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## NOTIFICATION

### **Eleventh Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP 11), 8 - 19 October 2012, Hyderabad, India**

Dear Madam/Sir,

Further to notification 2011-164 of 7 September 2011 concerning the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP 11), I am pleased to inform you that the provisional agenda and the annotated agenda for the meeting, as approved by the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties, are attached and can also be accessed on the CBD website at: <https://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=COP-11>.

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

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### CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

Eleventh meeting  
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#### PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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  - 1.4. Organization of work
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3. **Implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and progress towards the Aichi Biodiversity Targets:**
  - 3.1. Review of progress in implementation including the establishment of national targets and the updating of national strategies and action plans;
  - 3.2. Review of progress in providing capacity-building support to Parties, promoting communication, education and public awareness and strengthening of the clearing-house mechanism and technology transfer and cooperation;
  - 3.3. Further development of tools and guidance for monitoring implementation, including the use of indicators.
4. **Financial resources and financial mechanism:**
  - 4.1. Review of implementation of the Strategy for Resource Mobilization, including the establishment of targets;
  - 4.2. Report of the Global Environment Facility;
  - 4.3. Guidance to the financial mechanism: four-year framework of programme priorities and review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism;
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5. **Cooperation, outreach and the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity:**
  - 5.1. United Nations Decade on Biodiversity;
  - 5.2. Cooperation with international organizations, other conventions and initiatives;
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6. **Operations of the Convention:**

6.1. Periodicity of meetings;

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8. **Review of the programme of work on island biodiversity.**

9. **Ecosystem restoration.**

10. **Marine and coastal biodiversity:**

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10.2. Other matters related to marine and coastal biodiversity.

11. **Biodiversity and climate change and related issues:**

11.1. Advice on the application of relevant safeguards for biodiversity with regard 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;

11.2. Studies on geo-engineering;

11.3. Other matters related to biodiversity and climate change.

12. **Biodiversity and development.**

13. **Other substantive issues arising from the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties:**

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13.2. Forest biodiversity;

13.3. Inland waters biodiversity;

13.4. Protected areas;

13.5. Agricultural biodiversity;

13.6. Sustainable use of biodiversity;

13.7. Global Strategy for Plant Conservation;

13.8. Biofuels and biodiversity;

13.9. Invasive alien species;

13.10. Global Taxonomy Initiative;

13.11. Incentive measures.

14. **Administrative and budgetary matters:**

14.1. Report of the Executive Secretary on the administration of the Convention and the budget for the trust funds of the Convention;

14.2. Administration of the Convention and budget for the trust funds of the Convention for the biennium 2013-2014.

15. **Final matters:**

15.1. Date and venue of the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;

15.2. Other matters;

15.3. Adoption of the report;

15.4. Closure of the meeting.

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### ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

#### INTRODUCTION

1. Following the invitation of the Government of India, which was welcomed by the Conference of the Parties in its decision X/46, the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties will be held at the Hyderabad International Convention Centre in the City of Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh, India, from 8 to 19 October 2012.
2. At its meeting held in Montreal on 5 November, 2011, the Bureau approved the draft provisional agenda of the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties (UNEP/CBD/COP/11/1). The present annotations to that agenda have been prepared by the Secretariat, taking into account comments received from Bureau members. It will be updated in the light of the outcomes of the meetings scheduled in 2012.
3. The provisional agenda and these annotations have been prepared in line with the items identified for consideration by the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties as contained in the multi-year programme of work for the Conference of the Parties adopted in decision X/9.
4. In accordance with rule 6 of the rules of procedure for meetings of the Conference of the Parties, the Secretariat has notified the United Nations, its specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, as well as any State not party to the Convention, of this meeting so that they may be represented as observers.
5. In accordance with rule 7 of the rules of procedure, the Secretariat has notified those bodies and agencies, whether governmental or non-governmental, qualified in fields relating to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, which have informed the Secretariat of their wish to be represented at the meeting, so that they may be represented as observers. A list of such bodies will be made available to the Conference of the Parties for information.
6. The eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties will include a high-level ministerial segment organized by the host country in consultation with the Secretariat and the Bureau. The high-level segment will take place from 17 to 19 October 2012 at the Hyderabad International Convention Centre. It is expected that the high-level segment will be opened by the Minister of the Environment of India and that other senior officials will also address the meeting. A Summit on Cities and Biodiversity will be held in conjunction with the Conference of the Parties, on 16-17 October.
7. In accordance with established practice, the Executive Secretary will prepare a compilation of the various draft decisions proposed by the inter-sessional meetings or developed by the Executive Secretary in light of earlier decisions and recommendations (UNEP/CBD/COP/11/1/Add.2).

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8. Subject to availability of financial resources, the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties will be preceded, on 7 October 2012, by regional preparatory meetings for Africa, Asia, and Latin America and the Caribbean.

9. Registration of participants will commence at the venue of the meeting at 9 a.m. on Thursday, 4 October 2012. More information on the logistical arrangements for the meeting is available in the document "Information for Participants" on the website of the Secretariat.

## **ITEM 1. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS**

### ***1.1. Opening of the meeting***

10. The meeting will be opened at 10 a.m. on Monday, 8 October 2012, by the President of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties or his representative.

11. At the opening session, the Conference will hear addresses of welcome by representatives of the Government of India, the State of Andhra Pradesh and the local authorities of the host city.

12. The Executive Secretary will address the meeting and highlight the main issues before the Conference of the Parties.

### ***1.2 Election of officers***

#### *Election of the President*

13. It is expected that, at the opening session, the President of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties will call for the election of a representative of the host country as President of the eleventh meeting. The term of office of the President will begin immediately following his or her election at the eleventh meeting and will end with the election of a successor at the twelfth meeting.

#### *Election of officers other than the President*

14. In accordance with rule 21 of the rules of procedure (as adopted by decision I/1 and amended by decision V/20), in addition to the President, ten Vice-Presidents, one of whom acts as Rapporteur, are to be elected from among the representatives of the Parties present at the meeting. The term of office of the Vice-Presidents will commence upon the closure of the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties and end at the closure of the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. At its tenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties elected ten Vice-Presidents from the following countries for a term that will end at the closure of the eleventh meeting: Argentina, Belgium, Georgia, Grenada, Morocco, Namibia, New Zealand, Republic of Korea, Serbia and Syrian Arab Republic. Regional groups are urged to submit their nominations at the opening of the meeting. This will allow the newly elected members of the Bureau to attend, as observers, the Bureau meetings to be held during the current meeting of the Conference in order to ensure a smooth transition between outgoing and incoming Bureau members.

#### *Election of officers of subsidiary bodies and other meetings*

15. Rule 26 of the rules of procedure, provides that the chairperson of any subsidiary body shall be elected by the Conference of the Parties, while the election of other officers is the responsibility of the body itself. At this meeting, the Conference of the Parties will therefore need to elect the chair of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) to officiate its meetings for a term of office that will extend until the end of the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. Previously elected chairs of SBSTTA have come from the following regional groups: first meeting – Africa; second meeting – Western European and Others; third and fourth meetings – Asia and the Pacific; fifth and sixth meetings – Latin America and the Caribbean; seventh and eighth meetings - Central and Eastern European; ninth and tenth meetings – Africa; eleventh and twelfth meetings - Western European and Others; thirteenth meeting - Asia and the Pacific; fourteenth meeting – Latin America and the Caribbean; and fifteenth and sixteenth meetings - Central and Eastern Europe.

### **1.3. Adoption of the agenda**

16. The provisional agenda (UNEP/CBD/COP/11/1) has been approved by the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties. It was prepared by the Executive Secretary in accordance with rule 8 of the rules of procedure for meetings of the Conference of the Parties, with the guidance of the Bureau, and taking into account the multi-year programme of work of the Conference of the Parties up to 2020 contained in decision X/9 and other relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties.

### **1.4. Organization of work**

17. In accordance with established practice, the Conference of the Parties may wish to establish two working groups. A proposed timetable and division of responsibilities between the plenary and the two working groups is contained in annex II below. Should two working groups be established, the Conference of the Parties will need to elect a Chairperson for each working group.

18. The plenary may also establish a budget contact group to address agenda item 13 on the administration of the Convention and budget for the programme of work for the biennium 2012-2014.

19. Interpretation will be available for the working groups for morning and afternoon sessions only. It will not be available for evening sessions.

### **1.5 Report on the credentials of representatives to the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties**

20. Rule 18 of the rules of procedure for meetings of the Conference of the Parties states that:

“The credentials of representatives and the names of alternate representatives and advisers shall be submitted to the Executive Secretary of the Conference of the Parties or the representative of the Executive Secretary not later than twenty four hours after the opening of the meeting. Any later change in the composition of the delegation shall also be submitted to the Executive Secretary or his representative. The credentials shall be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or, in the case of a regional economic integration organization, by the competent authority of that organization.”

21. Rule 19 provides that “the Bureau of any meeting shall examine the credentials and submit its report to the Conference of the Parties for decision”.

22. In order to assist Parties in fulfilling the requirements of rule 18, the Executive Secretary distributed to national focal points a sample format of appropriate credentials with the letter of invitation to the meeting (see notification 2011-164 of 7 September 2011) dispatched to all focal points as well as to the missions and embassies in New York, Nairobi and Geneva.

23. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider and adopt the report on credentials submitted to it by the Bureau.

