

**;DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE FIRST MEETING OF THE  
CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES**

The Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity at its first meeting decided:

***Decision I/1 Rules of procedure for the Conference of the Parties***

The Conference of the Parties

*Decides* to adopt the rules of procedures of the Conference contained in the annex\* to this decision, with the exception of paragraph 1 of rule 40.

\* The rules of procedure are contained in annex III to the present report.

## *Decision I/2 Financial resources and mechanism*

### The Conference of the Parties

1. *Decides* to adopt the policy, strategy, programme priorities and eligibility criteria for access to and utilization of financial resources contained in annex I to this decision, and the list of developed country Parties and other Parties which voluntarily assume the obligations of developed country Parties contained in annex II to this decision;

2. *Decides* also that the restructured Global Environment Facility (GEF) shall continue to serve as the institutional structure to operate the financial mechanism under the Convention on an interim basis, in accordance with Article 39 of the Convention;

3. *Decides* to instruct the restructured Global Environment Facility to take prompt measures to support programmes, projects and activities consistent with the policy, strategy, programme priorities and eligibility criteria for access to and utilization of financial resources contained in annex I to this decision;

4. *Authorizes* the Secretariat, on behalf of the Conference of the Parties (COP) and taking account of the views of participants in the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties, which should be provided in writing by 1 February 1995, to consult with the restructured Global Environment Facility on the content of a memorandum of understanding which should be formally considered at the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties;

5. *Decides*, pending the adoption of the memorandum of understanding, to adopt the interim guidelines for monitoring and evaluation of the utilization of financial resources by the restructured Global Environment Facility contained in annex III to this decision;

6. *Requests* the Secretariat to present to the Conference of the Parties at its second meeting, a report on the financial mechanism, in order that decisions can be adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its second meeting, on the timetable and nature of the review required in Article 21, paragraph 3 of the Convention;

7. *Requests* also the Secretariat to present to the Conference of the Parties at its second meeting, a study on the availability of financial resources additional to those provided through the restructured Global Environment Facility, and on the ways and means for mobilizing and channeling these resources in support of the objectives of the Convention, taking into account the views expressed by participants on the subject at the Conference of the Parties at its first meeting;

8. *Further requests* the Secretariat to include items on the agenda of the Conference of the Parties at its second meeting, which would enable the latter to review the financial resources and, bearing in mind Article 39 of the Convention, to take a decision at that meeting on which institutional structure shall be designated in accordance with Article 21 of the Convention.

## Annex I

### **POLICY, STRATEGY, PROGRAMME PRIORITIES AND ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR ACCESS TO AND UTILIZATION OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES**

#### **I. Policy and Strategy**

Financial resources should be allocated to projects that fulfil the eligibility criteria and are endorsed and promoted by the Parties concerned. Projects should contribute to the extent possible to build cooperation at the sub-regional, regional and international levels in the implementation of the Convention. Projects should promote utilization of local and regional expertise. The institutional structure should over time assist all eligible countries to fulfil their obligations under the Convention. Policy and strategy may be revised, as necessary, by the Conference of the Parties.

#### **II. Eligibility Criteria**

Only developing countries that are Parties to the Convention are eligible to receive funding upon the entry into force of the Convention for them. In accordance with the provisions of the Convention, projects that seek to meet the objectives of conservation of biological diversity and sustainable use of its components are eligible for financial support from the institutional structure.

#### **III. Programme Priorities**

1. The conservation of biological diversity and sustainable use of its components is one of the key elements in achieving sustainable development and therefore contribute to combating poverty.
2. All the actions contemplated in the Convention will have to be carried out at the national and international level, as appropriate. However, for the purpose of giving direction to the interim structure operating the financial mechanism, a list of programme priorities is given in paragraph 4 below. The list may be revised by the Conference of the Parties, as necessary.
3. Programme priorities should promote utilization of regional and local expertise and be flexible to accommodate national priorities and regional needs within the aims of the Convention.
4. The programme priorities are as follows:
  - (a) Projects and programmes that have national priority status and that fulfil the obligations of the Convention;
  - (b) Development of integrated national strategies, plans or programmes for the conservation of biological diversity and sustainable use of its components in accordance with article 6 of the Convention;
  - (c) Strengthening conservation, management and sustainable use of ecosystems and habitats identified by national Governments in accordance with article 7 of the Convention;
  - (d) Identification and monitoring of wild and domesticated biodiversity components, in particular those under threat, and implementation of measures for their conservation and sustainable use;
  - (e) Capacity-building, including human resources development and institutional development and/or strengthening, to facilitate the preparation and/or implementation of national strategies, plans for priority programmes and activities for conservation of biological diversity and sustainable use of its components;

(f) In accordance with Article 16 of the Convention, and to meet the objectives of conservation of biological diversity and sustainable use of its components, projects which promote access to, transfer of and cooperation for joint development of technology;

(g) Projects that promote the sustainability of project benefits; that offer a potential contribution to experience in the conservation of biological diversity and sustainable use of its components which may have application elsewhere; and that encourage scientific excellence;

(h) Activities that provide access to other international, national and/or private sector funds and scientific and technical cooperation;

(i) Innovative measures, including in the field of economic incentives, aiming at conservation of biological diversity and/or sustainable use of its components, including those which assist developing countries to address situations where opportunity costs are incurred by local communities and to identify ways and means by which these can be compensated, in accordance with article 11 of the Convention;

(j) Projects that strengthen the involvement of local and indigenous people in the conservation of biological diversity and sustainable use of its components;

(k) Projects that promote the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity of coastal and marine resources under threat. Also, projects which promote the conservation of biological diversity and sustainable use of its components in other environmentally vulnerable areas such as arid and semi-arid and mountainous areas;

(l) Projects that promote the conservation and/or sustainable use of endemic species;

(m) Projects aimed at the conservation of biological diversity and sustainable use of its components which integrate social dimensions including those related to poverty.

