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Eleventh meeting

Montreal, 28 November-2 December 2005

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ORGANIZATION OF WORK

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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 ten meetings, which took place between September 1995 and February 2005. The reports of these meetings have been circulated at the different meetings of the Conference of the Parties 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, UNEP/CBD/COP/6/4, UNEP/CBD/COP/7/3, UNEP/CBD/COP/7/4 and UNEP/CBD/COP/8/2.

3. The eleventh meeting of SBSTTA will take place in Montreal, at the headquarters of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) from 28 November to 2 December 2005. Registration of participants will commence on Sunday, 27 November 2005 from noon to 6 p.m. and will continue from 8 a.m. on Monday, 28 November.

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

4. The meeting will be opened at 10 a.m., on Monday, 28 November 2005.

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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 seventh meeting, held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in February 2004, elected Mr. Christian Prip (Denmark) as the Chair of SBSTTA for a term of office commencing at the end of the tenth meeting of SBSTTA and expiring at the end of the twelfth meeting (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/21, para. 31).

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 seventh meeting, and by the Subsidiary Body at its ninth and tenth meetings, the Bureau of the eleventh meeting of SBSTTA will comprise the following members, in addition to its Chair: Mr. Alfred Oteng-Yeboah (Ghana), Ms. Claudine Ramiarison (Madagascar), Mr. Asghar Mohammadi Fazel (Islamic Republic of Iran), Mr. Chaweewan Hutacharem (Thailand), Ms. Bozena Haczek (Poland), Mr. Shirin Karryeva (Turkmenistan), Mr. Jorge Ernesto Quezada Diaz (El Salvador), Mr. Michael Andrew (Saint Lucia) and Ms. Anne Marie Watt (Australia).

Item 2.2. Adoption of the agenda

7. The provisional agenda for the eleventh meeting of SBSTTA was approved at the tenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/2, annex II), taking into account the decisions of the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting.

8. The Subsidiary Body is invited to consider the provisional agenda (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/1) for adoption.

Item 2.3. Organization of work

9. 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 addressed 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. Progress report on the implementation of the programmes of work of the Convention.
 - 5.1 Second Global Biodiversity Outlook: review of the draft.
 - 6.6 Guidance for promoting synergy among activities addressing biological diversity,

desertification, land degradation and climate change.

(b) Working Group I would consider the following substantive items:

- 4.2 Global Taxonomy Initiative.
- 5.2. Millennium Ecosystem Assessment: review of the findings, in particular the synthesis report on biodiversity prepared for the Convention.
- 5.3. Incentive measures:
 - (a) Proposals on the application of positive incentive measures and their integration into relevant policies, programmes or strategies;
 - (b) Proposals on valuation of biodiversity and biodiversity resources and functions.
- 6.4. Invasive alien species: further consideration of gaps and inconsistencies in the international regulatory frameworks.
- 6.5. Sustainable use: further consolidation of the work on the use of terms and on associated instruments.

(c) Working Group II would consider the following substantive items:

- 4.1. Dry and sub-humid lands biodiversity.
- 5.4. Mountain biodiversity: development of goals and sub-targets for the programme of work in the framework of the 2010 target.
- 6.1. Marine and coastal biodiversity: identification of technical options for the conservation and sustainable use of deep seabed genetic resources beyond national jurisdiction.
- 6.2. Inland water ecosystems:
 - (a) Consideration on matters identified in paragraphs 3 and 16 of decision VII/4 relating to national reporting on inland water ecosystems;
 - (b) Consideration of matters relating to paragraphs 29 and 30 of decision VII/4 on criteria for the designation of Ramsar sites in the context of the Convention on Biological Diversity and guidelines for their application.
- 6.3. Forest biological diversity:
 - (a) Consideration of matters arising from the implementation of paragraph 19 of decision VI/22.
 - (b) Consideration of the second and third reports of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on the Review of Implementation of the Programme of Work on Forest Biological Diversity.

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

- 7. Preparations for the twelfth and thirteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice:
 - 7.1. Provisional agendas;

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- 7.2. Dates and venues.
 8. Other matters.
 9. Adoption of the report.
 10. Closing of the meeting.
10. There will be no more than two meetings convened at the same time, each with simultaneous interpretation. A proposed organization of work is contained in annex I below.
11. It is also envisaged that the Secretariat, in consultation with the Bureau, will:
- (a) Invite a keynote speaker to provide the plenary with scientific background on “Biodiversity, land degradation and poverty alleviation in dry and sub-humid lands”.
 - (b) Organize a poster session during the period of the meeting on the following theme: “Success stories in implementation of the programmes of work on dry and sub-humid lands and for the Global Taxonomy Initiative”.
12. A list of pre-session documents for the meeting is provided in annex II below.

