-term multi-year programme of work up to 2010 and requested SBSTTA to assess its recommendations so as to improve its advice.

40. Bearing in mind all these decisions, the Bureau of SBSTTA decided, at one of its sessions during the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, to draft a strategic plan for SBSTTA that will ensure that the programme of work of the SBSTTA is coherent and realistic and responds fully to the needs of the Conference of the Parties.

41. The SBSTTA Bureau has prepared a draft SBSTTA Strategic Plan (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/8/12). The Subsidiary Body may wish to consider and endorse the draft Plan taking into account its mandate in Article 25 of the Convention, its *modus operandi*, the Strategic Plan of the Convention, the multi-year programmes of work and the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation.

(b) Assessment of recommendations made to the Conference of the Parties by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice

42. In paragraph 23 of decision V/20, the Conference of the Parties decided to make an assessment at its sixth meeting of the recommendations made to it by SBSTTA with a view to providing guidance to the Subsidiary Body on ways to improve its inputs. In paragraphs 6 to 8 of decision VI/27 B, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to undertake, in consultation with the bureaux of the SBSTTA and the Conference of the Parties, a review of SBSTTA recommendations with a view to improving SBSTTA inputs.

43. The Executive Secretary has prepared a table showing the status of adoption or endorsement of all SBSTTA recommendations by the Conference of the Parties and their implementation by the Executive Secretary, the Parties other Governments, and international organizations (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/8/13). The table provides some insights to why some recommendations were not adopted, and attempts to highlight the obstacles to as well as the opportunities for implementing SBSTTA recommendations adopted by the Conference of the Parties.

44. After considering the Executive Secretary's review, SBSTTA may wish to prepare proposals for the improvement of the quality of its advice.

(c) Multi-year programme of work of the Conference of the Parties up to 2010

45. In paragraphs 1 and 3 of its decision VI/28, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to prepare a multi-year programme of work for the Conference of the Parties up to 2010, covering the programme of work dealing with its eighth, ninth and tenth meetings and decided to hold an open-ended inter-sessional meeting to consider it. In paragraph 2 of the same decision, it requested Parties to submit to the Executive Secretary, proposals on issues to be included in the multi-year programme of work for the Conference of the Parties up to 2010.

46. As stated in his note on the subject (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/8/14), the Executive Secretary has not received, as of writing, any submissions relating to the multi-year programme of work. SBSTTA will also have before it the notes by the Executive Secretary on the multi-year programme of work for the Conference of the Parties up to 2010 (UNEP/CBD/COP/6/5/Add.2) and on additional information on potential main themes for the multi-year programme of work of the Conference of the Parties for 2006-2010 (UNEP/CBD/COP/6/INF/30), prepared for the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

47. SBSTTA may wish to review the proposals prepared by the Executive Secretary in the light of the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, in particular paragraphs 42 and 43 and to prepare its advice for the Open-ended Inter-Sessional Meeting, which will be convened immediately after the end of the current meeting of the Subsidiary to consider the multi-year programme of work of the Conference of the Parties.

**ITEM 7. PREPARATION FOR THE NINTH MEETING OF THE
SUBSIDIARY BODY ON SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND
TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE**

Item 7.1. Draft provisional agenda

48. To assist the meeting in its consideration of this agenda item, the Executive Secretary has prepared, in consultation with the SBSTTA Bureau, a draft provisional agenda for the ninth meeting of SBSTTA (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/7/15) 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 and sixth meetings.

Item 7.2. Dates and venue

49. 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 ninth meeting of SBSTTA will take place at the seat of the Secretariat, in Montreal, from 10 to 14 November 2003.

ITEM 8. OTHER MATTERS

50. Under this item, the Subsidiary Body will consider any other items proposed and accepted for discussion.

ITEM 9. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

51. Under this item, SBSTTA will consider and adopt its report. 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. Mr. Jan Plesnik (Czech Republic), Chair of the eighth meeting of SBSTTA, will present this report to the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting for consideration under the relevant agenda items.