## Annex II

### **LIST OF DEVELOPED COUNTRY PARTIES AND OTHER PARTIES WHICH VOLUNTARILY ASSUME THE OBLIGATIONS OF DEVELOPED COUNTRY PARTIES**

#### **A. List of developed country Parties**

Australia	Luxembourg
Austria	Monaco
Canada	Netherlands
Denmark	New Zealand
Finland	Norway
France	Portugal
Germany	Spain
Greece	Sweden
Iceland	Switzerland
Italy	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Japan	

#### **B. List of Parties which voluntarily assume the obligations of developed country Parties**

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## Annex III

### **INTERIM GUIDELINES FOR MONITORING AND EVALUATION OF UTILIZATION OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES BY THE RESTRUCTURED GEF**

1. The Conference of the Parties (COP) to the Convention on Biological Diversity decides to instruct the restructured GEF to prepare and submit through the Convention Secretariat an annual report on its operations in support of the Convention.
2. The report should include specific information on how it has applied the guidance and decisions of the COP in its work related to the Convention. This report should be of a substantive nature and incorporate the programme of future activities of the restructured GEF in the areas covered by the Convention and an analysis of how the restructured GEF, in its operations, implemented the policy, strategy, programme priorities and eligibility criteria related to the Convention which have been adopted by the COP.
3. In particular, the report should provide information on the following:
  - (a) A synthesis of the different projects under implementation;
  - (b) A list of project proposals submitted by eligible Parties, for funding, reporting on their approval status;
  - (c) A review of the project activities approved by the restructured GEF and their outcomes, including information on funding and progress in implementation.
4. In order to meet the requirements of accountability to the COP, reports submitted by the restructured GEF should cover all its activities carried out in implementing the Convention, whether decisions on such

activities are made by the GEF Council or by the implementing agencies. To this end, it shall make arrangements with such bodies as might be necessary regarding disclosure of information.

***Decision I/3 Clearing-house mechanism for technical  
and scientific cooperation***

The Conference of the Parties

1. *Decides* to implement the provisions of Article 18, paragraph 3, of the Convention on the establishment of a clearing-house mechanism to promote and facilitate technical and scientific cooperation, operating under the authority of the Conference of the Parties;
2. *Decides* also that the activities of the clearing-house mechanism to promote and facilitate technical and scientific cooperation should be funded from the regular budget of the Secretariat as well as from voluntary contributions, subject to decisions to be taken by the Conference of the Parties at its second meeting, in the light of the study referred to in paragraph 3 of the present decision;
3. *Requests* the Secretariat to prepare, and report back to the Conference of the Parties at its second meeting on, a comprehensive study, according to Article 18 of the Convention, containing concrete costed recommendations to assist the Conference of the Parties in the establishment of the clearing-house mechanism to promote and facilitate technical and scientific cooperation, taking fully into account the views expressed at its first meeting and submitted to the Secretariat in writing before the end of February 1995, as well as the need to draw on all relevant existing institutional structures;
4. *Decides* also to include an item on this issue on the agenda of the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

***Decision I/4 Selection of a competent international organization  
to carry out the functions of the Secretariat  
of the Convention***

The Conference of the Parties

1. *Designates* the United Nations Environment Programme to carry out the functions of the Secretariat of the Convention while ensuring its autonomy to discharge the functions referred to in Article 24;
2. *Decides* that the functions of the Secretariat shall be carried out by the Secretariat that was provided for under Article 40 of the Convention, until such time as the staff of the Secretariat have been appointed;
3. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme to select the Executive Secretary of the Secretariat for the Convention in consultation with the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties.



*Decision I/5 Support to the Secretariat by international organizations*

The Conference of the Parties

1. *Welcomes* the willingness demonstrated by international organizations to support and cooperate with the Secretariat for the effective discharge of its functions, and in particular the concrete offers made by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, including by secondment of staff;
2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to coordinate with those organizations with a view to entering into such administrative and contractual arrangements as may be required to make effective those offers, as provided for in Article 24.1 (d) of the Convention;
3. *Invites* other competent organizations which wish to do so to make further proposals to the Secretariat in this regard;
4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to contact the Secretariats of conventions dealing with matters covered by this Convention with a view to establishing appropriate forms of cooperation between this Convention and those conventions and report to the Conference of the Parties on this issue, as provided for in Article 23.4 (h) of the Convention.

## *Decision I/6 Financing of and budget for the Convention*

### **Part I**

#### The Conference of the Parties

1. *Adopts* the Financial Rules for the Administration of the Trust Fund for the Convention on Biological Diversity, which are attached as annex I to this decision, to apply in conjunction with the general procedures governing the operations of the Fund of the United Nations Environment Programme and the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations;
2. *Designates* the United Nations Environment Programme as the Trustee of the Trust Fund for the Convention on Biological Diversity;
3. *Decides* that the Trust Fund shall be established for an initial period of two years, beginning on 1 January 1995 and ending on 31 December 1996;
4. *Adopts* the budget for 1995, which is attached as annex II to this decision;
5. *Urges* all the Parties to pay promptly their contributions to the Trust Fund, based on the scale set forth in the appendix to the budget;
6. *Requests* the Parties and States not Parties to the Convention, as well as governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and other sources, to contribute to the Trust Fund;
7. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme to ensure, by advances, that the 1995 budget of the Convention is financed until such time as sufficient contributions have been paid in 1995 to allow for the functioning of the Secretariat;
8. *Takes note* of the indicative budget for 1996, also attached as annex II to this decision, and directs the Secretariat to prepare an indicative budget that would provide for implementing the remainder of the medium-term programme of work;
9. *Directs* the Secretariat to consider carefully all offers of support from other organizations and to cooperate with them with a view to making the most effective use of the competencies and resources available.