ITEM 3. PROGRESS REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMMES OF WORK OF THE CONVENTION

13. Under this item, the Subsidiary Body will have before it brief reports covering the period from September 2004 to July 2005 on all thematic programmes of work (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/2) and work on cross-cutting issues relating to scientific, technical and technological matters under the Convention (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/3). The Subsidiary Body may wish to take note of these reports.

ITEM 4. IN-DEPTH REVIEW OF PROGRAMMES OF WORK

Item 4.1. Dry and sub-humid lands biodiversity

14. *Background.* In decision V/23, the Conference of the Parties adopted the programme of work on biological diversity of dry and sub-humid lands and requested SBSTTA 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 activities of the programme of work. A process for such a periodic assessment and proposals for the further refinement of the programme of work were adopted in decision VII/2. In decision VII/30, the Conference of the Parties requested SBSTTA to develop recommendations for the integration of outcome-oriented targets into each of the thematic programmes of work when they are due for review. In its decision VII/31, on the multi-year programme of work of the Conference of the Parties up to 2010, the Conference of the Parties agreed that the review of the programmes of work would focus on: (i) assessing the implementation and effectiveness of the programme of work; (ii) updating the programme of work if necessary; and (iii) providing practical support for national and regional implementation.. The Conference of the Parties scheduled the in-depth review of the programme of work on dry and sub-humid lands at its eighth meeting.

15. *Documentation.* The Subsidiary Body have before it the following documents prepared by the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with relevant partners, in response to those requests: a review of the implementation of the programme of work on dry and sub-humid lands (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/4); an assessment of the status and trends of biological diversity in dry and sub-humid lands

(UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/4/Add.1); and a proposal for global outcome-oriented targets for the programme of work on dry and sub-humid lands biodiversity (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/4/Add.2).

16. *Action.* The Subsidiary Body may wish to consider the review of the implementation of the programme of work on biological diversity of dry and sub-humid lands and develop recommendations for further prioritization, development and refinement of the programme of work on dry and sub-humid lands including its global outcome-oriented targets.

Item 4.2. Global Taxonomy Initiative

17. *Background.* In its recommendation X/12, SBSTTA welcomed the proposed process and guidelines for the in-depth review of the implementation of the programme of work for the Global Taxonomy Initiative (GTI) and to this end, it requested the Executive Secretary to carry out a series of activities contained in annex I to that recommendation, and to report to SBSTTA at its eleventh meeting.

18. *Documentation.* The Subsidiary Body will have before it a note on the review of implementation and effectiveness of the GTI work programme (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/5), and an information document containing a report of the Coordination Mechanism for the Initiative (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/INF/1).

19. *Action.* The Subsidiary Body may wish to review the document and transmit its recommendations to the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

ITEM 5. STRATEGIC ISSUES FOR EVALUATING PROGRESS OR SUPPORTING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN, INCLUDING THE 2010 BIODIVERSITY TARGET, AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO ACHIEVEMENT OF THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Item 5.1. Second Global Biodiversity Outlook: review of the draft

20. *Background.* In paragraph 6 (a) of decision VII/30, the Conference of the Parties requested SBSTTA to, *inter alia*, review a draft of the second Global Biodiversity Outlook and report on the results to the Conference of the Parties at its eight meeting. In paragraph 8 (a) of the same decision, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary, with the assistance of the World Conservation Monitoring Centre of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP-WCMC) and other relevant international organizations, to prepare the second Global Biodiversity Outlook for publication prior to the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties following peer-review and review by SBSTTA at its tenth or eleventh meeting.

21. *Documentation.* The Subsidiary Body will have before it a draft of the second Global Biodiversity Outlook (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/6), prepared by the Executive Secretary, with the assistance of UNEP-WCMC and other relevant international organizations in response to these requests, and taking into account the guidance provided through SBSTTA recommendation X/6.