### **1.6. Pending issues**

24. At its first meeting, the Conference of the Parties adopted the rules of procedure for its meetings in decision I/1, with the exception of paragraph 1 of rule 40, relating to the taking of substantive decisions. The Conference of the Parties has considered this outstanding matter at its subsequent meetings but without resolving it conclusively. At the third meeting, consensus was reached concerning some, but not all, of the text in brackets.

25. In decision I/6, the Conference of the Parties adopted the financial rules for the administration of the Trust Fund for the Convention on Biological Diversity. Paragraphs 4 and 16 of these rules contain bracketed text. Paragraph 4 deals with scale of assessments for the apportionment of contributions by Parties to the Trust Fund. Paragraph 16 deals with adopting decisions regarding the Trust Fund. The paragraphs have been considered at subsequent meetings of the Conference of the Parties, but without any agreement. The text therefore remains bracketed.

26. Since it is not expected that this matter can be resolved at the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties, it is suggested that its consideration be postponed to a future meeting.

**1.7. Reports of inter-sessional and regional preparatory meetings**

27. Under this item, the President will inform the Conference of the Parties of the meetings of subsidiary bodies held during the inter-sessional period and their reports on the understanding that the substantive issues arising therein will be taken up under the appropriate agenda item. These include: the reports of the:

(a) First and second meetings of the Open-ended Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Committee for the Nagoya Protocol on ABS (UNEP/CBD/COP/11/5 and 6);

(b) Seventh meeting of the Open-ended Ad Hoc Inter-Sessional Working Group on the Implementation of Article 8(j) and Related Provisions (UNEP/CBD/COP/11/7);

(c) Fifteenth and sixteenth meetings of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (UNEP/CBD/COP/11/2 and 3);

(d) Fourth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on the Review of Implementation of the Convention (UNEP/CBD/COP/11/4).

28. The regional groups may wish to report to the Conference of the Parties on the results of the preparatory meetings to be held immediately prior to the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

**ITEM 2. STATUS OF THE NAGOYA PROTOCOL ON ACCESS TO GENETIC RESOURCES AND THE FAIR AND EQUITABLE SHARING OF BENEFITS ARISING FROM THEIR UTILIZATION AND RELATED DEVELOPMENTS**

29. According to the multi-year programme of work for the Conference of the Parties adopted in decision X/9, the Conference of the Parties will consider the status and implementation of the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from Their Utilization.

30. In the event that the Nagoya Protocol enters into force prior to the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the first meeting of the Parties to the Protocol shall be held concurrently with that meeting, pursuant to Article 26, paragraph 6, of the Protocol.

31. However, if the Protocol does not enter into force prior to the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the latter will have before it the reports of the first and second meetings of the Open-ended Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Committee for the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization (ICNP) (UNEP/CBD/COP/11/5 and 6), as well as a progress report on the Protocol (UNEP/CBD/COP/11/11). In light of these documents, the Conference of the Parties will need to consider the way forward, including whether any further meetings of the ICNP are warranted prior to the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention and the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol.

**ITEM 3. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN 2011-2020 AND PROGRESS TOWARDS THE AICHI BIODIVERSITY TARGETS**

32. At its tenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties adopted the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, including the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, urged Parties to take actions to implement it (decision X/2, paragraph 3), and decided that future meetings of the Conference of the Parties shall review progress in the implementation of the Strategic Plan, share experiences relevant for implementation and provide guidance on means to address obstacles encountered (decision X/2, paragraph 14).

**3.1. Review of progress in implementation including the establishment of national targets and the updating of national biodiversity strategies and action plans**

33. In paragraph 3 of its decision X/2, the Conference of the Parties urged Parties and other Governments to implement the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and in particular to:

- (a) Enable participation at all level;
- (b) Develop national and regional targets, with a view to contributing to collective global efforts to reach the global targets;
- (c) Review, and as appropriate update and revise, their national biodiversity strategies and action plans;
- (d) Use the revised and updated national biodiversity strategies and action plans as effective instruments for the integration of biodiversity targets into national development policies and strategies and planning processes.

34. In paragraph 17 (b) of the same decision, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to prepare an analysis/synthesis of national and regional actions, including targets established in accordance with the Strategic Plan, to enable the Working Group on the Review of Implementation and the Conference of the Parties to assess the contribution of national and regional targets towards the global targets. In considering this item, the Conference of the Parties will have before it an updated analysis/synthesis (UNEP/CBD/COP/11/12).

35. Under this item, the Conference of the Parties, in line with its multi-year programme of work (decision X/9, paragraph (a)) is expected to review progress by Parties in the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, its corresponding goals and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, including experience in setting or adapting national targets and the corresponding updating of national biodiversity strategies and action plans, on the basis of the relevant recommendation of the Working Group on the Review of Implementation (UNEP/CBD/COP/11/4), taking into account also additional information provided in the above-mentioned updated analysis/synthesis (UNEP/CBD/COP/11/12).

**3.2 Review of progress in providing capacity-building support to Parties, promoting communication, education and public awareness and strengthening of the clearing-house mechanism and technology transfer and cooperation**

36. At its tenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties, in paragraph 6 of its decision X/2, emphasized the need for capacity-building activities and the effective sharing of knowledge, in order to support countries and indigenous and local communities in the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and decided, in its multi-year programme of work (decision X/9) to review of progress in providing support to assist Parties in implementing the Convention and the Strategic Plan, including, *inter alia*, resource mobilization, capacity-building, stakeholder engagement, communication, education and public awareness and strengthening of the clearing-house mechanism.

37. Further, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to promote and facilitate, in partnership with relevant international organizations, activities to strengthen capacity for the implementation of the Strategic Plan and to develop, for consideration by the Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention at its fourth meeting, options for the further enhancement of implementation of the Convention, including through the further development of capacity-building programmes, partnerships and the strengthening of synergies among Conventions and other international processes (decision X/2, paragraph 17(a),(c)). Document UNEP/CBD/COP/11/13 will be prepared accordingly, with addenda issued to cover the following specific sub issues, taking into account the other relevant decisions referenced below. Resource mobilization is addressed under item 4.



*Capacity-building support to Parties through regional and sub-regional workshops*

38. In line with decision X/2, paragraph 17 (a) and other relevant decisions, the Executive Secretary convened a series of capacity-building workshops held with the generous financial support of the Government of Japan (“the Japan Fund”) and other partners.

*Promoting communication, education and public awareness*

39. In decision X/18, the Conference of the Parties invited Parties to increase activities to build capacity for Communication, Education and Public Awareness, with a focus on providing support to the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity, the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization, and priority activity 1 of the Agenda for Action, and to communicate these activities to the Executive Secretary. Parties and other relevant organizations and stakeholders were also requested to use indicators and guidelines for survey methodologies as well as other tools in order to organise and participate in national, regional and sub regional assessments of the state of public awareness on biodiversity and to report these to the COP.

The assessment report on the International Year of Biodiversity is addressed under item 5.1 (UNEP/CBD/COP/11/16).

*Technical and scientific cooperation and the Clearing-house mechanism*

40. In decision X/15, the Conference of the Parties adopted the mission, goals and objectives of the clearing-house mechanism for the period 2011-2020, and requested the Executive Secretary to prepare, in consultation with the informal advisory committee and interested Parties, a realistic work programme for the clearing-house mechanism, in line with the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020. This work programme was submitted to the fourth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention. The Conference of the Parties also requested that the Executive Secretary explore, in collaboration with Parties, other Governments, relevant partners and members of the Conservation Commons, ways to promote free and open access to data and information for conservation purposes, and report back on progress at the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties. Furthermore, in accordance with paragraph 1 of decision IX/30, the mandate of the informal advisory committee of the clearing-house mechanism will be reviewed at this meeting.

*Technology transfer and cooperation*

41. In paragraph 3 of decision X/16, on technology transfer and cooperation, the Conference of the Parties at its tenth meeting invited Parties to consider including the preparation of technology needs assessments in the revision and updating of national biodiversity strategies and action plans, and to submit their technology needs assessments to the Executive Secretary and requested the Executive Secretary to disseminate them through the clearing-house mechanism, and to prepare a compilation and analysis as well as a gap analysis of on activities currently being undertaken by international, regional or national organizations and initiatives, including sectoral organizations and initiatives, that support, facilitate, or promote technology transfer and scientific and technological cooperation of relevance to the Convention.

42. Under this agenda sub-item, the Conference of the Parties is expected to review progress in providing support to assist Parties in implementing the Convention and the Strategic Plan, including through capacity building, communication, education and public awareness, technical and scientific cooperation and the clearing house mechanism, and technology transfer and cooperation, and to provide further guidance on strengthening that support, on the basis of the relevant recommendation of the Working Group on the Review of Implementation (UNEP/CBD/COP/11/4), taking into account also additional information provided in document UNEP/CBD/COP/11/13.

**3.3 Further development of tools and guidance for monitoring implementation, including the use of indicators**

43. Through decision X/2, the Conference of the Parties urged Parties and other Governments to monitor and review the implementation of their national biodiversity strategies and action plans and their

national targets in accordance with the Strategic Plan and making use of the indicative list of indicators developed for the Strategic Plan as a flexible framework (paragraph 3 (e)). In decision X/7, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to convene an Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group (AHTEG) on Indicators for the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and provided the terms of reference for the Group.