### **Part II**

#### The Conference of the Parties

1. *Adopts* for 1995 the scale for contributions contained in the Appendix to the budget (annex II), based on the United Nations scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations adjusted to provide that no one contribution shall exceed 25 per cent of the total and that no contribution from a least developed country Party shall exceed 0.01 per cent of the total. The contribution referred to in paragraph 3 (a) of the Financial Rules shall be due 1 January 1995;
2. *Being aware* that a comprehensive review of all aspects of scale methodology is to be presented to the General Assembly of the United Nations at its fiftieth session, requests the Secretariat to make it available, as well as information related to scale methodology in other international organizations and information provided by Governments to assist the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties in its consideration of this matter;
3. *Decides* to transfer to the next meeting of the Conference of the Parties, for further consideration, paragraph 4 of the Financial Rules contained in annex I of the present decision;

4. *Also decides* to transmit paragraph 16 of the Financial Rules to the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties for further consideration;

5. *Decides* that at its second meeting it will agree upon and adopt a Financial Rule governing the determination of the scale, taking account of paragraphs 2 and 3 above, and a Financial Rule governing decision-making under the Financial Rules, taking into account paragraph 4 above.

## Annex I

### **FINANCIAL RULES FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE TRUST FUND FOR THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY**

1. The Conference of the Parties to the Convention shall designate an organization (hereinafter referred to as the Trustee) which shall establish and manage the Trust Fund for the Convention on Biological Diversity (hereinafter referred to as the Trust Fund) in accordance with these rules.
2. The Trust Fund shall be used for funding the administration of the Convention including the functions of the Secretariat.
3. The Trust Fund shall be financed from:
  - (a) Contributions made by Parties to the Convention based on the scale set forth in the Appendix to the budget;
  - (b) Additional contributions made by such Parties;
  - (c) Contributions from States not Parties to the Convention, as well as governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, and other sources.
4. It is for the Conference of the Parties to determine the scale referred to in paragraph 3 (a) above. The scale is to be based on the United Nations scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [adjusted to provide that no one contribution shall exceed 25 per cent of the total, [and] no contributions shall be required when the United Nations scale provides for a contribution of less than 0.1 per cent], [and no developing country Party shall be required to pay more than any developed country Party]. The contributions referred to in paragraph 3 (a) shall be due on 1 January of each calendar year.
5. All contributions shall be paid in United States dollars or its equivalent in a convertible currency and into a bank account to be specified by the Trustee. In conversion of currencies into United States dollars, the United Nations operational rate of exchange shall be used.
6. Accounting records shall be kept in such currency or currencies as the Trustee deems necessary.
7. (a) Budget proposals expressed in United States dollars covering the expenditure and income from contributions referred to in paragraph 3 (a) above shall be prepared by the head of the Secretariat (hereinafter referred to as the Executive Secretary) for periods of two calendar years at the minimum. At least 90 days before the date fixed for the opening of each ordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties, these budget proposals shall be dispatched by the Executive Secretary to all Parties to the Convention.
  - (b) The budget shall, in accordance with Rule 16, be approved by the Conference of the Parties and, if necessary, be revised at an ordinary or extraordinary meeting of the Parties.
8. Contributions referred to in paragraphs 3 (b) and (c) shall be used in accordance with any terms and conditions agreed between the Executive Secretary and the respective contributor. At each ordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the Executive Secretary shall present a report on contributions received and expected as well as their sources, amounts, purposes and conditions.
9. The Executive Secretary may commit resources against the Trust Fund only if such commitments are covered by contributions already received. In the event that the Trustee anticipates that there might be a shortfall in resources over the financial period as a whole, it shall notify the Executive Secretary, who shall adjust the budget so that expenditures are at all times fully covered by contributions received.

10. The Trustee, on the advice of the Executive Secretary, may make transfers from one budget line to another within the budget in accordance with the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations.

11. Contributions referred to in paragraph 3 (a) above from States and regional economic integration organizations that become Parties to the Convention after the beginning of a financial period shall be made pro rata temporis for the balance of that financial period. Consequent adjustments shall be made at the end of each financial period for other Parties.

12. Contributions not immediately required for the purposes of the Trust Fund shall be invested and any interest so earned shall be credited to the Trust Fund.

13. It is for the Conference of the Parties and the Trustee to agree on an administrative support charge to be paid to the Trustee.

14. At the end of each calendar year, the Trustee shall transfer any balance to the following calendar year and submit to the Conference of the Parties, through the Executive Secretary, the certified and audited accounts for that year as soon as practicable. The Trust Fund shall be subjected to the internal and external auditing procedure of the United Nations as laid down in its Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations.

15. In the event that the Conference of the Parties decides to terminate the Trust Fund, a notification to that effect shall be presented to the Trustee at least six months before the date of termination selected by the Conference of the Parties. The Conference of the Parties shall decide, in consultation with the Trustee, on the distribution of any unspent balance after all liquidation expenses have been met.

[16A. The Parties shall reach agreement by consensus on:

(a) The scale and any subsequent revision to it;

(b) The budget.]

[16B. The Parties shall make every effort to reach agreement on the budget by consensus. If all efforts to reach consensus on the budget have been exhausted and no agreement has been reached, the budget shall, as a last resort, be adopted by a [two-thirds] [four-fifths] majority vote of the Parties present and voting representing a [two-thirds] [four-fifths] majority vote of the developing country Parties present and voting and a [two-thirds] [four-fifths] majority vote of the other Parties present and voting.]

