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Second meeting
Paris, 9-13 July 2007

ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

INTRODUCTION

1. In decision VI/26, the Conference of the Parties adopted the Strategic Plan, committing Parties to more effective and coherent implementation of the three objectives of the Convention in order to achieve, by 2010, a significant reduction in the current rate of biodiversity loss at the global, regional, and national levels.
2. Recognizing the need for a process to evaluate, report and review the Strategic Plan, the Conference of the Parties adopted decision VII/30, in paragraph 23 of which it established the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention to, *inter alia*, consider progress in the implementation of the Convention and the Strategic Plan and achievements leading up to the 2010 target in line with the multi-year programme of work for the Conference of the Parties (decision VII/31), to review the impacts and effectiveness of existing processes under the Convention, and to consider ways and means of identifying and overcoming obstacles to the effective implementation of the Convention.
3. The first meeting of the Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention was held in Montreal in September 2005. The meeting adopted nine recommendations which were considered by the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting in Curitiba, Brazil, in March 2006.
4. At its eighth meeting, the Conference of the Parties decided that, subject to the availability of the necessary budgetary resources and/or voluntary contributions, a second meeting of the Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention would be held prior to the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (decision VIII/10, paragraph 24). The Conference of the Parties further decided that the Working Group on Review of Implementation will undertake an in-depth review of the implementation of goals 2 and 3 of the Strategic Plan (excluding consideration of the objectives related to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety) in accordance with decisions VIII/8 and VIII/13, on national biodiversity strategies and action plans and financial resources and the financial mechanism, and report its findings to the Conference of the Parties at its ninth meeting (decision VIII/10, paragraph 25). The Bureau, in reviewing the draft provisional agenda at its meeting in Brasilia in December 2006, suggested the addition of an item on mechanisms for implementation of the Convention. Accordingly, agenda items 3–8 are proposed under section II below.

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5. The Conference of the Parties made additional requests to the Working Group concerning guidance to the financial mechanism (decision VIII/18, paragraph 6), the Global Biodiversity Outlook (decision VIII/14, paragraph 18), and operations of the Convention (decision VIII/10, paragraphs 35 and 39). These matters are reflected in proposed agenda items 9–11 under section III below.

6. The second meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention will be held at the headquarters of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in Paris from 9 to 13 July 2007. As requested in paragraph 24 of decision VIII/10, the meeting will be held back-to-back with the twelfth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA). Registration of participants will take place at the venue of the meeting, from Friday, 6 July, for those who are also participating in the SBSTTA meeting, and from 10 a.m. on Sunday, 8 July for all other participants.

7. A list of documents for the meeting is contained in annex I below. As they are prepared, the documents will be made available on the Convention's website: <http://www.biodiv.org/doc/meeting.aspx?mtg=WGRI-02>.

8. The Secretariat will distribute an information note containing details of registration and logistical arrangements for the meeting, including information on travel, visa requirements, accommodation and other matters.

I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

9. The meeting will be opened at 10 a.m. on Monday, 9 July by the President of the Conference of the Parties or her representative. The Executive Secretary will make introductory remarks.

ITEM 2. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

2.1. Officers

10. In keeping with established practice, the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties will serve as the Bureau of the Working Group. Accordingly, the meeting will be chaired by the President of the Conference of the Parties or her representative. A member of the Bureau will be designated to act as Rapporteur.

2.2. Adoption of the agenda

11. The Working Group may wish to adopt its agenda on the basis of the provisional agenda prepared by the Executive Secretary, in consultation with the Bureau, on the basis of decisions VIII/8, VIII/10, VIII/13, VIII/14, VIII/18 of the Conference of the Parties.

2.3. Organization of work

12. The Working Group is expected to work in plenary, or establish a committee of the whole. Interpretation will be provided in the six official languages of the United Nations. A suggested programme of work is proposed in annex II below. The Working Group may also establish such informal groups as may be needed to facilitate its work.