44. Additional guidance for the development of indicators for the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 is contained in decisions on the strategy for resource mobilization (X/3), national reporting (X/10), the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation 2011-2020 (X/17), communication, education and public awareness (X/18), gender mainstreaming (X/19), business engagement (X/21), the Plan of Action on Subnational Governments, Cities and Other Local Authorities for Biodiversity (X/22), inland waters biodiversity (X/28), marine and coastal biodiversity (X/29), mountain biological diversity (X/30), protected areas (X/31), sustainable use (X/32), biodiversity and climate change (X/33), and agricultural biodiversity (X/34).

45. The Conference of the Parties also decided that the fourth edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook shall be prepared to provide a mid-term review of progress towards the Aichi Biodiversity Targets (Decision X/2, paragraph 13) and requested the Executive Secretary to prepare a plan for its preparation on the basis of fifth national reports, the use of indicators, and relevant information for consideration by SBSTTA.

46. In accordance with these decisions, the Executive Secretary *inter alia*:

(a) Convened a meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group (AHTEG) on Indicators for the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 which was considered by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at its fifteenth meeting;

(b) Prepared a resource manual for the fifth national report;

(c) Prepared a plan for the preparation of the fourth edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook.

47. At its fifteenth meeting, SBSTTA welcomed the work of the AHTEG and took note of an indicative list of indicators organized according to the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, recommended further action for the Conference of the Parties and requested the Executive Secretary to initiate work on a number of tasks (SBSTTA recommendation XV/1).

48. Under this agenda sub-item, the Conference of the Parties is invited to consider:

(a) SBSTTA recommendation XV/1: *Indicators framework for the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets* (UNEP/CBD/COP/11/2);

(b) Recommendation 7/7 of the Working Group on Article 8(j) and related provisions: *Development of indicators relevant for traditional knowledge and customary sustainable use*

(c) The relevant recommendation from SBSTTA-16 on the preparation of the fourth edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook

(d) Any relevant recommendations of the fourth meeting of the Working Group on the Review of Implementation (UNEP/CBD/COP/11/4).

49. Indicators related to the Strategy for Resource Mobilization and the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation are further considered under items 4.1 and 13.7 respectively.

#### **ITEM 4. FINANCIAL RESOURCES AND FINANCIAL MECHANISM**

##### ***4.1. Review of implementation of the Strategy for Resource Mobilization, including the establishment of targets***

50. At its ninth meeting, the Conference of the Parties adopted a Strategy for Resource Mobilization to assist Parties in enhancing international financial flows and domestic funding for biological diversity

(Decision IX/11). In accordance with the Strategy, at its eleventh meeting the Conference of the Parties should focus on the following goals of the Strategy for Resource Mobilization:

Goal 2: Strengthen national capacity for resource utilization and mobilize domestic financial resources for the Convention's three objectives

Goal 5: Mainstream biological diversity and its associated ecosystem services in development cooperation plans and priorities including the linkage between Convention's work programmes and Millennium Development Goals

Goal 7 Enhancing implementation of access and benefit-sharing initiatives and mechanisms in support of resource mobilization

51. At its tenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties requested the fourth meeting of Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on the Review of Implementation of the Convention with support of the Executive Secretary, to prepare for this review (Decision X/3, paragraph 3),

52. The Conference of the Parties also invited Parties and relevant organizations to submit views, information and experience on the implementation of the Strategy for Resource Mobilization, for compilation by the Executive Secretary and consideration by the Working Group.

53. By decision X/3, the Conference of the Parties also decided to adopt targets at its eleventh meeting, provided that robust baselines have been identified and endorsed and that an effective reporting framework has been adopted (paragraph 8(i)). This would allow progress towards Aichi Biodiversity Target 20 which is: "By 2020, at the latest, the mobilization of financial resources for effectively implementing the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 from all sources, and in accordance with the consolidated and agreed process in the Strategy for Resource Mobilization, should increase substantially from the current levels. This target will be subject to changes contingent to resource needs assessments to be developed and reported by Parties".

54. Decision X/3 also provides a set of indicators for monitoring the implementation of the strategy for resource mobilization (paragraph 7) and sets out the steps in a process to be carried out prior to COP-11, making use of these indicators (paragraph 8). In line with this, the Executive Secretary has prepared methodological guidance on the indicators and a preliminary reporting framework for use by Parties and Parties have been invited to submit relevant information. In addition informal workshops and consultative processes are being held to promote awareness, capacity and mutual understanding among Parties and stakeholders on the challenges of scaling up finance for biodiversity and on the development of country-specific resource mobilization strategies as part of the process of updating national biodiversity strategies and action

55. In response to the aforementioned requests, the Executive Secretary has prepared a note (UNEP/CBD/COP/11/14).

56. Under this agenda item, the Conference of the Parties is invited to consider relevant recommendations to be made by the fourth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on the Review of Implementation of the Convention (UNEP/CBD/COP/11/4), taking into account also the updated information provided in document UNEP/CBD/COP/11/14.

#### **4.2 Report of the Global Environment Facility**

57. Pursuant to Article 21 of the Convention on Biological Diversity and paragraph 3.1 of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Conference of the Parties and the Council of the Global Environment Facility (GEF), the Conference of the Parties will have before it the report of GEF (UNEP/CBD/COP/11/8).

58. The representatives of the GEF Secretariat are expected to provide updates to the report of GEF, in accordance with the annex of decision X/24, section D.

59. Under this item, the Conference of the Parties is invited to take note of the report, and provide additional guidance, as appropriate, on further reporting from GEF. The Conference of the Parties may also take into account the report of GEF under other substantive agenda items, such as item 4.3.

**4.3 *Guidance to the financial mechanism: four-year framework of programme priorities and review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism***

60. In decision X/27, the Conference of the Parties adopted the terms of reference for the fourth review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism and requested the Executive Secretary to ensure the implementation of the review according to the terms of reference which stipulated that the Executive Secretary shall contract an experienced independent evaluator to undertake the review. In this regard, the Executive Secretary issued two letters requesting voluntary contribution for the fourth review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism, on 16 November 2010 and 12 August 2011. To date., no voluntary pledges have been received, and therefore it has not been possible to contract an experienced independent evaluator to undertake the review.

61. In its decision X/24, the Conference of the Parties decided that its guidance to the financial mechanism, for a specific replenishment period, consists of a consolidated list of programme priorities that defines what to be financed, and an outcome oriented framework, taking into account the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, including its Aichi Biodiversity Targets and associated indicators (paragraph 4), and decided to adopt a four year framework for the period 2014-2018 at its eleventh meeting (paragraph 7).

62. For this purpose, the Conference of the Parties invited Parties and relevant stakeholders, including indigenous and local communities, to submit information and views on the further development of programme priorities, taking into account the Strategic Plan for compilation by the Executive Secretary and consideration by the fourth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation (paragraph 5). Further, the Conference of the Parties requested the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation to review the implementation of the four-year outcome-oriented framework of programme priorities as related to utilization of GEF resources for biodiversity for the period from 2010 to 2014.

63. Under this agenda item, the Conference of the Parties, on the basis of relevant recommendations of the Working Group on Review of Implementation, as well as additional information provided in UNEP/CBD/COP/11/15, is invited to consider:

(a) A four-year outcome-oriented framework of programme priorities, taking into account the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, including its Aichi Biodiversity Targets and associated indicators, as well as the outcome of the review, for consideration during the sixth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund, as related to utilization of GEF resources for biodiversity for the period July 2014 to June 2018;

(b) Further actions, as necessary, to improve the effectiveness of the financial mechanism of the Convention.

**4.4 *Needs assessment for the sixth GEF replenishment cycle***

64. In decision X/26, the Conference of the Parties adopted the terms of reference for a full assessment of the amount of funds that are necessary to assist developing countries and countries with economies in transition, in accordance with the guidance provided by the Conference of the Parties, in fulfilling their commitments under the Convention for the sixth replenishment period of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund. In accordance with the terms of reference, the assessment is being prepared by a team of five experts, and with the support of the Executive Secretary, for consideration by the fourth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention, and subsequently by the Conference of the Parties at its eleventh meeting.

65. Under this agenda item, the Conference of the Parties, on the basis of relevant recommendations of the Working Group on Review of Implementation, as well as any additional information provided in the note by the Executive Secretary under this item (UNEP/CBD/COP/11/15), is invited to consider and finalize the assessment of the amount of funds that are necessary to assist developing countries and countries with economies in transition in fulfilling their commitments under the Convention over the sixth GEF replenishment cycle, and to transmit the assessment to the Global Environment Facility.

## **ITEM 5. COOPERATION, OUTREACH AND THE UNITED NATIONS DECADE ON BIODIVERSITY**

### ***5.1 United Nations Decade on Biodiversity***

66. Following the invitation of the Conference of Parties in its decision X/8, the United Nations General Assembly at its sixty-fifth session declared, in its resolution 65/161, that the period 2011-2020 would be the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity. The Decade draws upon and is inspired by the successes of the International Year of Biodiversity, and is meant to support the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, as well as to build greater public awareness of the importance of biodiversity for human well-being.

67. The Executive Secretary undertook a number of actions designed to support activities, celebrations and projects that would be carried out by Parties, international organizations and other stakeholders. This included the creation of a draft strategy for the decade, a logotype and branding, a website and social media programme, and an interagency task force to support the decade. A number of activities were also integrated with other work related to the Strategic Plan. A review of these activities, and a proposed programme of work for the biennium 2012-2014, is contained in a note by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/COP/11/16) prepared under this item.