22. *Action.* The Subsidiary Body may wish to review the draft Global Biodiversity Outlook and provide any guidance on its finalization, with a view to its publication prior to the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Item 5.2. Millennium Ecosystem Assessment: review of the findings, in particular the synthesis report on biodiversity prepared for the Convention

23. *Background.* In paragraph 4 of decision VII/6, the Conference of the Parties requested SBSTTA to review the findings of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment including the synthesis report on biodiversity to develop advice to be taken into account by the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment in finalizing its reports; and to prepare recommendations to the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. At its tenth meeting, the Subsidiary Body reviewed and commented on the draft Millennium Ecosystem Assessment biodiversity synthesis report, prepared for the Convention, in particular its summary for decision makers and invited the Millennium Assessment Panel and Board to take its comments into account in finalizing the report.

24. *Documentation.* The Subsidiary Body will have before it the final version of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment biodiversity synthesis report, including its summary for decision makers, as well as a note by the Executive Secretary examining possible implications of the findings of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment for the Convention (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/7 and UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/7/Add.1).

25. *Action.* The Subsidiary Body may wish to review the biodiversity synthesis report, draw its conclusions from the findings of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment and make its recommendations to the Conference of the Parties.

Item 5.3. Incentive measures

(a) Proposals on the application of positive incentive measures and their integration into relevant policies, programmes or strategies

26. *Background.* In decision VII/18 on incentive measures, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to prepare, in cooperation with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development and other relevant international organizations, an analysis of existing and new instruments that provide positive incentives, including traditional laws and practices which generate positive incentives, their interaction with other policy measures and their effectiveness, including their requirements for successful application, possible limitations and shortcomings, and to develop proposals on the application of such positive incentive measures and their integration into relevant policies, programmes or strategies, for consideration by SBSTTA at a meeting prior to the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

27. *Documentation.* The Subsidiary Body will have before it the analysis and draft proposals on the application of positive incentive measures and their integration into relevant policies, programmes and strategies (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/8), as requested by the Conference of the Parties.

28. *Action.* Under this item, the Subsidiary Body may wish to review the analysis and draft proposals, and develop recommendations for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting.

(b) Proposals on valuation of biodiversity and biodiversity resources and functions

29. *Background.* In decision VII/18, on incentive measures, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to explore, in cooperation with the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development and relevant international organizations, existing methodologies for valuation of biodiversity and biodiversity resources and functions, as well as other tools for prioritization in decision-making, by preparing a compilation of existing valuation tools that provides an overview of the discussion on their methodological status, if appropriate, as well as an

assessment of their applicability in terms of effectiveness and capacity preconditions, and to prepare proposals for the application of such tools. These proposals should include the identification of options to strengthen international collaborative partnerships for assessing biodiversity values, especially for the refinement and advancement of valuation tools, and shall be submitted to SBSTTA for its consideration at a meeting prior to the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

30. *Documentation.* The Subsidiary Body will have before it a note by the Executive Secretary containing the compilation and draft proposals as requested by the Conference of the Parties (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/9).

31. *Action.* Under this item, the Subsidiary Body may wish to review the compilation and draft proposals, and develop recommendations for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting.

Item 5.4. Mountain biodiversity: development of goals and subtargets for the programme of work in the framework of 2010 target

32. *Background.* In paragraph 12 (c) of decision VII/30, the Conference of the Parties decided that the outcome-oriented targets should be a key priority for SBSTTA. In paragraph 10 (a) of decision VII/27, on mountain biological diversity, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to develop proposals on a small number of global outcome-oriented targets and timeframes in relation to the 2010 target, for consideration at a meeting of SBSTTA prior to its eighth meeting.

33. *Documentation.* The Subsidiary Body will have before it a document on global outcome-oriented targets for the implementation of the programme of work on mountain biological (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/10), prepared by the Executive Secretary, in consultation with relevant organizations, in response to the request of the Conference of the Parties. The targets adhere to the framework adopted in annex II to decision VII/30.

34. *Action.* The Subsidiary Body may wish to consider the proposed global outcome-oriented targets for the programme of work on mountain biological diversity and develop recommendations for submission to the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting.

ITEM 6. OTHER SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL ISSUES AS DETERMINED BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

Item 6.1. Marine and coastal biodiversity: identification of technical options for the conservation and sustainable use of deep seabed genetic resources beyond national jurisdiction

35. *Background.* In paragraph 57 of decision VII/5, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary, in consultation with Parties and other Governments and the International Seabed Authority, and in collaboration with international organizations, such as the United Nations Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, the United Nations Environment Programme, and the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), if appropriate, to compile information on the methods for the identification, assessment and monitoring of genetic resources of the seabed and ocean floor and subsoil thereof, in areas beyond the limits of national jurisdiction; compile and synthesize information on their status and trends including identification of threats to such genetic resources and the technical options for their protection; and report on the progress made to SBSTTA.