II. IN-DEPTH REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION OF GOALS 2 AND 3 OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN

13. As noted above, in paragraph 25 of its decision VIII/10, the Conference of the Parties set out the primary task of the meeting, namely, to undertake an in-depth review of the implementation of goals 2 and 3 of the Strategic Plan (excluding consideration of the objectives related to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety), in accordance with decisions VIII/8 and VIII/13.

14. Goal 3 of the Strategic Plan reads as follows:

“National biodiversity strategies and action plans and the integration of biodiversity concerns into relevant sectors serve as an effective framework for the implementation of the objectives of the Convention.”

15. Goal 2 of the Strategic Plan is that: “Parties have improved financial, human, scientific, technical, and technological capacity to implement the Convention.”

16. The in-depth review will be considered at the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to Convention (see decision VIII/8, paragraph 1, and decision VIII/14, paragraph 3). According to decision VIII/8, the results of the review process will be used to:

(a) Recommend priority areas for capacity-building, access to and transfer of technology and technology cooperation in relation to implementation of the Convention;

(b) Develop voluntary guidance to Parties to assist in overcoming barriers to implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans;

(c) Provide inputs to the process of revising the Strategic Plan beyond 2010.

17. In addition, at its ninth meeting, the Conference of the Parties will also consider consolidated guidance for the development, implementation and evaluation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans and the effective integration of biodiversity concerns into relevant sectors.

18. The Working Group is also requested to prepare for the in-depth review by focusing in particular on the provision of financial resources, capacity-building, access to and transfer of technology and technology cooperation and the status of national biodiversity strategies and action plans, their implementation and updating, and the extent to which biodiversity concerns are effectively mainstreamed. In addition, the Working Group is requested to develop consolidated and up-to-date guidance for the development, implementation and evaluation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans (decision VIII/8, paragraph 10).

19. The various requests arising from decisions VIII/8, VIII/10, and VIII/14, reflected in the above paragraphs, will be considered under items 3–8 of the agenda as further specified below.

ITEM 3: STATUS OF NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY STRATEGIES AND ACTION PLANS AND THEIR IMPLEMENTATION, THE PROVISION OF RESOURCES, AND THE IDENTIFICATION OF OBSTACLES

20. In preparation for the in-depth review of goals 2 and 3 of the Strategic Plan the Conference of the Parties invited Parties to provide an update on the information in the third national report on:

(a) The status of national biodiversity strategies and action plans, their implementation and updating, and the extent to which biodiversity concerns have been mainstreamed;

- (b) The main obstacles to implementation of the Convention at the national level;
- (c) An update on actions taken in response to paragraph 41 of decision V/20 on reviewing implementation at the national level; and
- (d) The availability of resources, in particular those from the Global Environment Facility (decision VIII/8, paragraph 2).

21. At its eighth meeting, the Conference of the Parties also recommended the convening of regional and/or subregional meetings to discuss national experiences in implementation (decision VIII/8, paragraph 6). It invited the Global Environment Facility to provide information on its contribution and experience regarding the implementation of goals 2 and 3 of the Strategic Plan (decision VIII/8, paragraph 7), and also invited relevant organizations to submit proposals or information that may assist Parties in the development, implementation, evaluation and updating of national biodiversity strategies and action plans.

22. The Conference of the Parties further requested the Executive Secretary to compile this information and to prepare a synthesis/analysis of obstacles encountered, lessons learned, effectiveness of policy instruments and strategic priorities for action, and to make this compilation and synthesis/analysis available to the regional and/or subregional meetings as well as to of the Working Group at its second meeting.

23. Accordingly, the Working Group will have before it notes by the Executive Secretary providing an overview of the status of implementation of goals 2 and 3 of the Strategic Plan focusing on implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans and the availability of financial resources (UNEP/CBD/WG-RI/2/2) and a synthesis and analysis of obstacles to the implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans which will consider lessons learned from the review, effectiveness of policy instruments and strategic priorities for action (UNEP/CBD/WG-RI/2/2/Add.1).