17. Any amendments to these rules shall be adopted by the Conference of the Parties by consensus.

## ANNEX II

**PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1995 AND INDICATIVE BUDGET FOR 1996  
(THOUSANDS OF US DOLLARS)**

DESCRIPTION OF FUNCTIONS	INPUTS	COSTS (US dollars)	
		1995	1996
{PRIVATE }			
1. EXECUTIVE DIRECTION AND MANAGEMENT			
	Executive Secretary D-2	182	192
	Fund Management/Administration Officer (P-4 (*1))	0	0
	Special Assistant to the Executive Secretary P-2	91	96
	Administrative Assistant G-6/G-7	96	100
	Senior Secretary G-5/G-6	88	92
subtotal 1		457	480
2. INTERGOVERNMENTAL PROCESSES AND COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENTS			
	Principal Officer D-1	172	181
	Secretary G-4/G-5	80	84
	Consultants	30	21
	Informal expert consultations	30	32
	Servicing of COP meeting (6 languages, 10 working days, 2 working groups)	750	800
	Travel of COP Bureau (10 people, four-day meeting, once a year)	40	42
	Travel of staff to COP (1995-Geneva)	0	100
subtotal 2		1102	1260

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{PRIVATE } DESCRIPTION OF FUNCTIONS	INPUTS	COSTS (US dollars)	
		1995	1996
<b>2.1 FINANCIAL MECHANISM AND ECONOMIC ANALYSIS</b>			
	Programme Officer-Financial Instruments P-4	137	144
	Consultants	50	0
subtotal 2.1		187	144
<b>2.2 LEGAL ADVICE AND SUPPORT</b>			
	Programme Officer-Lawyer P-4	137	144
	Secretary G-4/G-5	80	84
	Consultants	60	63
subtotal 2.2		277	291
<b>3. SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL MATTERS</b>			
	Principal Officer D-1	172	181
	Programme Officer P-4	137	144
	Programme Officer P-4 (*2)	0	0
	Programme Officer P-4 (*3)	0	0
	Secretary G-4/G-5	80	84
	Secretary G-4/G-5	80	84
	Travel of staff to SBSTTA (1995-Paris)	30	78

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	Servicing of SBSTTA meeting (6 languages, 5 working days, 1 working group) (*4)	350	368
{PRIVATE }	<b>Travel of SBSTTA Bureau</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>32</b>
	<b>Travel of SBSTTA Panels</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>68</b>
	<b>Consultants</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>70</b>
<b>subtotal 3</b>		<b>944</b>	<b>1109</b>

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{PRIVATE } DESCRIPTION OF FUNCTIONS	INPUTS	COSTS (US dollars)	
		1995	1996

4. INFORMATION MANAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION

4.1 INFORMATION ACCESS, STORAGE AND RETRIEVAL

Programme Officer-Information P-2	91	96
Data base operator/Library assistant G-4/G-5	80	84
Clerk G-2/G-3	60	63
Library acquisitions	15	10

subtotal 4.1		246	253
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4.2 COMMUNICATION

Programme Officer-Communication P-2 (*1)	0	0
Communication plan and promotion materials	100	105

subtotal 4.2		100	105
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4.3 CLEARING-HOUSE MECHANISM

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Programme Officer-Clearing-house P-4	0	144
Secretary G-3/G-4	0	74
Consultants	100	121

subtotal 4.3		100	239
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{PRIVATE } DESCRIPTION OF FUNCTIONS	INPUTS	COSTS (US dollars)	
		1995	1996
5. COMMON COSTS			
5.1 TRAVEL OF STAFF	Travel general	180	190
subtotal 5.1		180	190
5.2 EQUIPMENT			
	Equipment, general	130	150
subtotal 5.2		130	150
5.3 PREMISES			
	Rent (*5)	0	0
	Security services	0	0
	Building maintenance	0	0
	Utilities (gas, electricity, etc)	30	32
	Insurance	5	5
{PRIVATE }subtotal 5.3		<b>35</b>	<b>37</b>
{PRIVATE }5.4 MISCELLANEOUS			
	Temporary assistance and overtime	80	84
	Communications (phone, fax, e-mail, etc)	170	180
	Recruitment costs/travel on interviews	40	80
	Relocation of staff and removal expenses	80	80
	Other	5	5
	Hospitality	20	20
subtotal 5.4		395	449
subtotal 1 to 5		4153	4707
6. CONTINGENCIES (2% subtotal 1 to 5)		83	94

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{PRIVATE } DESCRIPTION OF FUNCTIONS	INPUTS	COSTS (US dollars)	
		1995	1996
subtotal 1 to 6		4236	4801
ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT CHARGE (13%)		551	624
SECRETARIAT ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET TOTAL (1 to 7)		4787	5425

(\*1) Expected to be provided by UNEP at an estimated cost of US\$ 228,000 in 1995 and US\$ 240,000 in 1996.

(\*2) Expected to be provided by FAO at an estimated cost of US\$ 137,000 in 1995 and US\$ 144,000 in 1996.

(\*3) Expected to be provided by UNESCO at an estimated cost of US\$ 137,000 in 1995 and US\$ 144,000 in 1996.

(\*4) The number of languages and working groups will be reviewed at COP2.

(\*5) Paragraph (a) of the Agreement between the Government of Switzerland and the United Nations Environment Programme concerning the Interim Secretariat on Biological Diversity, states that the Government of Switzerland "will provide accommodation for the Interim Secretariat at least twelve months after the first meeting of the contracting parties" (UNEP/CBD/IC/2/20). It is also expected that the host Government will make a similar offer for 1996.

