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Item 6.3 (c) of the provisional agenda*

**MULTI-YEAR PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE
PARTIES UP TO 2010***Note by the Executive Secretary***I. INTRODUCTION**

1. In paragraph 1 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, on the basis of the draft multi-year programme of work prepared for the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (UNEP/CBD/COP/6/5/Add.2/Rev.1), with special consideration to items for in-depth consideration and the review of programmes of work, and taking fully into consideration the Strategic Plan of the Convention, the submissions by Parties to the Convention, and the views of the Bureau of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA). The Conference of the Parties also decided that the programme of work dealing with its ninth and tenth meetings would be finalized at its next meeting.

2. In paragraph 2 of the same decision, the Conference of the Parties requested Parties to submit to the Executive Secretary proposals on issues to be included in the multi-year programme of work. In paragraph 3 of the decision the Conference of the Parties decided to hold an open-ended inter-sessional meeting to consider the multi-year programme of work back-to-back with the eighth meeting of SBSTTA.

3. During its meetings held in September and October 2002, the Bureau of SBSTTA decided to include consideration of the multi-year programme of work for the Conference of the Parties on the agenda of the eighth meeting of SBSTTA under item 6.3 so that SBSTTA can provide advice, as deemed necessary, to the Inter-Sessional Meeting on the Multi-Year Programme of Work of the Conference of

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the Parties Up To 2010, to be held from 17 to 20 March 2003, the week immediately following the eighth meeting of SBSTTA.

4. Accordingly, through a notification dated 3 July 2002, the Executive Secretary reminded Parties to submit to the Secretariat proposals on issues to be included in the multi-year programme of work, with the deadline of 31 October 2002. Following a request by a number of Parties and for the purpose of collecting as many proposals as possible, the deadline for the submission of proposals was extended to 30 November 2002.

5. As of 10 December 2002, proposals on issues to be included in the multi-year programme of work submitted by Parties in response to paragraph 2 of decision VI/28 had been received from Algeria, Canada, China, Colombia, Czech Republic, the European Union, Indonesia, Mexico, Saint Lucia, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, and Tajikistan. One SBSTTA Bureau member provided some views.

6. These proposals and comments have been compiled and are being circulated as a document of the Inter-Sessional Meeting on the Multi-Year Programme of Work Up To 2010 (UNEP/CBD/MYPOW/4). As agreed by the Bureau, this document will be made available to SBSTTA for its consideration with a view to providing advice to the Inter-Sessional Meeting on the proposals made. For ease of reference, however, the draft programme of work, with the items contained in the note considered at the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and the additional items proposed in the submissions received by the Secretariat, is reproduced in annex I to the present note. Annex II to the present note lists a number of other items that were proposed for consideration by the Conference of the Parties but with no indication given as to when they would be taken up.

SUGGESTED RECOMMENDATIONS

SBSTTA may wish to review the proposals made by Parties as contained in section III and the annexes to the note by the Executive Secretary on the multi-year programme of work for the Conference of the Parties up to 2010 (UNEP/CBD/MYPOW/4) and provide advice to the Open-ended Inter-Sessional Meeting on the Multi-Year Programme of Work:

(a) For improving the text of the multi-year programme of work for the Conference of the Parties;

(b) On the sequence and timetable for the consideration of new themes and in-depth review of the implementation of the programmes of work of the Convention.

SBSTTA may also wish to develop, for the consideration of the Open-ended Inter-Sessional Meeting on the Multi-Year Programme of Work, a list of priority activities within the ongoing programmes of work of special relevance for ensuring the significant reduction of the current rate of biodiversity loss at the global, regional and national level as a contribution to poverty alleviation and to the benefit of all life on Earth.

Annex

CONSOLIDATED LIST OF PROPOSALS FOR THE MULTI-YEAR PROGRAMME OF WORK*

| ISSUES FOR IN-DEPTH CONSIDERATION | ISSUES FOR IN-DEPTH REVIEW |
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| <i>Eighth meeting (2006)</i> | |
| <p><i>Existing proposals</i></p> <p>Island biodiversity**</p> <p>Restoration and rehabilitation of degraded ecosystems and recovery of rare and threatened species**</p> <p>Targets, baselines and indicators; and mainstreaming of biodiversity concerns</p> <p><i>Additional proposals</i></p> <p>Impact assessment and minimizing adverse impacts</p> | <p><i>Existing proposals</i></p> <p>Agricultural biological diversity</p> <p>Biological diversity of dry and sub-humid lands</p> <p>Article 8(j) and related provisions</p> <p>Incentives</p> |
| <i>Ninth meeting (2008)</i> | |
| <p><i>Existing proposals</i></p> <p>Biodiversity of urban and peri-urban areas</p> <p>Importance of biodiversity to human health</p> <p>Impact of globalization on conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, and ways to mitigate negative effects**</p> <p><i>Additional proposals</i></p> <p>Sustainable community livelihoods</p> <p>Poverty, population pressures and stakeholder involvement</p> <p>Development of a comprehensive and operational clearing-house mechanism</p> <p>Monitoring, assessment and taxonomy</p> | <p><i>Existing proposals</i></p> <p>Forest biological diversity</p> <p>Invasive alien species including “importance of biosecurity in preserving biodiversity through control of invasive alien species”</p> <p>Access and benefit sharing</p> <p>Ecosystem approach</p> |
| <i>Tenth meeting (2010)</i> | |
| <p><i>Existing proposals</i></p> <p>Polar ecosystems</p> <p>Role of biodiversity in natural disaster prevention and relief</p> <p>Impact of armed conflicts on biodiversity and ways to mitigate negative effects</p> <p>Impacts of changes in ozone layer on biodiversity, and ways to mitigate negative effects</p> <p><i>Additional proposals</i></p> <p>Biodiversity and climate change</p> | <p><i>Existing proposals</i></p> <p>Mountain biological diversity</p> <p>Sustainable use of components of biological diversity</p> <p>Protected areas</p> <p>Technology cooperation and transfer of technology</p> |

* It should be noted that some countries stated that no new topics should be included and that the focus of the work of the Conference of the Parties should be on the review of the implementation of existing decisions of the Conference of the Parties and the Strategic Plan.

** One country suggested that the in-depth consideration of these items be moved forward to the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

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OTHER ITEMS PROPOSED

Economic aspects of biodiversity:

- Economic valuation of biodiversity
- Environmental valuation of farming
- Biodiversity valuation for industry and transportation
- Assessment of the economic loss from the degradation of biodiversity

Monitoring and assessment:

- Impacts of the free movement of peoples on general biodiversity
- Socio-economic studies on local populations affected by the deterioration of biodiversity

Capacity-building:

- Reinforcement of operational and institutional capacities
- Capacity-building for the creation of public awareness programmes

Networking and databases:

- Creation of a common international database on biological resources
- Organization of regional ecological networks and biodiversity conservation
- Use of collection materials for countries in the Commonwealth of Independent States

Biodiversity and landscaping for the purpose of planning, analysing and materializing the balance of industrial and urban biological land at the national, regional and local levels through a global integrated land management project

Biological diversity of marine and freshwater systems

Biodiversity and culture

Arab States: deterioration of land and biological diversity – hotspots and mitigating deterioration

The equitable sharing of benefits between different stakeholders in the conservation of biodiversity

The evolution of biodiversity

Key impediments to implementing programmes of work (e.g. coordination between sectors) as cross-cutting issues

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