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NOTIFICATION

Outcomes of the Cancun Climate Change Conference – Opportunities for Parties to Submit Views related to Biodiversity

Dear Madam/Sir,

The Conference of the Parties (COP) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), through decision X/33, amongst others, stresses the need to enhance synergies between the three Rio Conventions. Specific areas for enhanced synergies include, for example on:

- issues relating to reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation and the role of conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks in developing countries under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC);
- mechanisms to streamline reporting and data collection related to the biodiversity and climate change interface at the national and subnational level; and
- the role of biodiversity in reducing vulnerability and enhancing adaptation to climate change,

Hence, following the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC and after reviewing the decisions of the Cancun Agreements, I am pleased to share with you, as attached, some of the invitations for Parties to submit their views. In an effort to enhance synergies between the two processes, the CBD and UNFCCC, and recognizing their different mandates and composition of Parties, I have prepared the present notification to facilitate identification of areas of potential input of biodiversity considerations into the climate change discussions.

A full list of deadlines for submissions is provided by the UNFCCC in its notification to Parties pertaining to early submission of information and views at:

http://unfccc.int/files/parties_and_observers/notifications/application/pdf/notif_parties_20110112.pdf

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

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Attachment

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The following paragraphs are taken from the Advance unedited version of the Cancun Agreements (http://unfccc.int/meetings/cop_16/items/5571.php).

Draft decision -/CP.16
Outcome of the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on long-term
Cooperative Action under the Convention

II. Enhanced action on adaptation

21. *Invites* Parties to submit to the secretariat, by 21 February 2011, views on the composition of, and modalities and procedures for, the Adaptation Committee, including on proposed linkages with other relevant institutional arrangements;

28. *Invites* Parties and relevant organizations to submit to the secretariat, by 21 February 2011, views and information on what elements should be included in the work programme (*on adaptation*), including the following:

- (a) Possible development of a climate risk insurance facility to address impacts associated with severe weather events;
- (b) Options for risk management and reduction; risk sharing and transfer mechanisms such as insurance, including options for micro-insurance; and resilience building, including through economic diversification;
- (c) Approaches for addressing rehabilitation measures associated with slow onset events;
- (d) Engagement of stakeholders with relevant specialized expertise;

III. Enhanced action on mitigation

A. Nationally appropriate mitigation commitments or actions by developed country Parties

46. *Decides* on the following work programme for the development of modalities and guidelines described above, building on existing reporting and review guidelines, processes and experiences:

- (a) The revision of guidelines, as necessary, on the reporting of national communications, including the biennial report:
 - (i) The provision of financing, through enhanced common reporting formats, methodologies for finance and tracking of climate-related support;
 - (ii) Supplementary information on achievement of quantified economy-wide emission reductions targets;
 - (iii) Information on national inventory arrangements;
- (b) The revision of guidelines for the review of national communications, including the biennial report, annual greenhouse gas inventories and national inventory systems;
- (c) The establishment of guidelines for national inventory arrangements;
- (d) Modalities and procedures for international assessment and review of emissions and removals related to quantified economy-wide emission reductions targets in accordance with paragraph 44, including the role of land

use, land-use change and forestry, and carbon credits from market-based mechanisms, taking into account international experience;

47. *Invites* Parties to submit views on the items in paragraph 46, including with respect to the initial scheduling of the processes described in this section, by 28 March 2011;

D. Various approaches, including opportunities for using markets, to enhance the cost-effectiveness of, and to promote, mitigation actions, bearing in mind different circumstances of developed and developing countries

49. *Takes* note of nationally appropriate mitigation actions to be implemented by non-Annex I Parties as communicated by them and contained in document FCCC/AWG/LCA/ /2010/INF.Y5 (to be issued);

81. *Requests* the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention to elaborate the mechanism or mechanisms referred to in paragraph 49 above, with a view to recommending a draft decision or decisions to the Conference of the Parties for consideration at its seventeenth session;

82. *Invites* Parties and accredited observer organizations to submit to the secretariat, by 21 February 2011, their views on matters referred to in paragraph 81 above;

84. *Decides* to consider the establishment, at its seventeenth session, of one or more non-market-based mechanisms to enhance the cost-effectiveness of, and to promote, mitigation actions;

85. *Requests* the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention to elaborate the mechanism or mechanisms referred to in paragraph 84 above, with a view to recommending a draft decision or decisions to the Conference of the Parties for consideration at its seventeenth session;

86. *Invites* Parties and accredited observer organizations to submit to the secretariat, by 21 February 2011, their views on matters referred to in paragraph 85 above;

87. *Also invites* Parties and accredited observer organizations to submit to the secretariat, by 21 February 2011, information on the evaluation of various approaches in enhancing the cost-effectiveness of, and promoting, mitigation actions, including activities implemented jointly under Article 4, paragraph 2 (a), of the Convention and any other relevant activities, for synthesis by the secretariat.

E. Economic and social consequences of response measures

93. *Decides* to provide a forum on the impact of the implementation of response measures, and to that end requests the Chairs of the SBSTA and the SBI to convene such a forum at the thirty-fourth and thirty-fifth sessions of these bodies, with the objective of developing a work programme under the subsidiary bodies to address these impacts, with a view to adopting, at the seventeenth session of the Conference of the Parties, modalities for the operationalization of the work programme and a possible forum on response measures;

94. *Invites* Parties and relevant intergovernmental organizations to submit to the secretariat, by 28 March 2011, their views on the issues referred to in paragraph 93 above for consideration by the SBI and the SBSTA at the thirty-fourth sessions of the subsidiary bodies;

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Land use, land-use change and forestry

4. *Requests* each Annex I Party to submit to the secretariat, by 28 February 2011, information on the forest management reference level¹ inscribed in the appendix to annex I to this decision, including any update to replace the value, in accordance with the guidelines outlined in part I of annex II to this decision;

¹ The forest management reference levels inscribed in the appendix were set transparently, taking into account: (a) Removals or emissions from forest management as shown in greenhouse gas inventories and relevant historical data; (b) Age-class structure; (c) Forest management activities already undertaken; (d) Projected forest management activities under a business as usual scenario; (e) Continuity with the treatment of forest management in the first commitment period; (f) The need to exclude removals from accounting in accordance with decision 16/CMP.1, paragraph 1. Points (c), (d) and (e) above were applied where relevant. The forest management reference levels also took into account the need for consistency with the inclusion of carbon pools. Reference levels including and excluding force majeure should be provided.

Draft decision -/CP.16
Further guidance for the operation of the Least
Developed Countries Fund

5. *Also invites* Parties and relevant organizations to submit to the secretariat, by 1 August 2012, information on their experience with the implementation of the least developed countries work programme, including the updating and implementation of national adaptation programmes of action, and in accessing funds from the Least Developed Countries Fund, for compilation by the secretariat into a miscellaneous document for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its thirty-seventh session;

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National communications of Parties included in Annex I to the Convention

5. *Requests* Annex I Parties to submit to the secretariat, by 1 January 2014, a sixth national communication, in accordance with Article 12, paragraphs 1 and 2, of the Convention, with a view to submitting a seventh national communication no later than four years after this date.