36. *Documentation.* The Subsidiary Body will have before it a document on the status and threats to deep-seabed genetic resources beyond the limits of national jurisdiction and identification of technical options for their conservation and sustainable use (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/11), prepared by the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with relevant partners, in response to this request.

37. *Action.* The Subsidiary Body may wish to welcome the study presented in the above-mentioned document on status, trends and threats to deep seabed genetic resources and technical options for their protection and endorse the technical options as a way forward towards the protection of deep seabed genetic resources beyond national jurisdiction.

Item 6.2. Inland water ecosystems

(a) Proposals on matters identified in paragraphs 3 and 16 of decision VII/4 relating to national reporting on inland water ecosystems

38. *Background.* In paragraphs 3 and 16 of decision VII/4, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to:

(a) Develop with the Secretariat of the Ramsar Convention a proposal, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting, on streamlining and improving the effectiveness of national reporting on inland water ecosystems, taking into account the work of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests' Task Force on Streamlining Forest-related Reporting established in the framework of United Nations Forum on Forests and other initiatives for harmonizing biodiversity-related national reports; and

(b) In collaboration with Parties and relevant organizations, in particular the Ramsar Convention, UNEP-WCMC, the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment and the Global International Waters Assessment (GIWA), among others, and making use of all available information, to prepare, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting: (i) a work plan with defined timeframe, ways, means, and capacity needs for assessing the extent, distribution and characteristics of inland water ecosystems, including, *inter alia*, biological characteristics and those chemical and physical characteristics relevant to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, including necessary requirements for ecosystem based approaches, where possible using and not duplicating the efforts of other initiatives; (ii) a report on information, and sources of information, on the trends of inland water biodiversity, definition of agreed baselines, relevant indicators and frequency of the assessments; and (iii) a work plan with ways and means for assessing processes and categories of activities which have or are likely to have significant adverse impacts on the conservation and sustainable use of inland water biological diversity.

39. The Executive Secretary notes that the subjects of national reporting, other information sources and addressing threats (in the aforementioned decision) are closely related to the development of outcome-oriented targets and indicators for the biological diversity of inland water ecosystem and assessing the effectiveness of the programme of work. Therefore, in paragraphs 2 and 14 (c) of the same decision the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to:

(a) Submit, for consideration at its eighth meeting, a proposal on ways and means for making the review of the programme of work on the biological diversity of inland water ecosystems more comprehensive; and

(b) In collaboration with relevant organizations and conventions, develop cost-effective means to report on implementation of the programme of work as measured against the global targets defined in the Strategic Plan, in the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation, and in the Plan of

Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, essentially using indicators and assessments at the global level by international organizations, or existing data, and propose these to the Subsidiary Body prior to the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

40. *Documentation.* Accordingly, the Subsidiary Body will have before it a note considering these requests in relation to each other (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/12), prepared by the Executive Secretary in collaboration with relevant partners.

41. *Action.* The Subsidiary Body may wish to consider the proposals developed by the Executive Secretary and develop its recommendations.

(b) Consideration of matters relating to paragraphs 29 and 30 of decision VII/4 on criteria for the designation of Ramsar sites in the context of the Convention on Biological Diversity and guidelines for their application

42. *Background.* In paragraph 29 of decision VII/4, the Conference of the Parties invited the Secretariat of the Ramsar Convention and the Scientific and Technical Review Panel (STRP) of the Ramsar Convention, in collaboration with the Executive Secretary and SBSTTA, respectively, and in line with paragraph 30 of resolution VIII.10 of the Conference of the Parties to the Ramsar Convention, to further work on guidelines and criteria for the designation of Ramsar sites with a view to achieving a more comprehensive coverage of components of biological diversity. In paragraph 30 of the same decision, the Conference of the Parties further invited the Secretariat of the Ramsar Convention, in collaboration with the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, to provide guidance, based on experiences, for the interpretation and application of the Ramsar criteria at the national and regional levels.