68. The Conference of the Parties is invited to consider the draft decision contained therein by which the Conference of the Parties would:

- (a) Note the report of activities undertaken for the International Year of Biodiversity;
- (b) Review the actions undertaken by the Executive Secretary and others to promote activities for the Decade; and
- (c) Endorse the suggested programme of work for the Decade in the upcoming biennium.

### ***5.2 Cooperation with other conventions, international organizations and initiatives***

69. In its decision X/20, the Conference of the Parties proposed joint activities among the “Rio Conventions” (The UNFCCC, the UNCCD and the CBD) (paragraph 6) and called for strengthened cooperation among the biodiversity-related conventions, and its scientific bodies and national focal points (paragraphs 4, 8, 9, 10 & 11), including CITES (paragraph 12), CMS (paragraph 13) and the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands (paragraph 14). Specifically, the Conference of the Parties requested the Working Group on the Review of Implementation to increase the involvement of Parties in the work of the Liaison Group of the Biodiversity-related Conventions and the Joint Liaison Group of the Rio Conventions, determine the form and content of a process to enhance coordination, coherence and national level synergies among the biodiversity conventions.

70. In the same decision, the Conference of the Parties called for continued and enhanced cooperation with the UNFF (paragraph 15), with UNESCO on the joint programme of work on biological and cultural diversity (paragraph 16), with WHO and other relevant organizations and initiatives with a view to promoting the consideration of biodiversity issues in health programmes and plans (paragraph 17), with the World Trade Organization (including to renew the Convention's pending applications for observer status in relevant WTO bodies) (paragraph 18), with UNCTAD on the Biotrade Initiative and other trade related matters, as well as with CITES in this respect (paragraph 19) and with the World Tourism Organization, including on a review of the application of the CBD Guidelines on Biodiversity and Tourism Development.

71. In addition, in response to an invitation of the Conference of the Parties (decision X/13, paragraph 3), the Arctic Council provided a report to SBSTTA on relevant information and assessments of Arctic biodiversity, in particular information generated through the Circumpolar Biodiversity Monitoring Program (CBMP) of the Arctic Council's Conservation of Arctic Flora and Fauna Working Group. SBSTTA considered the report and prepared recommendation XV/7.

72. Further, in its decision X/2 (paragraph 16(d)), the Conference of the Parties invited the Environment Management Group, in building on its report to the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, to identify measures for effective and efficient implementation of the Strategic Plan across the United Nations system and provide a report on its work to the Conference of the Parties at its eleventh meeting through the Working Group on Review of Implementation and the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice.

73. The note by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/COP/11/17) provides an update on the activities of the Liaison Group on Biodiversity-Related Conventions, and Joint Liaison Group of the Rio Conventions, and on the implementation of memoranda of cooperation and joint programmes of work with partner organizations.

74. The Parties are also invited to consider the recommendations from the fourth meeting of the Working Group on the Review of Implementation (UNEP/CBD/COP/11/4) based on the Working Group's consideration of the report of the Environment Management Group identifying measures for effective and efficient implementation of the Strategic Plan across the United Nations system in accordance with paragraph 16 (d) of decision X/2.

75. Under this agenda sub-item, the Conference of Parties is invited to consider:

- (a) SBSTTA recommendation XV/7, on Arctic biodiversity;
- (b) Other relevant recommendations from the fourth meeting of the Working Group on Review of Implementation and the sixteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice; as well as
- (c) Additional information provided in document UNEP/CBD/COP/11/17.

### **5.3 Business and biodiversity**

76. In its decision X/21, the Conference of the Parties encouraged businesses and the private sector to contribute to the implementation of the Convention as well as the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and its Aichi Biodiversity Targets (paragraph 2) and invited Parties to promote and facilitate this (paragraph 1). The Conference of Parties requested that the Executive Secretary to:

- (a) Encourage the establishment of the national and regional business and biodiversity initiatives;
- (b) Compile and analyse information on existing tools that can further facilitate the engagement of businesses in integrating biodiversity concerns into corporate strategies and decision-making;
- (c) Encourage the development and application of tools and mechanisms that can further facilitate this engagement;
- (d) Encourage monitoring of the effects of the tools and mechanisms;
- (e) Disseminate tools and examples of best practice for encouraging the participation of business; and
- (f) Encourage businesses in communicating their biodiversity-relevant activities.

77. A progress report on all of these issues and on the Global Platform for Business and Biodiversity will be provided for consideration by the Working Group on the Review of Implementation.

78. Under this item, the Conference of the Parties may wish to consider the relevant recommendations of the Working Group on the Review of Implementation (UNEP/CBD/COP/11/4).

#### **5.4. Engagement of stakeholders, major groups and local authorities**

##### *Subnational governments, cities and other local authorities*

79. In decision X/22, the Conference of the Parties endorsed the Plan of Action on Subnational Governments, Cities and Other Local Authorities for Biodiversity and encouraged Parties and other Governments to implement it, as appropriate, in the context of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, taking into account national priorities, capacities and needs. Paragraph 7 further requested the Executive Secretary to report on the implementation of the Plan of Action. Several Parties have implemented aspects of the Plan, also through the work of the Global Partnership on Sub-national and Local Action for Biodiversity, a collaborative platform to support local implementation of the Convention in coherence with national policies. Furthermore, guidance from the fourth meeting of the Working Group on Review of Implementation, resulting from the Third Expert Meeting on the City Biodiversity Index, held in Singapore from 11 to 13 October 2011, will propose recommendations for the scoring of the Index, its wider application in urban benchmarking and planning, the governance of its standards and the expansion of its use to sub-national levels of government.

80. In accordance with paragraph 6 of decision X/22, the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with Stockholm University's Resilience Center and the Global Partnership, prepared an assessment of the links and opportunities between urbanization and biodiversity ("Cities and Biodiversity Outlook") based on the third edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook, to be launched at the Second City Biodiversity Summit to be organized at the margins of the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties, on 16-17 October 2012.

81. The Conference of the Parties may wish to consider the outcomes of the Hyderabad City Summit and elements from the Cities and Biodiversity Outlook, at <http://www.cbd.int/authorities/cbo1.shtml>, in their deliberations. The note by the Executive Secretary prepared under this item (UNEP/CBD/COP/11/18) provides further information on these activities, as well as recommendations.

##### *Multi-Year Plan of Action on South-South Cooperation on Biodiversity for Development*

82. By decision X/23, the Conference of the Parties welcomed the Multi-Year Plan of Action for South-South Cooperation (SSC) on Biodiversity for Development, as adopted by the Group of 77 and China at the South-South Cooperation Forum held on 17 October 2010, as an important contribution to the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, and requested the Working Group on Review of Implementation, at its fourth meeting, to examine and further develop the Plan for consideration at the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, taking into account synergies with, among others, a Biodiversity Technology Initiative and a Framework for Capacity-building for the Integration of Biodiversity into Poverty Eradication and Development.

83. The Plan was revised accordingly at the Third Expert Meeting for South-South Cooperation on Biodiversity for Development held in Incheon City, Republic of Korea (the report is available as UNEP/CBD/EM-SSC/3/3) and, following guidance of the Expert Meeting, the Executive Secretary will prepare a revised version of the Plan for consideration of the Working Group on Review of Implementation. The Fourth Expert Meeting on SSC to be held in Algiers, in April 2012, will consider the revised plan followed by an Inter-Agency Task Force meeting to support its further development (UNEP/CBD/WGRI/4/INF/Z).

84. The Conference of the Parties is expected to consider the revised Multi-Year Plan of Action on South-South Cooperation on the basis of the relevant recommendations of the Working Group on Review of Implementation.

*Gender issues*

85. In response to decisions X/19 and X/3, paragraph 8, Parties are invited to consider the report contained in the note by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/COP/11/18) on how gender has been mainstreamed in the implementation of the Strategic Plan taking into account the guidance provided in CBD Technical Series No. 49 and review the indicators developed to monitor further progress.

**ITEM 6. OPERATIONS OF THE CONVENTION**

***6.1 Periodicity of meetings***

86. The Conference of the Parties decided at its seventh meeting to reconsider the periodicity of its meetings and has considered the issue at its eighth, ninth and tenth meetings, as well as at the third and fourth meetings of the Working Group on Review of Implementation, but has not reached a conclusion.

87. In decision X/9 the Conference of the Parties adopted its multi-year programme of work for the period 2011-2020. It decided that its twelfth meeting would take place in 2014 or early 2015 and that it will decide the timing of its meetings until 2020 at its eleventh meeting. In so doing, the Conference of the Parties would take into account a number of criteria set out in that decision:

(a) The Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the multi-year programme of work for the period 2011-2020, and other relevant meetings and processes;

(b) The relationship between the periodicity of the meetings of the Conference of the Parties, and the operations of its subsidiary and other inter-sessional bodies, including the ad hoc open ended working groups;

(c) That the periodicity of its meetings also has implications for the meetings of the Convention's protocols and their decision making processes;

(d) 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; and

(e) The periodicity of national reports.

88. Under this agenda item, the Conference of the Parties is invited to decide the periodicity of its meetings beyond its twelfth meeting and until 2020 based on the above-listed considerations and in the light of an analysis of options according to these criteria originally prepared in UNEP/CBD/COP/10/10, supplementing an earlier analysis (UNEP/CBD/COP/10/10/Add.1).

