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THE MULTI-YEAR PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE CONVENTION FOR THE PERIOD 2011-2020

Draft recommendation submitted by the Chair

I. RECOMMENDATION FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

The Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention recommends the Conference of the Parties at its tenth meeting adopt a decision along the following lines:

The Conference of the Parties,

Adopts the following multi-year programme of work for the Conference of the Parties:

(a) The eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties will take place in 2012 and address, *inter alia* the following issues:

- (i) A review of the targets established by Parties in line with the Strategic Plan of the Convention for the period 2011-2020, as adopted by decision X/-, and of the progress in the updating and revision of national biodiversity strategies and action plans;
- (ii) A review of progress in providing support to assist Parties in implementing the Convention and its Strategic Plan of the Convention for the period 2011-2020, including, *inter alia*, capacity development, CEPA and strengthening of the clearing-house mechanism, stakeholder engagement;
- (iii) The possible development of further tools and guidance for monitoring implementation of the Strategic Plan of the Convention for the period 2011-2020, including the use of indicators at national, regional and global levels;
- (iv) A review of the implementation of the strategy for resource mobilization in support of the achievement of the three objectives of the Convention (decision IX/11 B, annex), focusing on goals 2, 5, 6, 7 and 8;
- (v) Cooperation among international biodiversity-related organizations and agreements, [including possible preparation of a joint work programme for the Rio conventions;]
- (vi) [Consider the need for, and possible development of, additional mechanisms to enable Parties to meet their commitments under the Convention, including such options as a Subsidiary Body on Implementation and an instrument on implementation and compliance, taking into account the decision on the periodicity of meetings and organization of work of the Conference of the Parties;]

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- (vii) [Consider the implications of the possible establishment of an international platform on biodiversity and ecosystem services on the work of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice;]¹
- (viii) The in-depth review of the programme of work on island biodiversity;
- (ix) The identification of ways and means to support ecosystem restoration, including the possible development of practical guidance on ecosystem restoration and related issues;
- (x) Other matters arising from the recommendations of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the open-ended working groups,² including technical issues arising from the implementation of the programmes of work and cross-cutting issues;
- [(xi) Prepare a message for the 2012 United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development];³

(b) The twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties will take place in [2014][2015] and could address, *inter alia*, the following issues:

- (i) A review of the updated national biodiversity strategies and action plans;
- (ii) A mid-term review of the implementation of the Strategic Plan of the Convention for 2011-2020, including the programmes of work, and progress towards the 2020 targets and specific elements of the programmes of work, as well as contributions to the achievement of relevant 2015 targets of the Millennium Development Goals, based, *inter alia* on the fifth national reports;
- (iii) A review of progress in providing support to assist Parties in implementing the Convention and its Strategic Plan for the period 2011-2020, including capacity development and strengthening of the clearing-house mechanism;
- (iv) A comprehensive review of implementation of its strategy for resource mobilization (decision IX/11 B, annex);
- (v) The possible development of further tools and guidance to assist implementation of the Convention and its Strategic Plan for the period 2011-2020;
- (vi) Further consideration of [the technical basis for the links between biodiversity and human well-being, in particular human health and poverty elimination] [how the implementation of the Convention has supported and has contributed to, and will continue to contribute to, the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals];
- (vii) Liability and redress (decision IX/23, para 4);
- (viii) Other matters arising from the recommendations of SBSTTA and the open-ended working groups,² including technical issues arising from the implementation of the programmes of work and cross-cutting issues;

¹ This will be considered at COP 10 in light of the outcomes of the third meeting of the Intergovernmental and Multi-Stakeholder Meeting of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) to be held from 7 to 10 June, 2010 in the Republic of Korea.

² The Working Group on the Review of Implementation, the Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions, and the Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing (or another body that might be established at the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties in light of the negotiations on an international regime on access and benefit sharing).

³ Depending on the timing of the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

- (ix) Update of this multi-year programme of work to 2020.
- (c) Alt. 1: The thirteenth and fourteenth meetings of the Conference of Parties will take place in the years [2017] and [2020], respectively;
- (c) Alt. 2: The Conference of the Parties will keep under review the periodicity of its meetings beyond 2015 and will decide the timing of its meetings until 2020 at its [eleventh][twelfth] meeting, taking into account:
- (i) The revised Strategic Plan and multi-year programme of work for the period 2011-2020, and other relevant meetings and processes;
 - (ii) The need to consider the relationship between the periodicity of the meetings of the Conference of the Parties and its subsidiary bodies;
 - (iii) That the periodicity of the meetings of the Conference of the Parties also has implications for the meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol (COP-MOP) and its decision making;
 - (iv) That financial considerations, while relevant, should not be the predominant factor driving decisions related to the multi-year programme of work and periodicity of meetings of the Conference of the Parties and its subsidiary bodies.
- (d) At a meeting in 2020, the Conference of the Parties will conduct a review of the implementation of the Convention and its Strategic Plan for the period of 2011-2020, including the programmes of work of the Convention as identified by the Conference of the Parties, and make an assessment of progress in the achievement of the 2020 targets, based, *inter alia*, on the sixth national reports;
- (e) The meetings of the Conference of the Parties will continue to address standing items consistent with earlier decisions. In addition, some flexibility in the multi-year programme of work is retained in order to accommodate urgent emerging issues.

II. REQUEST TO THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

[The Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention:*requests* the Executive Secretary to provide a comprehensive review of options for the future periodicity of meetings, building upon document UNEP/CBD/COP/10/11, and taking into account the factors mentioned in paragraph (c) alt. 2,]⁴

⁴This paragraph is required only if alternative 2 is selected for paragraph (c).