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**APPENDIX TO ANNEX II**  
**SCALE FOR 1995 CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE TRUST FUND FOR**  
**THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY**

{PRIVATE }	United Nations scale of assessments 1995*	Scale for the Trust Fund with 25 per cent ceiling and no least developed country Party paying more than 0.01 per cent	Contributions as per 6 December 1994
Parties	(per cent)	(per cent)	US\$
Albania	0.01	0.02	752
Antigua & Barbuda	0.01	0.02	752
Argentina	0.48	0.75	36 118
Armenia	0.08	0.13	6 020
Australia	1.46	2.29	109 860
Austria	0.85	1.34	63 959
Bahamas	0.02	0.03	1 505
Bangladesh	0.01	0.01	479
Barbados	0.01	0.02	752
Belarus	0.37	0.58	27 841
Belize	0.01	0.02	752
Benin	0.01	0.01	479
Bolivia	0.01	0.02	752
Brazil	1.62	2.55	121 899
Burkina Faso	0.01	0.01	479
Cameroon	0.01	0.02	752
Canada	3.07	4.83	231 006
Chad	0.01	0.01	479
Chile	0.08	0.13	6 020
China	0.72	1.13	54 177
Colombia	0.11	0.17	8 277
Comoros	0.01	0.01	479
Cook Islands	0.01	0.02	752

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Costa Rica	0.01	0.02	752
Côte d'Ivoire	0.01	0.02	752
Cuba	0.07	0.11	5 267
Czech Republic	0.32	0.50	24 079
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	0.04	0.06	3 010
Denmark	0.70	1.10	52 672
Djibouti	0.01	0.01	479
Dominica	0.01	0.02	752
Ecuador	0.02	0.03	1 505
Egypt	0.07	0.11	5 267
El Salvador	0.01	0.02	752
Equatorial Guinea	0.01	0.01	479
Estonia	0.05	0.08	3 762
Ethiopia	0.01	0.01	479
European Community		2.50	119 675
Fiji	0.01	0.02	752
Finland	0.61	0.96	45 900
France	6.32	9.93	475 557
Gambia	0.01	0.01	479
Georgia	0.16	0.25	12 039
Germany	8.94	14.05	672 703
Ghana	0.01	0.02	752
Greece	0.37	0.58	27 841
Grenada	0.01	0.02	752
Guinea	0.01	0.01	479
Guyana	0.01	0.02	752
Hungary	0.15	0.24	11 287
Iceland	0.03	0.05	2 257
India	0.31	0.49	23 326
Indonesia	0.14	0.22	10 534

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Italy	4.79	7.53	360 430
Japan	13.95	21.93	1 049 687
Jordan	0.01	0.02	752
Kazakhstan	0.26	0.41	19 564
Kenya	0.01	0.02	752
Kiribati	0.01	0.01	479
Luxembourg	0.07	0.11	5 267
Malawi	0.01	0.01	479
Malaysia	0.14	0.22	10 534
Maldives	0.01	0.01	479
Marshall Islands	0.01	0.02	752
Mauritius	0.01	0.02	752
Mexico	0.78	1.23	58 692
Micronesia (Federated States of)	0.01	0.02	752
Monaco	0.01	0.02	752
Mongolia	0.01	0.02	752
Myanmar	0.01	0.01	479
Nauru	0.01	0.02	752
Nepal	0.01	0.01	479
Netherlands	1.58	2.48	118 889
New Zealand	0.24	0.38	18 059
Nigeria	0.16	0.25	12 039
Norway	0.55	0.86	41 386
Pakistan	0.06	0.09	4 515
Papua New Guinea	0.01	0.02	752
Paraguay	0.01	0.02	752
Peru	0.06	0.09	4 515
Philippines	0.06	0.09	4 515
Portugal	0.24	0.38	18 059
Republic of Korea	0.80	1.26	60 197

Romania	0.15	0.24	11 287
Saint Kitts and Nevis	0.01	0.02	752
Saint Lucia	0.01	0.02	752
Samoa	0.01	0.01	479
San Marino	0.01	0.02	752
Senegal	0.01	0.02	752
Seychelles	0.01	0.02	752
Slovakia	0.10	0.16	7 525
Spain	2.24	3.52	168 552
Sri Lanka	0.01	0.02	752
Swaziland	0.01	0.02	752
Sweden	1.22	1.92	91 801
Switzerland	1.21	1.90	91 048
Tunisia	0.03	0.05	2 257
Uganda	0.01	0.01	479
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	5.27	8.28	396 548
Uruguay	0.04	0.06	3 010
Vanuatu	0.01	0.01	479
Venezuela	0.40	0.63	30 099
Viet Nam	0.01	0.02	752
Zaire	0.01	0.01	479
Zambia	0.01	0.01	479
Zimbabwe	0.01	0.02	752
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\* United Nations Report of the Committee on Contributions, Supplement No. 11 (A/49/11).

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***Decision I/7 Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical  
and Technological Advice***

The Conference of the Parties

1. *Decides:*

(a) That the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) shall operate in accordance with the terms of reference as given in Article 25, paragraphs 1 and 2, until further elaborated by the Conference of the Parties;

(b) That SBSTTA shall report to the Conference of the Parties at each of its ordinary meetings;

(c) That SBSTTA shall meet sufficiently in advance of each meeting of the Conference of the Parties to enable its report to be considered by Parties in their preparation for the meeting of the Conference of the Parties;

(d) That, at its first ordinary meeting, SBSTTA shall consider its *modus operandi*, taking fully into account all views expressed on this matter at the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties and submitted to the Secretariat in writing by the end of February 1995, as well as the need to draw on relevant existing institutional structures;

2. *Requests* SBSTTA to prepare a proposal for a medium-term programme of work based on the priorities set in the programme of work of the Conference of the Parties and on Article 25 and submit it to the Conference of the Parties at its second meeting;

3. *Decides also* that it will decide, at each of its meetings, on which topics advice is required for the implementation of the Convention, taking into account its medium-term work programme and SBSTTA's remit as outlined in Article 25;

4. *Decides further* that the first meeting of SBSTTA shall be held at the headquarters of UNESCO in Paris from 4 to 8 September 1995 to consider the attached provisional agenda.