ITEM 10. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

52. The eighth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice is expected to be closed on Friday, 14 March 2003, at 6 p.m.

Annex I

**PROVISIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WORK FOR THE EIGHTH MEETING OF THE SUBSIDIARY BODY ON SCIENTIFIC,
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	<i>Plenary</i>	<i>Working Group I</i>	<i>Working Group II</i>
<p>Monday, 10 March 2003 10a.m –1 p.m.</p>	<p>Agenda items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Opening of the meeting 2. Organizational matters 3. Reports: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3.1. Progress in implementation of thematic programmes; 3.2. Progress on implementation of cross-cutting issues; 3.3. Report of the Chair of SBSTTA 4. Main theme: mountain biodiversity 		
<p>Monday, 10 March 2003 3 p.m. –5 p.m.</p> <p>5p.m. – 6 p.m.</p> <p>6 p.m.</p>	<p>6.3. Operations of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice:</p> <p>(c) Multi-year programme of work of the Conference of the Parties up to 2010.</p> <p>Keynote address on mountain biodiversity</p> <p>Launching of the poster sessions</p>		

	<i>Plenary</i>	<i>Working Group I</i>	<i>Working Group II</i>
<i>Tuesday, 11 March 2003</i> 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.		4. Main theme: mountain biodiversity	5.1. Inland water ecosystems: review, further elaboration and refinement of the programme of work.
<i>Tuesday, 11 March 2003</i> 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.		4. Main theme: Mountain biodiversity (<i>continued</i>)	5.1. Inland water ecosystems: review, further elaboration and refinement of the programme of work.
<i>Wednesday, 12 March 2003</i> 10 a.m.–1 p.m.		6.3. Operations of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice: (a) Strategic plan of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice	5.2. Marine and coastal biological diversity: review, further elaboration and refinement of the programme of work.
<i>Wednesday, 12 March 2003</i> 3 p.m.–6 p.m.		6.3 Operations of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice: (b) Assessment of recommendations made to the Conference of the Parties by SBSTTA	5.2. Marine and coastal biological diversity: review, further elaboration and refinement of the programme of work.

	<i>Plenary</i>	<i>Working Group I</i>	<i>Working Group II</i>
Thursday, 13 March 2003 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.		6.2. Biological diversity and tourism: draft guidelines for activities related to sustainable tourism development and biological diversity and case-studies on the implementation of the guidelines.	6.1. Dry and sub-humid lands biodiversity: matters requested by the Conference of the Parties in paragraphs 5 and 6 of its decision V/23 and decision VI/4;
Thursday, 13 March 2003 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.		Pending issues	Pending issues
Friday, 14 March 2003 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	7. Preparations for the ninth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice: 7.1. Provisional agenda; 7.2. Dates and venue 8. Other matters		
Friday, 14 March 2003 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.	9. Adoption of the report; 10. Closure of the meeting.		

Annex II

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

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/8/1	Provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/8/1/Add.1	Annotations to the provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/8/2	Progress report on the implementation of thematic programmes of work
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/8/3	Progress report on the implementation of the work on cross-cutting issues
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/8/4	Report of the Chair of SBSTTA on inter-sessional activities of the SBSTTA Bureau
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/8/5	Status and trends of, and threats to, mountain biological diversity
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/8/6	Measures taken for the conservation and sustainable use of mountain biodiversity
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/8/7	Mountain biological diversity: proposed elements for a programme of work
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/8/7/Add.1	Indicative list of technologies needed for the implementation of the programme of work on mountain biological diversity
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/8/8	Review of the implementation of the programme of work on biological diversity of inland water ecosystems and advice for its further elaboration and refinement
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/8/8/Add.1	Summary of the status and trends of, and threats to, inland water biodiversity
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/8/8/Add.2	Elements for the further elaboration and refinement of the programme of work
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