***6.2 Consideration of the need to strengthen the existing mechanisms of the Convention and the need for and possible development of additional mechanisms***

89. In decision X/2, paragraph 15, the Conference of the Parties decided to consider, at its eleventh meeting, the need for and possible development of additional mechanisms or enhancements to existing mechanisms, such as the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention, to enable Parties to meet their commitments under the Convention and the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020. This task is also reflected in the multi-year programme of work of the Conference of the Parties (decision X/9, para. (a) (vi)).

90. The multi-year programme of work also provides for the Conference of the Parties, at its eleventh meeting, to consider the implications of the possible establishment of an intergovernmental science-policy platform on biodiversity and ecosystem services on the work of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (decision X/9, para. (a) (vii)). In addition, in decision X/11, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with the SBSTTA Bureau to consider, once the arrangements and modalities for the intergovernmental platform are decided, how the Convention could make full and effective use of the platform, seeking complementarity and avoiding



duplication between the work of the Convention, in particular the SBSTTA, and the proposed platform, and to report thereon to a meeting of the SBSTTA before the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

91. At its fifteenth meeting, SBSTTA considered ways and means to improve its effectiveness and adopted recommendation XV/8 on the subject as contained in the annex to the report of that meeting (UNEP/CBD/COP/11/2). Accordingly, under this item, the Conference of the Parties is invited to consider that recommendation, together with relevant recommendations of SBSTTA at its sixteenth meeting and the Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention at its fourth meeting as annexed to the respective reports of those meetings (UNEP/CBD/COP/11/3 and 4).

### **6.3 Retirement of decisions**

92. In decision X/14, the Conference of the Parties decided to maintain the interval for review regarding the retirement of decisions at eight years following the adoption of a decision. It also requested the Executive Secretary to make proposals to the Conference of the Parties at its eleventh meeting regarding the retirement of decisions and elements of decisions taken at its seventh meeting, and to communicate such proposals to Parties, Governments and relevant international organizations at least six months prior to its eleventh meeting.

93. Under this agenda sub-item, the Conference of the Parties is invited to review and adopt the proposals regarding the retirement of decisions and elements of decisions taken at its seventh meeting contained in the note by the Executive Secretary on the subject (UNEP/CBD/COP/11/20). Supporting rationales for the proposals are provided in an information document.

### **ITEM 7. ARTICLE 8(j) AND RELATED PROVISIONS**

94. In accordance with decision X/43, paragraph 4, the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions held its seventh meeting, in Montreal from 31 October to 4 November 2011. The Working Group considered the new major component of the work programme on Article 10 with a focus on Article 10(c) based on recommendations of a group of experts held pursuant to decision X/43 paragraph 10. The Working Group also reviewed mechanisms to promote the effective participation of indigenous and local communities in the work of the Convention, including capacity-building efforts, the development of communications, mechanisms and tools, and the operations of the voluntary fund for the participation of indigenous and local communities in the Convention processes and other initiatives. In particular, the Working Group adopted advice on how local communities can be more effectively engaged in the work of the Convention based on the recommendations of a group of experts convened in accordance with decision X/43, paragraph 21; considered *sui generis* systems for the protection of traditional knowledge, progressed work concerning the operationalization of adopted indicators for traditional knowledge as well as an indicator process for customary sustainable use of biodiversity (Article 10(c)), and progressed tasks 7, 10, 12 and 15 of the revised programme of work. The Working Group also considered recommendations from the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.

95. The Working Group also requested the Executive Secretary to compile submissions from Parties, Governments, international organizations and indigenous and local communities on the customary use of biodiversity, and to provide this compilation to the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

96. Under this item, the Conference of the Parties is invited to consider the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Inter-Sessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions as annexed to the report of its seventh meeting (UNEP/CBD/COP/11/7), with the exception of recommendation 7/7, on development of indicators relevant for traditional knowledge and customary sustainable use, which is to be taken up under agenda item 3.3.

## **ITEM 8. REVIEW OF THE PROGRAMME OF WORK ON ISLAND BIODIVERSITY**

97. In its decision IX/23, on island biodiversity, the Conference of the Parties requested SBSTTA to undertake an in-depth review of the programme of work on island biodiversity for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its eleventh meeting. The in-depth review of the programme of work on island biodiversity, supported by a wide consultation organized by the Global Islands Partnership as a collaborative platform of Parties, NGOs and other stakeholders, will be considered by SBSTTA at its sixteenth meeting on the basis of documents prepared by the Executive Secretary.

98. Under this agenda item, the Conference of the Parties is invited to consider the relevant SBSTTA recommendation as annexed to the report of its sixteenth meeting of (UNEP/CBD/COP/11/3).

## **ITEM 9. ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION**

99. In paragraph (a) (ix) of its decision X/9, on the multi-year programme of work of the Conference of the Parties for the period 2011-2020, the Conference of the Parties decided to identify, at its eleventh meeting, ways and means to support ecosystem restoration, and possibly develop practical guidance on ecosystem restoration and related issues. Ecosystem restoration is a key element of targets 14 and 15 of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and of targets 4 and 8 of the updated Global Strategy for Plant Conservation for the period 2011-2020.

100. Accordingly, at its fifteenth meeting, SBSTTA considered ecosystem restoration and adopted recommendation XV/2. It also requested the Executive Secretary to carry out further activities in preparation for the consideration of this item by the Conference of the Parties. This complementary information is provided in a note by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/COP/11/21) to assist consideration of this item.

101. The Conference of Parties is expected to consider this item on the basis of:

(a) SBSTTA recommendation XV/2, on ways and means to support ecosystem restoration as annexed to the report of its fifteenth meeting (UNEP/CBD/COP/11/2); and

(b) The additional information provided in the note by the Executive Secretary prepared under this item (UNEP/CBD/COP/11/21).

## **ITEM 10. MARINE AND COASTAL BIODIVERSITY**

### ***10.1. Identification of ecologically and biologically significant marine and coastal areas***

102. In decision X/29, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to organize a series of regional workshops to facilitate the description of ecologically or biologically significant marine areas through application of scientific criteria in Annex I of decision IX/20 (paragraph 36) and requested the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice to prepare reports based on scientific and technical evaluation of information from the workshops, setting out details of areas that meet the criteria in annex I to decision IX/20 for consideration and endorsement in a transparent manner by the Conference of the Parties (paragraph 42), with a view to including the endorsed reports in the repository (paragraph 39) and to submit the reports to the United Nations General Assembly and particularly its Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group, as well as relevant international organizations, Parties and other Governments.

103. Pursuant to this request, workshops to facilitate the description of ecologically or biologically significant marine areas are being held for the following regions:

(a) The OSAPR/NEAFC region (8-9 September 2011, France);

(b) The Western South Pacific region (22-25 November 2011, Fiji);

- (c) The Greater Caribbean and Mid-Atlantic region (28 February - 2 March 2012, Brazil);
- and
- (d) The Mediterranean.

104. In decision X/29, the Conference of the Parties also requested the Executive Secretary, in cooperation with relevant organizations and partners to:

- (a) Establish a repository for scientific and technical information and experience related to the application of the scientific criteria on the identification of EBSAs, and to develop an information-sharing mechanism with similar initiatives (paragraph 39);
- (b) Prepare a capacity-building manual and modules for identifying EBSAs (paragraph 40);
- (c) Undertake a study to identify specific elements for integrating the traditional, scientific, technical and technological knowledge of indigenous and local communities, consistent with Article 8(j) of the Convention, and social and cultural criteria and other aspects for the application of scientific criteria for the identification of EBSAs (paragraph 47).

105. Under this agenda item, the Conference of the Parties is expected to:

- (a) Consider and endorse the reports on the description of ecologically or biologically significant marine areas on the basis of the relevant recommendation of the sixteenth meeting of SBSTTA (UNEP/CBD/COP/11/3).
- (b) Take note of the report of the Executive Secretary related to the repository for reports on the description of EBSAs, the capacity-building materials on the identification of EBSAs, and the study on traditional, scientific, technical and technological knowledge of indigenous and local communities (UNEP/CBD/COP/11/22), and to provide further guidance as appropriate.

#### ***10.2. Other matters related to marine and coastal biodiversity***

106. In decision X/29, the Conference of Parties requested the Executive Secretary to prepare:

- (a) A report on the progress made in the implementation of workplan on coral bleaching;
- (b) A scientific synthesis on impacts of underwater noise on marine and coastal biodiversity;
- (c) A report on the use and experiences of marine spatial planning;
- (d) Voluntary guidelines for applying environmental impact assessment and strategic environmental assessment in marine areas;
- (e) A report on addressing biodiversity concerns in existing marine assessments.

107. In the same decision, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to organize:

- (a) A series of joint expert review processes to monitor and assess the impacts of ocean acidification on marine and coastal biodiversity;
- (b) A joint expert meeting to review the extent to which biodiversity concerns, including the impacts on marine and coastal biodiversity of pelagic fisheries of lower trophic levels, are addressed in existing assessments and propose options to address biodiversity concerns;
- (c) An expert workshop on marine protected areas; and
- (d) An expert workshop on the role of marine biodiversity in climate-change adaptation and mitigation.

108. Under this agenda item, the Conference of the Parties is invited to consider progress on these matters, on the basis of the relevant recommendations of the sixteenth meeting of SBSTTA and additional information provided in the note by the Executive Secretary prepared under this item (UNEP/CBD/COP/11/22).