Annex

**FIRST MEETING OF THE SUBSIDIARY BODY ON SCIENTIFIC,  
TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE (SBSTTA)**

Draft provisional agenda

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Organizational matters:
  - 2.1 Election of officers;
  - 2.2 Adoption of the agenda;
  - 2.3 Organization of work.
3. Matters related to the *modus operandi* of SBSTTA.
4. Programme of work of SBSTTA for 1995-1997.
5. Matters on which advice from SBSTTA is required by the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
  - 5.1 Provision of scientific and technical assessments of the status of biological diversity (Article 25, paragraph 2(a));
    - 5.1.1 Alternative ways and means in which the Conference of the Parties could start the process of considering the components of biological diversity particularly those under threat and the identification of action which could be taken under the Convention (priority item);
  - 5.2 Preparation of scientific and technical assessments of the effects of types of measures taken in accordance with the provisions of the Convention (Article 25, paragraph 2(b));
  - 5.3 Identification of innovative, efficient and state-of-the-art technologies and know-how relating to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity and provision of advice on the ways and means of promoting development and/or transferring such technologies (Article 25, paragraph 2(c));
    - 5.3.1 Ways and means to promote and facilitate access to, and transfer and development of technologies as envisaged in Articles 16 and 18 of the Convention (priority item);
  - 5.4 Provision of advice on scientific programmes and international cooperation in research and development related to conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity (Article 25, paragraph 2(d));

- 5.5 Scientific, technical, technological and methodological questions that the Conference of the Parties and its subsidiary bodies may put to the body (Article 25, paragraph 2(e));
  - 5.5.1 What kind of scientific and technical information should be contained in national reports on measures taken for the implementation of the provisions of the Convention and their effectiveness in meeting the objectives of the Convention? (priority item);
  - 5.5.2 How can the Convention on Biological Diversity contribute to the preparation for the forthcoming International Technical Conference on the Conservation and Utilization of Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture in 1996?
  - 5.5.3 Provision of advice on the scientific, technical and technological aspects of the conservation and sustainable use of coastal and marine biological diversity (also taking into account the other provisions in Article 25, paragraph 2) (priority item).
6. Draft provisional agenda of the second meeting of SBSTTA.
7. Date and venue of the second meeting.
8. Other matters.
9. Adoption of the report.
10. Closure of the meeting.

***Decision I/8 Preparation of the participation of the Convention on  
Biological Diversity in the third session of the  
Commission on Sustainable Development***

The Conference of the Parties

*Decides* to invite its President to transmit the statement contained in the annex to this decision to the high-level segment of the Commission on Sustainable Development at its third session.

**Annex**

**STATEMENT FROM THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION  
ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY TO THE COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABLE  
DEVELOPMENT AT ITS THIRD SESSION**

1. The planet's essential goods, ecological functions and services depend on the variety and variability of genes, species, populations and ecosystems. If humanity is to have a future on this earth, biological diversity must be conserved so that these functions and services are maintained. The current decline in biodiversity is largely the result of human activity and represents a serious threat to human development. Despite efforts to conserve the world's biological diversity, its depletion has continued. The entry into force of the Convention provides an international framework through which to address this depletion which causes threats to ecosystems that are vital for the sustenance of human societies in all countries. By becoming Parties to the Convention, Governments have committed themselves to the conservation of biological diversity, the sustainable use of its components, and the fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising out of the utilization of genetic resources.
2. The Convention on Biological Diversity is the primary international legal instrument for advancing the conservation of biological diversity, the sustainable use of its components and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising out of the use of genetic resources while recognizing the important role of other conventions to the objectives of the Convention.
3. The Convention was opened for signature during the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in Rio de Janeiro. Since then the Convention has received 168 signatures. It entered into force on 29 December 1993, and has been ratified or acceded to by 105 States and the European Community at the time of the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
4. The Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity held its first meeting at Nassau, from 28 November to 9 December 1994, at which it took a number of decisions and adopted a medium-term programme of work for the period 1995 to 1997. These are attached to this statement for the information of the Commission on Sustainable Development.
5. The above information is conveyed to the Commission on Sustainable Development in the light of the recommendation contained in paragraph 38.13 (f) of Agenda 21.
6. The Conference of the Parties is vested with the responsibility of implementing the provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity, of reviewing the further development of matters relating to the conservation of biological diversity, the sustainable use of its components, and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the use of genetic resources and where appropriate, of bringing these within the purview of the

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Convention. In this context, the Conference of the Parties seeks to establish links with other bodies and processes relevant to biodiversity issues with a view to promoting coherent and urgent attention to these issues.

7. The Conference of the Parties attaches importance to the development of a substantive relationship with the Commission on Sustainable Development, given the Commission's responsibilities in respect of Agenda 21 and the complementarity of its mandate with that of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity.

8. At its first meeting, the Conference of the Parties was pervaded by a sense of urgency and an awareness of the magnitude of the task before it. The Conference of the Parties appeals to the Commission on Sustainable Development to make all efforts in its own right to advance the concerns of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

9. The Convention leaves no doubt that biological diversity is a cross-cutting issue. The provisions of the Convention are of the utmost relevance to the issues to be reviewed by the Commission at its third session; to the planning and management of land resources, combating deforestation, managing fragile ecosystems and promoting sustainable agriculture and rural development. Many aspects of the programme areas to be considered by the Commission, their bases for action, objectives, activities, and means of implementation correspond to the objectives and provisions of the Convention.

10. The Convention ushers in a new era concerning access to genetic resources which is subject to the provisions of Article 15 of the Convention and is characterized by a fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising out of the use of such resources.