24. The Working Group will also be provided with the following information documents:

- (a) Updated synthesis of information contained in third national reports (UNEP/CBD/WG-RI/2/INF/1);
- (b) Report(s) of the regional preparatory meetings on implementing national biodiversity strategies and action plans and mainstreaming biodiversity (UNEP/CBD/WG-RI/2/INF/2);
- (c) Capacity-building: report on activities of the Secretariat and partner organizations to facilitate and provide technical support for the implementation of the Convention (UNEP/CBD/WG-RI/2/INF/3); and
- (d) Review of the availability of financial resources (UNEP/CBD/WG-RI/2/INF/4).

25. Under this agenda item, the Working Group is invited to consider the information contained in these documents, In line with decision VIII/8, paragraph 10, focusing in particular (as noted above) on:

- (a) The provision of financial resources, capacity-building, access to and transfer of technology and technology cooperation;
- (b) The status of national biodiversity strategies and action plans, their implementation and updating, and the extent to which biodiversity concerns are effectively integrated into relevant sectors and have been effectively mainstreamed in accordance with Article 6(b) of the Convention.

26. The conclusions of the Working Group on this agenda item will feed into agenda items 4, 5, 6 and 7. The Working Group may also wish to make such recommendations to the Conference of the Parties as it considers necessary.

ITEM 4: PRIORITY AREAS FOR ACTION FOR CAPACITY BUILDING, ACCESS TO AND TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY AND TECHNOLOGY COOPERATION

27. Pursuant to paragraph 2 of decision VIII/8, the results of the in-depth review of goals 2 and 3 of the Strategic Plan will be used, *inter alia*, to recommend priority areas for capacity-building, access to and transfer of technology, and technology cooperation in relation to implementation of the Convention.

28. Therefore, under this agenda item, the Working Group is invited to identify priority areas for capacity-building, access to and transfer of technology and technology cooperation in relation to implementation of the Convention, drawing upon the documents prepared by the Secretariat and referred to in paragraph 23 above, in particular, the synthesis and analysis of obstacles to the implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans,(UNEP/CBD/WG-RI/2/2/Add.1) as well as the conclusions from the discussions under agenda item 3.

ITEM 5: DEVELOPMENT, CONSOLIDATION AND THE UPDATING OF GUIDANCE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION AND EVALUATION OF NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY STRATEGIES AND ACTION PLANS

29. In paragraph 1 (b) of its decision VIII/8, the Conference of the Parties decided to consider, at its ninth meeting, consolidated guidance for the development, implementation and evaluation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans and the effective integration of biodiversity concerns into relevant sectors.

30. Under this item, the Working Group, in line with paragraph 10 (b) of decision VIII/8, is invited to develop consolidated and up-to-date guidance for the development, implementation, and evaluation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans. In doing so, the Working Group may wish to take into account the decision of the Conference of the Parties that the results of the review process will be used, *inter alia*, to develop voluntary guidance to Parties to assist in overcoming barriers to implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans (decision VIII/8, paragraph 2 (b)).

31. To assist the Working Group in this task, the Executive Secretary is submitting a note on guidance for the development, implementation and evaluation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans (UNEP/CBD/WG-RI/2/3).

ITEM 6: OPTIONS AND A DRAFT STRATEGY FOR RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

32. In paragraph 4 of its decision VIII/13, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary, in consultation with Parties, Governments and relevant partners, to explore all options for resource mobilization including innovative financial mechanisms and to develop a draft strategy for resource mobilization in support of the achievement of the objectives of the Convention, taking into account the elements of the in-depth review, and to present a report on these options and the draft strategy to the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties through the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation.

33. Accordingly, the Working Group will have before it a note by the Executive Secretary on options and a draft strategy for resource mobilization in support of the achievement of the objectives of the

Convention, including innovative financial mechanisms (UNEP/CBD/WG-RI/2/4). Additional background information will be available in the information documents on review of the availability of financial resources (UNEP/CBD/WG-RI/2/INF/4) and national and regional environmental funds: promotion of new funds, strengthening existing funds, and knowledge exchange (UNEP/CBD/WG-RI/2/INF/5).

34. Under this item, the Working Group is invited to consider options and the draft strategy for resource mobilization, and to make recommendations as necessary.