43. *Documentation.* The Subsidiary Body will have before it a document containing proposals on the requested guidelines and criteria (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/13), prepared in response to these requests by the Executive Secretary of the Ramsar Convention and the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, in consultation with members of the STRP and the SBSTTA Bureau.

44. *Action.* The Subsidiary Body may wish to consider the proposed guidelines and criteria and develop recommendations for submission to the Conference of the Parties.

Item 6.3. Forest biological diversity

(a) Consideration of matters arising from the implementation of paragraph 19 of decision VI/22

45. *Background.* In paragraph 19 of decision VI/22, the Executive Secretary was requested to initiate a series of actions on a number of focus areas identified as important first steps towards the implementation of regional and international activities of the expanded programme of work to facilitate or complement national implementation.

46. *Documentation.* The Subsidiary Body will have before it a synthesis report by the Executive Secretary on progress made in response to each request of the Conference of the Parties in paragraph 19 of decision VI/22 (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/14).

47. *Action.* The Subsidiary Body may wish to take note of the report and prepare recommendations to the Conference of the Parties.

(b) ***Consideration of the second and third reports of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on the Review of Implementation of the Programme of Work on Forest Biological Diversity***

48. *Background.* In paragraph 26 of decision VI/22, the Conference of the Parties agreed to establish an ad hoc technical expert group to provide advice to the Executive Secretary and to SBSTTA in the review of implementation of the expanded programme of work on forest biological diversity. The Group held its first meeting in November 2003 in Montpellier, France, an inter-sessional (second) meeting in Montreal in March 2005, and its third meeting in Bonn in July 2005.

49. *Documentation.* The Subsidiary Body will have before it, as information documents, the report of the inter-sessional (second) meeting of the AHTEG, held in Montreal, which focuses on the incorporation of global outcome-oriented targets into the expanded forest work programme (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/INF/2), as well as the report of the third meeting, held in Germany (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/INF/3). It will also have before it a note by the Executive Secretary drawing on these two reports, as well as the report from the first meeting of the AHTEG (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/INF/20), and containing specific actions on how to carry out the in-depth review of the implementation of the programme of work on forest biodiversity (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/15) for the consideration of the Conference of the Parties at its ninth meeting, scheduled for 2008.

50. *Action.* The Subsidiary Body may wish to consider the actions proposed by the Group, including the proposed outcome-oriented targets for the implementation of the expanded work programme on forest biological diversity, and submit its recommendations to the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Item 6.4 Invasive alien species: further consideration of gaps and inconsistencies in the international regulatory frameworks

51. *Background.* In its decision VII/13, the Conference of the Parties noted that specific gaps in the international regulatory frameworks at global, regional and national levels persist, notably in relation to species that are invasive, but do not qualify as plant pests under the regulations of the International Plant Protection Convention and other international agreements or animal diseases under the regulations of the Office international des epizooties and other international agreements with regard to the potential pathways outlined in paragraph 7 (a)-(i) of decision VII/13. The Conference of the Parties requested SBSTTA to establish an ad hoc technical expert group to address gaps and inconsistencies in the international regulatory frameworks at global and regional levels, in particular the specific gaps identified in paragraph 7 of decision VII/13. The Subsidiary Body established the Group at its tenth meeting and the Executive Secretary convened it to meet in Auckland in May 2005 with the generous support from the Government of New Zealand.

52. *Documentation.* The Subsidiary Body will have before it, as an information document, the full report of the Expert Group meeting (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/INF/4). It will also have before it a note by the Executive Secretary containing the substantive part of the report of the AHTEG (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/16).

53. *Action.* The Subsidiary Body may wish to welcome the report of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Gaps and Inconsistencies in the International Regulatory Frameworks on Invasive Alien Species, and, on the basis of the work of the Expert Group, make recommendations for its consideration at a meeting prior to the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties for the full and effective implementation of Article 8(h) of the Convention, and further be considered by the Conference of the Parties.

Item 6.5. Sustainable use: further consolidation of the work on the use of terms and on associated instruments

54. *Background.* In paragraph 5 of decision VII/12 the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to undertake further work on issues pertaining to use of terms for sustainable use, adaptive management, monitoring and indicators building on the outcome of the Addis Ababa workshop, and in particular and in line with Article 7 of the Convention, to further consolidate the work on the use of terms and on associated instruments based on sections I D and II D together with appendix I of annex I to the report of the Addis Ababa Workshop (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/INF/8), for consideration by SBSTTA prior to the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

55. *Documentation.* The Subsidiary Body will have before a note by the Executive Secretary prepared in response to that request and containing information on the above-mentioned issues and related recommendations (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/17).