11. The Conference of the Parties was informed of the ongoing negotiations under the auspices of the FAO to bring the International Undertaking on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture in harmony with the Convention on Biological Diversity. The Conference of the Parties recognizes this process and hopes that these negotiations will come to a meaningful conclusion. The Commission on Sustainable Development may wish to convey this message to the FAO and to advise it on the intention of the Conference of the Parties to consider the issue of access to genetic resources at its second and third meetings. In this regard, it would be desirable to coordinate efforts carried out in both fora in order to collaborate and to avoid overlapping in the respective fields of competence of the FAO and the Convention on Biological Diversity.

12. The provisions of the Convention are also relevant to the cross-sectoral cluster and should be considered by the Commission on Sustainable Development when it reviews critical elements of sustainability as indicated in Agenda 21. The Conference of the Parties notes in particular the relevance of the following cross-sectoral issues on the agenda of the third session of the Commission on Sustainable Development: Chapters 3 Combating poverty; 5 Demographic dynamics and sustainability; 8 Integrating environment and development in decision-making; 16 Environmentally sound management of biotechnology; 23 - 32 Roles of major groups; 33 Financial resources and mechanisms; 34 Transfer of technology; 35 Science for sustainable development; and 40 Information for decision-making.

13. The Conference of the Parties wishes to inform the Commission on Sustainable Development of its intention take immediate action to: 1) undertake work on biosafety, establishing an ad hoc working group to consider the needs for and modalities of a protocol to the Convention on this issue; 2) establish a clearing-house mechanism to promote technical and scientific cooperation; 3) facilitate the establishment of the subsidiary body

on scientific, technical and technological advice and 4) undertake work relevant to biodiversity related Conventions, other institutional agreements and processes of relevance. The Conference of the Parties would be willing to coordinate and collaborate with other United Nations bodies on further work in these four areas. It would also be desirable that future work on the protection of traditional knowledge and practices of indigenous and local communities relevant to conservation and sustainable use should be coordinated with the relevant bodies.

14. Given the complementarity of their respective mandates, the Conference of the Parties is convinced it can make a major contribution to the implementation of Agenda 21. Article 23.4(i) calls upon the Conference of the Parties to consider and undertake any additional action that may be required for the achievement of the purposes of the Convention. Implementation of the Convention will be facilitated by the Conference of the Parties and the Commission on Sustainable Development jointly exploring ways in which any additional issues identified can be further developed within the organizing framework of the Convention.

15. Biological diversity is of great importance for the ecosystem function of forests. The Conference of the Parties emphasizes the importance of conservation, management and sustainable use of forests for achieving the objectives of the Convention and encourages further consideration by the Commission on Sustainable Development on the implementation of the Non-Legally Binding Authoritative Statement of Principles for a Global Consensus on the Management, Conservation and Sustainable Development of all Types of Forests. The Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity stands ready to make its own contribution to that process consistent with its role in developing measures to achieve the objectives of the Convention with respect to forests. The Conference of the Parties would welcome a dialogue with the Commission on Sustainable Development and seek dialogue and cooperation with other relevant international organizations on the issue of forests.

16. Desertification is associated with land degradation and entails the loss of biological diversity. The Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity will explore the ways in which it can cooperate with the Conference of the Parties to the Convention to Combat Desertification to the extent that their mandates are complementary.

17. The Conference of the Parties invites the Commission on Sustainable Development to:

- (a) Urge States that have not yet done so to become Parties to the Convention;
- (b) Consider the biodiversity issue in the light of the three interrelated objectives of the Convention;
- (c) Approach the subject of biodiversity as a multisectoral issue which is relevant to virtually all of its concerns;
- (d) Urge Governments to recognize the mutually supportive relationship between biodiversity and sustainable development;
- (e) Encourage Governments to improve coordination among departments at the national level in order to more effectively implement measures for the conservation of biological diversity and the sustainable use of its components, given the cross-cutting nature of these issues;

(f) Consider the sectoral issues to be addressed at its 1995 session in the context of their close interrelationship with biodiversity;

(g) Urge States to work cooperatively to address the subject of poverty in the context of its close interrelationship with biodiversity;

(h) Stress to Governments the advantages deriving from coordination between its work, that of the Convention on Biological Diversity, and that of other conventions, intergovernmental bodies and fora concerned with the conservation of biological diversity and the sustainable use of its components.

18. Given the views and proposals outlined above, the Conference of the Parties believes that the Commission on Sustainable Development and the Convention on Biological Diversity should establish links, through their respective organs and mechanisms, to facilitate a collaborative approach to issues of mutual concern. To this end, the Conference of the Parties will regularly consider the issues to be addressed by the Commission at its future meetings.

19. The Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity hopes that this statement will be helpful to the Commission on Sustainable Development.

20. The Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity reaffirms its commitment to caring for the earth and its people.

***Decision I/9 Medium-term programme of work of the Conference  
of the Parties***

The Conference of the Parties

1. *Decides* to adopt the medium-term programme of work for the period 1995 to 1997 contained in the annex to the present decision;

2. *Also decides* to review at its next meeting the medium-term programme of work in light of the progress achieved in the implementation of the Convention.

*Taking into account* that the Parties share the deep concern and interest about the need for the safe transfer, handling and use of all living modified organisms resulting from biotechnology to avoid adverse effects on the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity,

3. *Also decides* to establish an open-ended ad hoc group of experts nominated by Governments without undue delay to consider the need for and modalities of a protocol setting out appropriate procedures, including, in particular, advance informed agreement, in the field of the safe transfer, handling and use of any living modified organism resulting from biotechnology that may have adverse effect on the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity;

4. *Also decides* that the open-ended ad hoc group of experts nominated by Governments shall hold one meeting of one week's duration during 1995 with a view to presenting its report to the Conference of the Parties.

5. *Decides* that the open-ended group of experts nominated by Governments will consider, as appropriate, existing knowledge, experience and legislation in the field of biosafety, including the views of the Parties, subregional, regional and international organizations, with a view to presenting a report for the consideration of the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties, so as to enable the Conference of the Parties to reach an informed decision as to the need for and modalities of a protocol.

