



Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity



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NOTIFICATION

Decisions IX/11 and IX/31 requesting actions/submissions from Parties, governments and relevant organizations

Dear Madam/Sir,

At its ninth meeting, the Conference of the Parties (COP) concluded a comprehensive review of the implementation of Articles 20 and 21 of the Convention, and adopted decisions IX/11 and IX/31 to guide further implementation of the funding provisions of the Convention. The full text of the two decisions is available on the Convention's website at: <http://www.cbd.int/decisions/>.

I am writing to bring to your attention the relevant parts of the decisions that request actions/submissions from Parties, governments, and relevant organizations. A summary list of the requests addressed to Parties and Governments and organizations is attached hereto for your kind attention.

It should be noted that a number of requests addressed to the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity are predicated upon the submissions of Parties, governments and relevant organizations. In order to allow the Secretariat to carry out the requests of the COP, I would appreciate it if you could forward the submissions indicated in the attachment at the earliest opportunity, but no later than **12 December 2008**.

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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Executive Secretary

Attachment

To: CBD National Focal Points and relevant organizations



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**REQUESTS FROM THE COP-9 TO
PARTIES, GOVERNMENTS, AND RELEVANT ORGANIZATIONS, IN RESPECT OF
FINANCIAL RESOURCES AND THE FINANCIAL MECHANISM
(as derived from decisions IX/11 and 31)**

Decision	Action/submission required by the ninth Conference of the Parties	Submissions requested by 12 December 2008	
IX/11, A	1. <i>Encourages</i> the Parties and relevant organizations to improve the existing financial information through enhancing accuracy, consistency and delivery of existing data on biodiversity financing and improved reporting on funding needs and shortfalls for the Convention's three objectives, and, in this context, <i>requests</i> the Executive Secretary to regularly update and further develop the Convention's online network on finance;		
	2. <i>Encourages</i> the Parties and relevant organizations to intensify efforts to assess, as appropriate, the economic costs of the loss of biodiversity and its associated ecosystem services and of the failure to take measures to fulfil the three objectives of the Convention, as well as the benefits of early action to reduce loss of biological diversity and its associated ecosystem services, in order to inform decision-making and awareness-raising, <i>inter alia</i> through contributing to the "Global Study on the Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity;"		
	4. <i>Urges</i> Parties and Governments, where appropriate, to create the enabling environment to mobilize private and public-sector investments in biological diversity and its associated ecosystem services;		
	5. <i>Recommends</i> that Parties and relevant organizations identify, engage and increase South-South cooperation as a complement to North-South cooperation to enhance technical, financial, scientific and technological cooperation and innovations, for biological diversity;		
	6. <i>Urges</i> the Parties and Governments to continue to enhance national administrative and managerial capacities, thus enabling more efficient resource utilization and enhancing positive impacts;		
	7. <i>Urges</i> Parties, the Global Environment Facility, and relevant organizations to include gender, indigenous peoples and local communities perspectives in the financing of biodiversity and its associated ecosystem services;		
	9. <i>Requests</i> the Executive Secretary to compile existing guidelines and best practices for mainstreaming financing of biodiversity and its associated ecosystem services into overall and sectoral planning as well as on financial needs assessment and make this information publicly available;	1. Financial needs assessment 2. Existing guidelines and best practices for mainstreaming financing of biodiversity	
	10. <i>Encourages</i> Parties and other Governments to build on existing knowledge of biodiversity and poverty alleviation mainstreaming to integrate biodiversity into national development policies and plans.		
	IX/11, B	2. <i>Also invites</i> the Parties and relevant organizations, including United Nations development system, the World Bank, regional development banks and all other relevant international and regional bodies, as well as non-governmental organizations and business sector entities to take prompt actions to implement the strategy for resource mobilization in support of the achievement of the Convention's three objectives;	
		3. <i>Invites</i> Parties to come forward with early commitments of additional funding in support of the strategy for resource mobilization in accordance with Article 20 of the Convention;	
4. <i>Invites</i> Parties to come forward with new and innovative financing		3. Early commitment of	

	<p>mechanisms in support of the strategy for resource mobilization in accordance with Article 20 of the Convention, <i>requests</i> the Executive Secretary to support diffusion of such initiatives and <i>requests</i> the Global Environment Facility to support diffusion, and facilitate replication and scaling-up, of such initiatives that have proved to be successful;</p>	<p>additional funding as well as new and innovative financing mechanisms in support of the strategy for resource mobilization</p>
	<p>6. <i>Invites</i> Parties to submit views on concrete activities and initiatives including measurable targets and/or indicators to achieve the strategic goals contained in the strategy for resource mobilization and on indicators to monitor the implementation of the strategy;</p> <p>7. <i>Requests</i> the Executive Secretary to prepare a compilation of the information provided in accordance with paragraph 6 of the present decision, including options on monitoring progress towards the goals and objectives of the resource mobilization strategy, and make it available three months prior to the third meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention</p>	<p>4. Concrete activities and initiatives including measurable targets and/or indicators to achieve the strategic goals contained in the strategy for resource mobilization and indicators to monitor the implementation of the strategy</p>
IX/11, B, annex	<p>12. The strategy for resource mobilization is intended to assist Parties in establishing national targets, goals and objectives as well as actions and timeframes, and in considering the establishment of financial mechanisms and other options, to implement the financial provisions of the Convention at all levels, based on success stories and good practices. Each Party should consider appointing a “resource mobilization focal point” to facilitate national implementation of the strategy for resource mobilization. National implementation should include, as appropriate, the design and dissemination of a country-specific resource mobilization strategy, with the involvement of key stakeholders such as non-governmental organizations, indigenous peoples and local communities, environmental funds, businesses and donors, in the frame of updated national biodiversity strategies and action plans.</p>	<p>5. Resource mobilization focal point</p>
IX/31, A	<p>5. <i>Requests</i> the Executive Secretary, for consideration by the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties:</p> <p>(a) To invite Parties to submit assessments of their future funding needs based on their updated national biodiversity strategies and action plans;</p> <p>(b) To compile these national submissions;</p> <p>(c) To prepare, in consultation with the Parties, draft terms of reference for a full assessment of the amount of funds needed for the implementation of the Convention for the sixth replenishment period of the Trust Fund of the Global Environment Facility</p>	<p>6. Assessments of future funding needs based on their updated national biodiversity strategies and action plans</p> <p>7. Draft terms of reference for a full assessment of the amount of funds needed for the implementation of the Convention for the sixth replenishment period of the Trust Fund of the Global Environment Facility</p>