**ITEM 11. BIODIVERSITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE AND RELATED ISSUES**

***11.1. Advice on the application of relevant safeguards for biodiversity with regard 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***

109. In decision X/33, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with partners and Parties, to provide advice on biodiversity aspects of 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, for approval by the Conference of the Parties at its eleventh meeting, including on the application of relevant safeguards for biodiversity.

110. The Executive Secretary prepared a note (UNEP/CBD/COP/11/23), based on the results of four expert workshops held in Nairobi (20 to 23 September 2010); Singapore (15 to 18 March 2011); Quito, Ecuador (5 to 8 July 2011); and Cape Town, South Africa (20 to 23 September 2011), and which also reflects views submitted by Parties.

111. In decision X/33, the Conference of the Parties also requested the Executive Secretary, in consultation with Parties and in collaboration with the Collaborative Partnership on Forests, to identify possible indicators to assess the contribution of 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 to achieving the objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity, and to assess potential mechanisms to monitor impacts on biodiversity from these and other ecosystem-based approaches for climate change mitigation measures, and to report on progress to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at a meeting prior to the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

112. Under this agenda item, the Conference of the Parties is expected to:

(a) Consider and approve advice on the application of relevant safeguards for biodiversity with regard 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, on the basis of a note prepared by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/COP/11/23), taking into account any recommendations on the matter from SBSTTA as annexed to the report of its sixteenth meeting (UNEP/CBD/COP/11/3);

(b) Consider a recommendation from SBSTTA at its sixteenth meeting on possible indicators and potential mechanisms to monitor or assess impacts on biodiversity of measures to reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation.

***11.2 Studies on geo-engineering***

113. In decision X/33, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to prepare the following two reports for the consideration of SBSTTA at its sixteenth meeting:

(a) Compilation and synthesis of available scientific information, and views and experiences of indigenous and local communities and other stakeholders, on the possible impacts of geo-engineering techniques on biodiversity and associated social, economic and cultural considerations, and options on definitions and understandings of climate-related geo-engineering relevant to the Convention on Biological Diversity, and

(b) A study on gaps in existing regulatory mechanisms for climate-related geo-engineering relevant to the Convention on Biological Diversity.

114. Under this agenda item, the Conference of the Parties is invited to consider the relevant recommendations of SBSTTA as annexed to the report of its sixteenth meeting (UNEP/CBD/COP/11/3).

### ***11.3 Other matters related to biodiversity and climate change***

115. In decisions X/20, paragraph 6, and X/33, paragraph 13, the Conference of the Parties called for increased cooperation between the three Rio conventions and listed a series of actions to this end. In decision X/33, the Conference of the Parties *inter alia* requested the Executive Secretary to develop proposals on actions to address the obstacles listed in section IV of the compilation of views submitted by Parties on ways to integrate biodiversity considerations into climate change-related activities for the consideration of the SBSTTA. The same decision requested the Executive Secretary to develop proposals on options for addressing gaps in knowledge and information on the impact of climate change on biodiversity outlined in the report of the Second Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Biodiversity and Climate Change.

116. Under this agenda item, the Conference of the Parties is invited to consider the relevant recommendations of SBSTTA as annexed to the report of its sixteenth meeting (UNEP/CBD/COP/11/3).

## **ITEM 12. BIODIVERSITY AND DEVELOPMENT**

117. In decision X/6, the Conference of the Parties recognized the urgent need to improve capacity for mainstreaming the three objectives of the Convention into poverty eradication strategies and plans and development processes as a means to enhance the implementation of the Convention and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and enhance their contribution to sustainable development and well-being and decided to establish an Expert Group on Biodiversity for Poverty Eradication and Development mandated to further elucidate the linkages between the three objectives of the Convention and poverty eradication, and to identify the most effective approach toward a framework on capacity-development for mainstreaming biodiversity and ecosystem services for sustainable development and poverty eradication.

118. The Expert Group met in Dehradun, India, on 12 to 14 December 2011, with the financial support of Japan, Germany and France. The meeting was hosted by the Ministry of Environment of India at the Forest Research Institute of Dehradun. The report of the Expert Group will be submitted for the consideration of the Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention, at its fourth meeting.

119. Under this agenda item, the Conference of the Parties is invited to consider the recommendations of the Working Group on the Review of Implementation of the Convention as annexed to the report of its fourth meeting (UNEP/CBD/COP/11/4).

## **ITEM 13. OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES ARISING FROM THE TENTH MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES**

### ***13.1. Biodiversity of dry and sub-humid lands***

120. In decision X/35, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to collaborate with the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) to (i) explore, develop and implement joint actions to increase cooperation between the natural and social science communities to increase the integration of biodiversity and sustainable land management and ecological restoration considerations in disaster reduction and risk management, (ii) publish, subject to the availability of financial resources, a special CBD Technical Series report on the value of dry and sub-humid lands, (iii) develop guidance on the use of water and land-use management, including adapted agricultural practices and the control of soil erosion, and on identifying threats that have the greatest impacts on the biodiversity of dry and sub-humid lands, and (iv) identify common indicators between the ten-year strategic plan of the UNCCD and Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020.

121. In the same decision, the Conference of the Parties also requested the Executive Secretary to expand: (i) the existing CBD database of good practices and lessons learned with regard to linking biodiversity conservation and sustainable use to livelihoods in dry and sub-humid land, and (ii) the incentive-measures database to better include programmes in dry and sub-humid lands.

122. The Conference of the Parties further requested the Executive Secretary to identify: (i) in collaboration with FAO and the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, best practices to address conflicts between biodiversity conservation and sustainable use and pastoralism and agriculture in dry and sub-humid lands; and (ii) good-practice examples of the involvement of marginalized groups, defined based on national circumstances, in the implementation of the programme of work on the biodiversity of dry and sub-humid lands, especially nomadic pastoralists and transhumant indigenous peoples.

123. Under this agenda item, the Conference of the Parties is expected to consider a progress report on these matters prepared by Executive Secretary.

### ***13.2 Forest biodiversity***

124. In decision X/36, paragraph 5, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to identify and implement targeted joint activities between the Secretariats of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the United Nations Forum on Forests, including through:

(a) Further capacity-building on how forest biodiversity and climate change could be better addressed in national biodiversity and forest policies and in sustainable forest management practices;

(b) Further collaboration with the Global Partnership on Forest Landscape Restoration and other cooperation mechanisms on restoring forest ecosystems, paying particular attention to genetic diversity;

(c) Streamlining forest-related reporting, based on the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF) Task Force on Streamlining Forest-Related Reporting;

and to report on progress to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice.

125. Accordingly, in collaboration with the United Nations Forum on Forests Secretariat, the Executive Secretary is preparing a note on collaboration with the United Nations Forum on Forests for the consideration of SBSTTA at its sixteenth meeting.

126. Under this agenda item, the Conference of the Parties is invited to consider the relevant recommendations of SBSTTA as annexed to the report of its sixteenth meeting (UNEP/CBD/COP/11/3).

### ***13.3 Inland waters biodiversity***

127. In decision X/28, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to report to SBSTTA on: (i) an assessment of ways and means to address relevant inland water biodiversity needs in coastal areas (paragraph 16); (ii) the status of the River Basin Initiative (paragraph 20); (iii) the implications of changes in the water cycle, and freshwater resources, where relevant and feasible, in the implementation of all thematic and cross-cutting programmes of work (paragraph 38); and (iv) progress with the expert group to provide key policy relevant messages on maintaining the ability of biodiversity to continue to support the water cycle (paragraph 39). The fifteenth meeting of SBSTTA considered these subjects and prepared recommendation XV/5. This recommendation also included requests for further joint work with the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands.

128. Under this agenda item, the Conference of the Parties is invited to consider SBSTTA recommendation XV/5, on the biological diversity of inland water ecosystems as annexed to the report of its fifteenth meeting (UNEP/CBD/COP/11/2).

### ***13.4 Protected areas***

129. While considering the ways and means to strengthen the implementation of the programme of work on protected areas (PoWPA), in decision X/31, paragraph 3 the Conference of the Parties invited Parties to foster the formation of regional initiatives and formulate regional action plans, through regional technical support networks, to coordinate funding, technical support, exchange of experiences and capacity building for implementing the PoWPA. In paragraph 7 of the same decision, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to continue to hold regional and sub-regional

capacity-building workshops to strengthen implementation of PoWPA. In paragraph 1 (b) of decision X/31, the Conference of the Parties invited Parties to develop a long-term action plan or update existing plans for the implementation of PoWPA including detailing listing of activities, timelines, budgets and responsibilities with a view to contributing to the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity and requested the Executive Secretary to report on the status of such plans at its eleventh meeting.

130. Accordingly, the Executive Secretary organized a series of subregional capacity-building workshops including organization of on line course rooms using the e-learning modules developed for developing/ revising action plans for implementing PoWPA and for achieving target 11 of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020

131. The Conference of Parties may wish to note the outcome of capacity-building efforts and suggest further ways and means to strengthen implementation of PoWPA for achieving target 11 and other related targets on the basis of the recommendations contained in document UNEP/CBD/COP/11/1/Add.2.

### ***13.5. Agricultural biodiversity***

132. In decision X/34, the Conference of the Parties, noted with appreciation the cooperation between the Executive Secretary and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), including its Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture and called for the development of a second phase of the joint work programme focusing on refinements required as a result of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, and also considering a number of other issues specified in paragraph 5 of the decision.