56. *Action.* The Subsidiary Body may wish to review the document and forward its recommendations to the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Item 6.6. Guidance for promoting synergy among activities addressing biological diversity, desertification, land degradation and climate change

57. *Background.* In paragraph 14 of decision VII/15 on biodiversity and climate change, the Conference of the Parties requested SBSTTA to provide guidance on promoting synergy among activities to mitigate and adapt to climate change and that include biodiversity conservation and sustainable use, and land degradation. To this end, and based on SBSTTA recommendation X/13, an ad hoc technical expert group was established. The Group will meet in September 2005 in Helsinki, with financial support from the Government of Finland. Substantial background material for the work of the Group was provided in request to paragraph 20 of the same decision where the Executive Secretary was requested to gather relevant material for promoting synergy on mitigation and adaptation and biodiversity conservation and use.

58. *Documentation.* The Subsidiary Body will have before it, as an information document, the full report of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/INF/5). It will also have before it a note by the Executive Secretary on a guiding framework for promoting synergy between climate change adaptation and mitigation with biodiversity considerations (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/18), which draws on the report of the Expert Group. The framework contains specific actions for implementation at the national, regional, and international level.

59. *Action.* The Subsidiary Body may wish to endorse the framework and recommend that the Executive Secretary transmits it to Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) as well as to the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, on the basis of which the three Rio conventions may want to pursue further cooperation, *inter alia*, in the context of the joint liaison group of the secretariats of the three Conventions.

ITEM 7. PREPARATION FOR THE TWELFTH AND THIRTEENTH MEETINGS OF THE SUBSIDIARY BODY ON SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE

Item 7.1. Draft provisional agendas

60. 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 twelfth and thirteenth meetings of SBSTTA (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/19) taking into account the relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting. It should be noted that these provisional agendas will be revised in the light of the decisions of the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties in 2006.

Item 7.2. Dates and venues

61. 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 twelfth and thirteenth meetings of SBSTTA will take place at the seat of the Secretariat, in Montreal, tentatively in 2006 and/or 2007.

ITEM 8. OTHER MATTERS

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

ITEM 9. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

63. Under this item, the Subsidiary Body 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. Christian Prip (Denmark), Chair of the eleventh meeting of SBSTTA, will present this report to the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting for consideration under the relevant agenda items.

ITEM 10. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

64. The eleventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice is expected to be closed at 6 p.m. on Friday, 9 December 2005.

Annex I

PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK FOR THE ELEVENTH 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, 28 November 2005</i> 10 a.m –1 p.m.</p>	<p><i>Agenda items:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Opening of the meeting; 2. Organizational matters; 3. Progress report on the implementation of the programmes of work of the Convention 5.1 Second Global Biodiversity Outlook: review of the draft <p>Keynote address</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6.6 Guidance for promoting synergy among activities addressing biological diversity, desertification, land degradation and climate change. 		
<p><i>Monday, 28 November 2005</i> 3 p.m.–6 p.m.</p>		4.2. Global Taxonomy Initiative	4.1. Dry and sub-humid lands biodiversity
<p><i>Monday, 28 November 2005</i> 6 p.m.</p>	Launching of the poster session		
<p><i>Tuesday, 29 November 2005</i> 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.</p>		<p>4.2 Global Taxonomy Initiative (<i>continued</i>)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5.2. Millennium Ecosystem Assessment: review of the findings, in particular the synthesis report on biodiversity prepared for the Convention 	<p>4.1. Dry and sub-humid lands biodiversity (<i>continued</i>)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5.4. Mountain biodiversity: development of goals and subtargets for the programme of work in the framework of the 2010 target