ITEM 7: MECHANISMS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION

35. At its meeting held in Brasilia in December 2006, the Bureau considered the need to review delivery systems for assistance to Parties and capacity-building, the roles of national, regional and international organizations, and coordination among these organizations. Accordingly, when considering the agenda for the second meeting of the Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention, the Bureau decided that an item on “mechanisms for implementation of the Convention” should be included in the agenda.

36. Hence, under this agenda item, the Working Group may also wish to consider, in the light of the discussions on agenda items 3-6, further actions that may be needed with respect to strengthening mechanisms to facilitate implementation of the three objectives of the Convention.

ITEM 8: INPUTS TO THE PROCESS OF REVISING THE STRATEGIC PLAN BEYOND 2010

37. In paragraph 2 of its decision VIII/15, the Conference of the Parties decided to consider at its ninth meeting the process for revising and updating the Strategic Plan with a view to adopting a revised Strategic Plan at the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. According to paragraph 2 of decision VIII/8, the results of the in-depth review of goals 2 and 3 of the Strategic Plan (see section II above) will be used, *inter alia*, to provide inputs to the process of revising the Strategic Plan beyond 2010.

38. Accordingly, under this agenda item, the Working Group is invited to consider possible inputs to the process of revising the Strategic Plan beyond 2010 that arise from the in-depth review. In doing so, the Working Group may wish to draw upon its conclusions under preceding agenda items.

39. To assist the Working Group in its work, the Executive Secretary is preparing an information note (UNEP/CBD/WG-RI/2/INF/6) on the process of revising the Strategic Plan beyond 2010.

III. OTHER SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS

ITEM 9: REPORTING PROCESSES: STATUS OF NATIONAL REPORTING AND PROPOSALS ON THE SCOPE AND FORMAT OF THE THIRD EDITION OF THE GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY OUTLOOK

40. In paragraph 18 of its decision VIII/14, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to:

(a) Review the process, outcome and impact of the second edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook as well as lessons learned from its preparation, and to develop proposals on the scope and format of the third edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook and the organization of preparatory work, for the consideration of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and/or the

Working Group on Review of Implementation, as appropriate, prior to the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, and

(b) Prepare an updated synthesis of information contained in the third national reports, and a strategic analysis that identifies barriers to implementation and options for overcoming those barriers, and make these available through the clearing-house mechanism

41. Accordingly, the Working Group will have before it a note by the Executive Secretary containing proposals for the scope and format of the third edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook the Secretariat (UNEP/CBD/WG-RI/2/6), as well as the updated synthesis of information contained in third national reports (UNEP/CBD/WG-RI/2/INF/1) referred to under agenda item 3 above. The Secretariat will also make an oral report on the outcome of the consideration of this matter by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at its twelfth meeting, which takes place the week prior to the meeting of the Working Group. The Secretariat will also provide an update on the status of the third and fourth national reports.

42. The Working Group is expected to consider these matters, and make such recommendations as it considers appropriate.

ITEM 10: OPPORTUNITIES FOR STREAMLINING THE GUIDANCE PROVIDED TO THE GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY

43. In paragraph 6 of its decision VIII/18, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary, in consultation with the Parties, to explore opportunities for streamlining the guidance provided to the Global Environment Facility taking into account the framework for goals and targets in decision VII/30 as well as indicators for assessing progress toward the achievement of the 2010 target and to present the results to the Conference of the Parties through the Working Group on Review of the Implementation of the Convention.

44. Accordingly, the Working Group will have before it a note by the Executive Secretary on opportunities for streamlining the guidance provided to the Global Environment Facility taking into account the framework for targets and indicators of the 2010 target (UNEP/CBD/WG-RI/2/5).

45. The Working Group is expected to consider these matters, and make such recommendations as it considers appropriate.

ITEM 11: OPERATIONS OF THE CONVENTION

46. In its decision VIII/10, on operations of the Convention, the Conference of the Parties requested the Working Group:

(a) To develop guidance for the future review and retirement of the decisions of the Conference of the Parties (paragraph 35), and

(b) To consider procedures for admission of bodies and agencies, whether governmental or non-governmental (paragraph 39).