133. Specifically, in paragraph 20 of that decision, the Conference of Parties recognized the importance of agro-ecosystems, in particular rice-paddy and oasis systems, for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, and invited FAO in consultation with the Executive Secretary and relevant partners, including indigenous and local communities, to undertake further studies on the valuation of the biodiversity and ecosystem services provided by agricultural ecosystems, consistent and in harmony with the Convention and other relevant international obligations, in order to further support policy-relevant guidance to Parties for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its eleventh meeting.

134. Under this agenda item, the Conference of the Parties may wish to consider a progress report on these matters prepared by the Executive Secretary and FAO.

### ***13.6. Sustainable use of biodiversity***

135. In decision X/32, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to develop, through the Liaison Group on Bushmeat, options for small-scale food and income alternatives in tropical and sub tropical countries, and to produce a revised version of the recommendations of the Liaison Group on Bushmeat. In the same decision, the Executive Secretary was requested to compile information on how to improve sustainable use of biodiversity in a landscape perspective. The Executive Secretary was requested to report on both items to a meeting of SBSTTA prior to the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

136. The revised recommendations on bushmeat were developed at a joint meeting of the CBD Liaison Group on Bushmeat with the Central Africa Bushmeat Working Group of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), held in Nairobi from 7 to 11 June 2011 (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/15/12) and are contained in SBSTTA recommendation XV/6 annexed to the report of its fifteenth meeting (UNEP/CBD/COP/11/2).

### ***13.7 Global Strategy for Plant Conservation***

137. In decision X/17 the Conference of the Parties adopted the updated Global Strategy for Plant Conservation (GSPC) 2011-2020 and invited Parties and other Governments to develop or update national and, regional targets as appropriate, and, where appropriate, to incorporate them into relevant plans, programmes and initiatives, including national biodiversity strategies and action plans, and to align the further implementation of the Strategy with national and/or regional efforts to implement the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020.

138. In the same decision the Conference of the Parties, *inter alia*:

(a) Called for the further development of the technical rationales, milestones and indicators for the updated Strategy, consistent with the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020;

(b) Requested the development, by 2012, of an online version of the toolkit for the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation in all United Nations official languages; and

(c) Requested the organization of regional capacity-building and training workshops on national, subregional and regional implementation of the Strategy.

139. In response to this decision, the Executive Secretary, *inter alia*:

(a) Convened the fourth meeting of the Liaison Group for the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation;

(b) Further developed, in collaboration with the Global Partnership for Plant Conservation, the technical rationales, milestones and indicators for the updated Strategy;

(c) Commissioned Botanic Gardens Conservation International, in collaboration with the Global Partnership for Plant Conservation, to prepare an online version of the toolkit to support implementation of the Strategy.

140. Under this agenda item, the Conference of the Parties will invited to consider the relevant recommendations of SBSTTA as annexed to the report of its sixteenth meeting (UNEP/CBD/COP/11/3).

### **13.8 Biofuels and biodiversity**

141. In paragraphs 11-14 of decision X/37, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to report to SBSTTA regarding: (i) information on tools for voluntary use, including on available standards and methodologies to assess direct and indirect effects and impacts on biodiversity of the production and use of biofuels, in their full life cycle as compared to that of other types of fuels, and impacts on biodiversity that affect related socio-economic conditions; (ii) compilation of information on gaps in available standards; and (iii) contributions to and assist with the ongoing work of relevant partner organizations and processes.

142. Under this agenda item, the Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider the relevant recommendations of SBSTTA as annexed to the report of its sixteenth meeting (UNEP/CBD/COP/11/3).

### **13.9 Invasive alien species**

143. In its decision X/38 A, the Conference of the Parties established an ad hoc technical expert group (AHTEG) to suggest ways and means, including, *inter alia*, providing scientific and technical information, advice and guidance, on the possible development of standards by relevant international bodies to avoid the spread, prevent the impacts, and minimize the risks associated with the introduction of alien invasive species. In decision X/38 B, the Conference of the Parties urged Parties and other Governments to formally address the issues of invasive alien species through their national delegations to the relevant organizations noted in decision IX/4 A, in order to facilitate the process of addressing gaps and inconsistencies in the international regulatory framework for invasive alien species.

144. In accordance with decision X/38 A, the Executive Secretary convened an AHTEG on 16-18 February 2011 in Geneva, Switzerland, and collected information on the progress of Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to address gaps and inconsistencies in the international regulatory framework and reported this information to the fifteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA).

145. At its fifteenth meeting, based on a note by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/15/6), SBSTTA considered proposals on ways and means to address gaps in international standards regarding invasive alien species introduced as pets, aquarium and terrarium species, as live bait and live food, and adopted recommendation XV/4. This recommendation also addressed other gaps and inconsistencies in the international regulatory framework for invasive alien species, and made some considerations for



future work to achieve Aichi Biodiversity Target 9. Accordingly, under this item, the Conference of the Parties is invited to consider SBSTTA recommendation XV/4 as annexed to the report of its fifteenth meeting (UNEP/CBD/COP/11/2).

### ***13.10 Global Taxonomy Initiative***

146. In paragraph 16 of decision X/39, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary, in consultation with Coordination Mechanism for the Global Taxonomy Initiative, national focal points for the Initiative and relevant institutions, bodies and organizations, to develop a comprehensive capacity-building strategy for the Global Taxonomy Initiative at global and regional levels that addresses the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020. The Executive Secretary was also requested to develop a standard format for taxonomic needs and capacity assessments for use by Parties.

147. At its fifteenth meeting, SBSTTA reviewed the draft Comprehensive Capacity-Building Strategy for the Global Taxonomy Initiative provided by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/15/5), and prepared recommendation XV/3. SBSTTA requested further work on the draft strategy and decided to consider it again at its next meeting.

148. Under this item, the Conference of the Parties is invited to consider SBSTTA recommendation XV/3 as annexed to the report of its fifteenth meeting (UNEP/CBD/COP/11/2) and the relevant recommendation of the sixteenth meeting of SBSTTA as annexed to the report of its sixteenth meeting (UNEP/CBD/COP/11/3).

### ***13.11 Incentive measures***

149. In paragraph 15 of decision X/44, on incentive measures, the Conference of the Parties invited Parties, other Governments, and relevant international organizations and initiatives to report to the Executive Secretary progress made, difficulties encountered, and lessons learned, in implementing the work spelled out in this decision, pertaining to the removal or mitigation of perverse incentives, the promotion of *positive* incentive measures, and the assessment of the values of biodiversity and ecosystem services. In paragraph 16 of the same decision, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to synthesize and analyse the information submitted, and prepare a progress report for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice prior to the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

150. Under this agenda sub-item, the Conference of the Parties may wish consider the relevant recommendation of SBSTTA as annexed to the report of its sixteenth meeting (UNEP/CBD/COP/11/3).

## **ITEM 14. ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY MATTERS**

### ***14.1. Report of the Executive Secretary on the administration of the Convention and the budget for the trust funds of the Convention***

151. The report of the Executive Secretary on the administration of the Convention and the budget for the trust funds of the Convention (UNEP/CBD/COP/11/9) will be before the Conference of the Parties for its consideration. The Conference of the Parties is invited to take note of the report and to take up the information contained therein in its consideration of agenda item 14.2 on the budget for the programme of work for the biennium 2013-2014.

### ***14.2. Administration of the Convention and budget for the trust funds of the Convention for the biennium 2013-2014***

152. Under this item, the Conference of the Parties is invited to adopt a programme budget for the biennium 2013-2014 to meet the core administrative costs of the Conference of the Parties, SBSTTA, the meetings of other subsidiary bodies and the Secretariat on the basis of a proposed budget prepared by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/COP/11/10).

153. As requested in decision X/45, paragraph 24, the proposal contains three alternatives for the core programme budget based on:

- (a) Making an assessment of the required rate of growth for the core programme budget (BY Trust Fund);
- (b) Increasing the core programme budget (BY Trust Fund) from the 2011-2012 level by 7.5 percent in nominal terms;
- (c) Maintaining the core programme budget (BY Trust Fund) at the 2011-2012 level in nominal terms.

154. As in the past, the levels of contributions to the budget by individual Parties, which are annexed to the document, have been based on the United Nations scale of assessments for the apportionment of expenses. Detailed information on activities and resource needs by programme and sub-programme are explained in the note by the Executive Secretary on detailed sub-programme activities and resources required (UNEP/CBD/COP/11/10/Add.1), while tables indicating the status of the trust funds under the Convention, the financial statements for 2010 and the scale of contributions for the biennium 2011-2012 are being circulated as an information document.

155. The Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety provides that, “to the extent that they are distinct; the costs of the Secretariat services for the Protocol shall be met by the Parties hereto”. Therefore, there is a need to identify those Secretariat costs that are distinct to the Protocol and those that are common to the Convention and the Protocol. Given that the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol will immediately precede the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, the latter will be informed of the budget adopted for the Protocol for the next biennium as distinct costs.

156. The Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization to the Convention on Biological Diversity has a similar provision (Article 28, paragraph 3). Hence, should the Nagoya Protocol enter into force before the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties, there will be a need to identify those costs that are distinct to the Protocol and those that are common to the Convention and the Protocol. However, should the Nagoya Protocol not be in force during the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the financial costs of the interim mechanisms will continue to be borne by the Trust Fund for the Convention on Biological Diversity (BY) in accordance with decision X/1, paragraph 21.

