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### DRAFT SYNTHESIS OF THE THIRD EDITION OF THE GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY OUTLOOK

*Note by the Executive Secretary*

#### INTRODUCTION

1. The Global Biodiversity Outlook is the flagship publication of the Convention on Biological Diversity and preparations are currently underway for the production of its third edition (GBO-3).
2. The third edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook will provide information on the importance of biodiversity, its status and trends and future scenarios and on activities to implement the Convention. It aims:
  - (a) To raise awareness on biodiversity, contributing to the International Year of Biodiversity;
  - (b) To assess progress to the 2010 biodiversity target; and
  - (c) To provide the scientific and technical basis for the development of the post-2010 Strategic Plan and target(s).
3. A draft Synthesis of the third edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook was made available in November 2009 for peer review at: <http://www.cbd.int/gbo3review/>. This 50-page document is aimed at decision makers and seeks to enable action to achieve the objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity. A draft extended version of the third edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook is also available.
4. The draft Synthesis of the third edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook can be downloaded from that site and used to provide a preliminary input to the discussions at the informal expert workshop on the updating of the Strategic Plan of the Convention for the post-2010 period (London, 18-20 January 2010).
5. Please note however that the draft Synthesis and extended version of the third edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook have been made available for the purpose of peer review. Following peer review, a revised version will be officially launched in May 2010. Until the official publication, the data, material and messages contained in this draft may not be republished, displayed, distributed, or transmitted in any manner, nor may the material, or portion thereof, be copied or posted on any other website or network or otherwise distributed, quoted or cited. Comments received through the peer-review process will be made publicly available and may be disseminated. Agreement to these terms is a condition of downloading and using the document.

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