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<i>Tuesday, 29 November 2005</i> 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.		5.3. Incentive measures (a) Proposals on the application of positive incentive measures and their integration into relevant policies, programmes or strategies (b) Proposals on valuation of biodiversity and biodiversity resources and functions	6.1 Marine and coastal biodiversity: identification of technical options for the conservation and sustainable use of deep seabed genetic resources beyond national jurisdiction
<i>Wednesday, 30 November 2005</i> 10 a.m.–1 p.m.		6.4. Invasive alien species: further consideration of gaps and inconsistencies in the international regulatory frameworks	6.2. Inland water ecosystems: (a) Proposals on matters identified in paragraphs 2, 3, 14 (c) and 16 of decision VII/4 relating to reporting on inland water ecosystems; (b) Consideration of matters relating to paragraphs 29 and 30 of decision VII/4 on criteria for the designation of Ramsar sites in the context of the Convention on Biological Diversity and guidelines for their application;
<i>Wednesday, 30 November 2005</i> 3 p.m.–6 p.m.		6.5. Sustainable use: further consolidation of the work on the use of terms and on associated instruments	6.3. Forest biological diversity: (a) Consideration of matters arising from the implementation of paragraph 19 of decision VI/22; (b) Consideration of the report of the Ad Hoc Technical

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			Expert Group on the Review of Implementation of the Programme of Work on Forest Biological Diversity
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<i>Thursday, 1 December 2005</i> 3 p.m. –6 p.m.		Pending issues	Pending issues
<i>Friday, 2 December 2005</i> 10 a.m.–1 p.m.	7. Preparation for the twelfth and thirteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice: 7.1. Provisional agendas; 7.2. Dates and venues. 8. Other matters		
<i>Friday, 2 December 2005</i> 3 p.m.–6 p.m.	9. Adoption of the report 10. Closure of the meeting		

Annex II

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

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Working title</i>	<i>Agenda items</i>
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/1	Provisional agenda	2.2.
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/1/Add.1	Annotations to the provisional agenda	2.
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/2	Progress report on the implementation of the thematic programmes of work	3.
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/3	Progress report on the implementation of the work on cross-cutting issues	3.
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/4	Review of implementation of the programme of work on dry and sub-humid lands biodiversity	4.1.
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/4/Add.1	Status and trends of, and threats to, dry and sub-humid lands biodiversity	4.1.
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/4/Add.2	Draft global outcome-oriented targets for the programme of work on dry and sub-humid lands biodiversity	4.1.
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/5	Review of implementation and effectiveness of the Global Taxonomy Initiative work programme	4.2.
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/6	Second Global Biodiversity Outlook	5.1.
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/7	Millennium Ecosystem Assessment: review of the findings, in particular the synthesis report on biodiversity prepared for the Convention	5.2.
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/7/Add.1	Millennium Ecosystem Assessment: summary for Decision-Makers of the Biodiversity Synthesis report	5.2
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/8	Proposals on the application of positive incentive measures and their integration into relevant policies, programmes or strategies	5.3 (a)
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/9	Proposals on valuation of biodiversity and biodiversity resources and functions	5.3 (b)
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/10	Draft global outcome-oriented targets for the programme of work on mountain biodiversity	5.4.
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/11	Status and threats to deep seabed genetic resources beyond national jurisdiction and identification of technical options for their conservation and sustainable use	6.1.
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/12	Proposals on matters identified in paragraphs 3 and 16 of decision VII/4 relating to information and reporting on the biological diversity of inland water ecosystems	6.2 (a)

UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/13	Consideration of matters relating to paragraphs 29 and 30 of decision VII/4 on criteria for the designation of Ramsar sites in the context of the Convention on Biological Diversity, and guidelines for their application	6.2 (b).
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/14	Consideration of matters arising from the implementation of paragraph 19 of decision VI/22 on forest biological diversity	6.3 (a)
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/15	Advice on the review of implementation of the expanded programme of work on forest biological diversity	6.3 (b)
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/16	Invasive alien species: further consideration of gaps and inconsistencies in the international regulatory frameworks	6.4
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/17	Sustainable use: further consolidation of the work on the use of terms and on associated instruments	6.5.
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/18	Proposed guidance for promoting synergy among activities addressing biological diversity, desertification, land degradation and climate change	6.6.
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/19	Draft provisional agendas for the twelfth and thirteenth meetings of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice	7.1.
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/INF/1	Report of the Coordination Mechanism for the Global Taxonomy Initiative	4.2
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/INF/2	Report of the inter-sessional (second) meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on the Review of Implementation of the Programme of Work on Forest Biological Diversity	6.3 (a)
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/INF/3	Report of the third meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on the Review of Implementation of the Programme of work on Forest Biological Diversity	6.3 (b)
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/INF/4	Report of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Gaps and Inconsistencies in the International Regulatory Frameworks on Invasive Alien Species	6.4
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/INF/5	Report of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Synergy among Activities Addressing Biological Diversity, Desertification, Land Degradation and Climate Change	6.6