157. Consistent with past practice, it is suggested that a budget contact group be established to prepare a budget, which will be submitted to plenary for adoption. The budget contact group will be invited to present its findings to the plenary midway through the meeting.

## **ITEM 15. FINAL MATTERS**

### ***15.1. Date and venue of the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties***

158. In accordance with paragraph 2 of rule 4 of its rules of procedure, the Conference of the Parties is to decide on the date and duration of its next ordinary meeting.

159. At its fifth meeting, the Conference decided to amend rule 4 of its rules of procedure so that ordinary meetings of the Conference of the Parties shall be held every two years.

160. Rule 3 of the rules of procedure provides that meetings of the Conference of the Parties shall take place at the seat of the Secretariat, unless the Conference of the Parties decides otherwise or other appropriate arrangements are made by the Secretariat in consultation with the Parties.

161. Under this item, a decision regarding the date and venue of the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties will be required.

### ***15.2. Other matters***

162. The Conference of the Parties may wish to consider other matters raised and accepted for discussion in accordance with rule 12 of the rules of procedure and paragraph 7 of decision IV/16.

### ***15.3 Adoption of the report***

163. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider and adopt the report on the work of its eleventh meeting on the basis of the draft report prepared by the Rapporteur and the reports of the two working groups. It may also wish to annex to its report the outcomes of the high-level segment of the meeting and other events organized in conjunction with its meeting. In accordance with established practice, the Conference of the Parties is invited to authorize the Rapporteur to complete the final report after the meeting with the guidance of the President and assistance of the Secretariat.

### ***15.4 Closure of the meeting***

164. It is expected that the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties will be closed on Friday, 19 October 2012 at approximately 6 p.m.

*Annex I*

**PROVISIONAL LIST OF DOCUMENTS FOR THE ELEVENTH MEETING OF  
THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON  
BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY**

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Working title</i>
UNEP/CBD/COP/11/1	Provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/COP/11/1/Add.1	Annotations to the provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/COP/11/1/Add.2	Draft decisions of the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties
UNEP/CBD/COP/11/2	Report of the fifteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice
UNEP/CBD/COP/11/3	Report of the sixteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice
UNEP/CBD/COP/11/4	Report of the fourth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention
UNEP/CBD/COP/11/5	Report of the first meeting of the Open-ended Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Committee for the Nagoya Protocol on ABS (ICNP 1)
UNEP/CBD/COP/11/6	Report of the second meeting of the Open-ended Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Committee for the Nagoya Protocol on ABS (ICNP-2)
UNEP/CBD/COP/11/7	Report of the seventh meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions
UNEP/CBD/COP/11/8	Report of the Global Environment Facility
UNEP/CBD/COP/11/9	Report of the Executive Secretary on the administration of the Convention and the budget for the trust funds of the Convention
UNEP/CBD/COP/11/10	Proposed budget for the programme of work of the Convention on Biological Diversity for the biennium 2013-2014
UNEP/CBD/COP/11/10/Add.1	Proposed budget for the programme of work of the Convention on Biological Diversity for the biennium 2013-2014: programme and sub-programme activities and resources required
UNEP/CBD/COP/11/11	Progress report on the Nagoya Protocol and related matters

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Working title</i>
UNEP/CBD/COP/11/12	Review of progress in implementation including the establishment of national targets and the updating of national strategies and action plans
UNEP/CBD/COP/11/13	Review of progress in providing capacity-building support to Parties in the context of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and Aichi Biodiversity Targets
UNEP/CBD/COP/11/14	Review of implementation of the Strategy for Resource Mobilization, including the establishment of targets
UNEP/CBD/COP/11/15	Needs assessment for the sixth GEF replenishment cycle, four-year framework and review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism
UNEP/CBD/COP/11/16	United Nations Decade on Biodiversity, and assessment of the results of the International Year of Biodiversity
UNEP/CBD/COP/11/17	Cooperation with other conventions, international organizations and initiatives
UNEP/CBD/COP/11/18	Engagement of stakeholders, major groups and subnational authorities
UNEP/CBD/COP/11/19	Consideration of the need to strengthen the existing mechanisms of the Convention and the need for and possible development of additional mechanisms
UNEP/CBD/COP/11/20	Retirement of decisions
UNEP/CBD/COP/11/21	Ecosystem restoration
UNEP/CBD/COP/11/22	Marine and coastal biodiversity
UNEP/CBD/COP/11/23	Biodiversity and climate change and related issues

*Annex II*

**PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK AT THE ELEVENTH MEETING OF THE  
CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY**

	<b>PLENARY</b>	<b>WORKING GROUP I</b>	<b>WORKING GROUP II</b>
<p><i>Monday, 8 October</i> 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.</p>	<p>1.1 Opening of the meeting 1.2 Election of officers 1.3 Adoption of the agenda 1.4 Organization of work 1.5 Report on the credentials of representatives to the meeting 1.6 Pending issues 1.7 Reports of inter-sessional and regional preparatory meetings 14.1. Report of the Executive Secretary on the administration of the Convention and the budget for the trust funds of the Convention</p>		
<p>3 p.m. – 6 p.m.</p>		<p>8. Review of the programme of work on island biodiversity</p>	<p>2. Status of the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from Their Utilization</p>

	<b>PLENARY</b>	<b>WORKING GROUP I</b>	<b>WORKING GROUP II</b>
<i>Tuesday, 9 October</i> 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.		9. Ecosystem restoration	3. Implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and progress towards the Aichi Biodiversity Targets:  3.1. Progress in implementation of the Strategic Plan for 2011-2020 including the establishment of national targets and updating of national biodiversity strategies and action plans  3.2. Progress in providing capacity-building support to Parties, promoting CEPA, and strengthening the clearing-house mechanism and technology transfer and cooperation
3 p.m. – 6 p.m.		10. Marine and coastal biodiversity  10.1 Identification of ecologically and biologically significant marine and coastal areas  10.2 Other matters related to marine and coastal biodiversity	3.2 <i>Continued</i>  3.3 Further development of tools and guidance for monitoring implementation, including indicators

	<b>PLENARY</b>	<b>WORKING GROUP I</b>	<b>WORKING GROUP II</b>
<i>Wednesday, 10 October</i> 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.		11. Biodiversity and climate change: 11.1 Joint activities among the Rio conventions 11.2 Advice on REDD+ 11.3 Studies on geo-engineering 11.4 Other matters related to climate change	4. Financial resources and financial mechanism: 4.1. Strategy for resource mobilization, including the establishment of targets 4.2 Report of the Global Environment Facility 4.3. Guidance to the financial mechanism: four-year framework of programme priorities and review of effectiveness.
3 p.m. – 6 p.m.		13. Other substantive issues arising from decisions of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties 13.1 Biodiversity of dry and sub-humid lands 13.2. Forest biodiversity 13.3 Inland waters biodiversity	4.4 Needs assessment for the sixth GEF replenishment cycle 5. Cooperation, outreach and the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity: 5.1 United Nations Decade on Biodiversity 5.2 Cooperation with international organizations, other conventions and initiatives
<i>Thursday, 11 October</i> 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.		13.4 Protected areas 13.5. Agricultural biodiversity 13.7 Sustainable use of biodiversity	5.3 Business and biodiversity 5.4 Engagement of stakeholders, major groups and subnational authorities
3 p.m. – 6 p.m.		13.7 Global Strategy for Plant Conservation 13.8 Biofuels and biodiversity	6. Operations of the Convention: 6.1 Periodicity of meetings 6.2 Consideration of the need to strengthen existing mechanisms of the Convention and need for additional mechanisms 6.3 Retirement of decisions
<i>Friday, 12 October</i> 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.		13.9 Invasive alien species 13.10 Global Taxonomy Initiative	7. Article 8(j) and related provisions.



	<b>PLENARY</b>	<b>WORKING GROUP I</b>	<b>WORKING GROUP II</b>
3 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Review of progress in Working Groups and the budget contact group (followed by Working Groups)	<i>Following plenary meeting:</i> 13.11 Incentive measures	<i>Following plenary meeting:</i> 12. Biodiversity and development
<i>Monday, 15 October</i> 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.		(Matters outstanding)	(Matters outstanding)
3 p.m. – 6 p.m.		(Matters outstanding)	(Matters outstanding)
<i>Tuesday, 16 October</i> 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.		(Matters outstanding)	(Matters outstanding)
3 p.m. – 6 p.m.		(Matters outstanding)	(Matters outstanding)
<i>Wednesday, 17 October</i> 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.		(Matters outstanding)	(Matters outstanding)
3 p.m. – 6 p.m.		(Matters outstanding)	(Matters outstanding)
<i>Thursday, 18 October</i> 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.		(Matters outstanding)	(Matters outstanding)
3 p.m. – 6 p.m.		(Matters outstanding)	(Matters outstanding)
<i>Friday, 19 October</i> 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	<i>(no meetings scheduled)</i>	<i>(no meetings scheduled)</i>	<i>(no meetings scheduled)</i>

	<b>PLENARY</b>	<b>WORKING GROUP I</b>	<b>WORKING GROUP II</b>
3 p.m. – 6 p.m.	<p>14.2. Administration of the Convention and budget for the programme of work of the Convention for the biennium 2013-2014</p> <p>Consideration of draft decisions</p> <p>15. Final matters:</p> <p>15.1. Date and venue of the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.</p> <p>15.2. Other matters.</p> <p>15.3. Adoption of the report.</p> <p>15.4. Closure of the meeting.</p>		

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