47. To assist the Working Group in this task, it will have before it a note by the Executive Secretary on the operations of the Convention: matters arising from decision VIII/10 (UNEP/CBD/WG-RI/2/7).

48. The Working Group is expected to consider these matters, and make such recommendations as it considers appropriate.

IV. FINAL MATTERS

ITEM 12. OTHER MATTERS

49. Under this item, the Working Group may address other matters related to the subject-matter of the meeting, as agreed under agenda item 2.2.

ITEM 13. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

50. The Working Group will be invited to consider and adopt its report on the basis of the draft report presented by the Rapporteur.

ITEM 14. CLOSING OF THE MEETING

51. The meeting is expected to close at 6 p.m. on Friday, 13 July 2007.

*Annex I***DOCUMENTATION FOR THE SECOND MEETING OF THE AD HOC OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP ON REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION**

Document Number	Document Title
UNEP/CBD/WG-RI/2/1	Provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/WG-RI/2/1/Add.1	Annotation to the provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/WG-RI/2/2	Status of implementation of goals 2 and 3 of the Strategic Plan focussing on implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans and availability of financial resources -- an overview
UNEP/CBD/WG-RI/2/2/Add.1	Synthesis and analysis of obstacles to implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans, lessons learned from the review, effectiveness of policy instruments and strategic priorities for action
UNEP/CBD/WG-RI/2/3	Guidance for the development, implementation and evaluation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans
UNEP/CBD/WG-RI/2/4	Options and a draft strategy for resource mobilisation in support of the achievement of the objectives of the Convention including innovative financial mechanisms
UNEP/CBD/WG-RI/2/5	Opportunities for streamlining the guidance provided to the Global Environment Facility taking into account the framework for targets and indicators of the 2010 target
UNEP/CBD/WG-RI/2/6	Proposals for the scope and format of the third edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook
UNEP/CBD/WG-RI/2/7	Operations of the Convention: matters arising from decision VIII/10
INFORMATION DOCUMENTS	
UNEP/CBD/WG-RI/2/INF/1	Updated synthesis of information contained in third national reports
UNEP/CBD/WG-RI/2/INF/2	Report(s) of the regional preparatory meetings on implementing national biodiversity strategies and action plans and mainstreaming biodiversity
UNEP/CBD/WG-RI/2/INF/3	Capacity-building: report on activities of the Secretariat and partner organizations to facilitate and provide technical support for the implementation of the Convention
UNEP/CBD/WG-RI/2/INF/4	Review of the availability of financial resources
UNEP/CBD/WG-RI/2/INF/5	National and regional environmental funds: promotion of new funds, strengthening existing funds, and knowledge exchange
UNEP/CBD/WG-RI/2/INF/6	The process of revising the Strategic Plan beyond 2010

Annex II

**PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK FOR THE SECOND MEETING OF THE AD HOC
OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP ON REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
CONVENTION**

Day and time	Items
<i>Monday, 9 July</i> 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	1. Opening of the meeting 2. Organizational matters 3. Status of national biodiversity strategies and action plans and their implementation, the provision of resources, and the identification of obstacles
3 p.m. – 6 p.m.	4. Priority areas for capacity-building, access to and transfer of technology and technology cooperation
<i>Tuesday, 10 July</i> 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	5. Guidance for the development, implementation and evaluation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans
3 p.m. – 6 p.m.	6. Options and a draft strategy for resource mobilization 7. Mechanisms for implementation of the Convention
<i>Wednesday, 11 July</i> 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	8. Inputs to the process of revising the Strategic Plan beyond 2010 9. Status of national reporting and proposals on the scope and format of third edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook
3 p.m. – 6 p.m.	10: Opportunities for streamlining the guidance provided to the Global Environment Facility 11: Operations of the Convention: matters arising from decision VIII/10
<i>Thursday, 12 July</i> 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	<i>Pending items</i>
3 p.m. – 6 p.m.	<i>Pending items</i>
<i>Friday, 13 July</i> 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	12. Other matters 13. Adoption of the report
3 p.m. – 6 p.m.	14. Adoption of the report (<i>continued</i>) 15. Closure of the meeting