6. *Requests* the Secretariat to submit to the open-ended ad hoc group of experts nominated by Governments relevant information on these matters in sufficient time to facilitate the discussions of the open-ended ad hoc group of experts.

7. *Decides* that, in order to prepare for the work of the open-ended ad hoc group of experts nominated by Governments, the Secretariat shall establish a panel of 15 experts nominated by Governments, with an equitable geographical representation, in consultation with the Bureau of the COP, assisted by UNIDO, UNEP, FAO and WHO, to prepare a background document to be submitted to the open-ended ad hoc group of experts nominated by Governments based on a consideration, as appropriate, of existing knowledge and experience on risk assessment and management, and guidelines and/or legislation already prepared by the Parties, other Governments and by national and competent subregional, regional and international organizations.



8. *Calls upon* the international community, particularly the developed countries and non-governmental sectors, to contribute voluntary funds to assist the open-ended ad hoc group of experts nominated by Governments to discharge its mandate effectively.

Annex

**MEDIUM-TERM PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE CONFERENCE  
OF THE PARTIES 1995-1997**

1. The medium-term programme of work will be constructed on the basis of standing and rolling issues.
2. Standing items will include inter alia:
  - 2.1 Matters relating to the financial mechanism, including report from the interim institutional structure entrusted with its operation;
  - 2.2 Report from the Secretariat on the administration of the Convention and budget for the Secretariat;
  - 2.3 Report from, instructions to and consideration of recommendations from the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA);
  - 2.4 Reports by Parties on implementation of the Convention;
  - 2.5 Report on, assessment and review of the operation of the clearing-house mechanism;
  - 2.6 Relationship of the Convention on Biological Diversity with the Commission on Sustainable Development and biodiversity related conventions, other international agreements, institutions and processes of relevance.
3. The other issues and derived activities necessary to implement the Convention should be treated on a year-by-year agenda, on the understanding that these relevant rotating issues will be developed and continually treated in accordance with the decisions of the Conference of the Parties by the SBSTTA and any eventual working groups appointed by the Conference of the Parties. The year-by-year agenda has to be flexible.
4. Treatment of the Work Programme items should also reflect the importance of capacity-building as one of the elements of successful Convention implementation. The Work Programme should always reflect a balance among the Convention's objectives as set forth in Article 1.
5. In 1995, the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties may consider, inter alia, the following items:<sup>\*\*</sup>

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<sup>\*\*</sup> The order given does not reflect any prioritization of items, but merely reflects the general structure of the Convention.

- 5.1 **General measures for conservation and sustainable use**
  - 5.1.1 To provide information and share experiences on the implementation of Article 6.
- 5.2 **Conservation of biological diversity**
  - 5.2.1 Preliminary consideration of components of biological diversity particularly under threat and action which could be taken under the Convention;
  - 5.2.2 To provide information and share experiences on measures for implementing Article 8.
- 5.3 **Conservation and sustainable use of coastal and marine biological diversity**
  - 5.3.1 To consider coastal and marine biological diversity within the context of the Convention's three objectives and its provisions.
- 5.4 **Access to genetic resources**
  - 5.4.1 To compile existing legislation, administrative and policy information on access to genetic resources and the equitable sharing of benefits derived from their use;
  - 5.4.2 To compile information provided by Governments as well as relevant reports from appropriate international organizations regarding policy, legislative, or administrative measures related to intellectual property rights as provided in Article 16 of the Convention and to access to and transfer of technology that makes use of genetic resources.
- 5.5 **Issues relating to technology**
  - 5.5.1 To consider ways to promote and facilitate access to and transfer and development of technology, as envisaged by Articles 16 and 18 of the Convention.
- 5.6 **Handling of biotechnology**
  - 5.6.1 To consider the need for and modalities of a protocol for safe handling and transfer of living modified organisms.
- 5.7 **Report on the financial mechanism**
  - 5.7.1 Consideration of the study prepared by the Secretariat on the availability of financial resources additional to those provided through the restructured

Global Environment Facility (GEF), and on the ways and means for mobilizing and channelling these resources in support of the objectives of the Convention taking into account the views expressed by participants on the subject at the Conference of the Parties at its first meeting.

5.8 **Reports by Parties**

5.8.1 To provide the form for reporting;

5.8.2 To decide on intervals for reporting.

5.9 **Relationship with the FAO Global System for Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture**

5.9.1 To be informed and to be able to consider progress made revising the International Undertaking on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture in order to consider its consistency with the objectives and provisions of the Convention and implementation of Resolution 3 of the Nairobi Final Act;

5.9.2 To be informed about and to be able to consider the preparation for the forthcoming International Technical Conference on the Conservation and Utilization of Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture in 1996;

5.9.3 To be informed about developments with regard to ex situ collections of plant genetic resources.

6. In 1996, the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties may consider, inter alia, the following items:

6.1 **General measures for conservation and sustainable use;**

6.2 **Identification, monitoring and assessment**

6.2.1 To consider options for implementing Article 7;

6.2.2 Appraisal of SBSTTA's review of assessment of biological diversity for the implementation of Article 25(2)(a) and advice on methodologies for future assessments;

6.3 **Conservation and sustainable use of agricultural biological diversity**

6.3.1 To consider agricultural biological diversity within the context of the Convention's three objectives and its provisions;

- 6.4 **Consideration of the future programme of work for terrestrial biological diversity in the light of the outcome of deliberations of the third session of the Commission on Sustainable Development in 1995;**
- 6.5 **Knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities;**
  - 6.5.1 Implementation of Article 8(j);
- 6.6 **Access to genetic resources**
  - 6.6.1 To compile the views of Parties on possible options for developing national legislative, administrative or policy measures, as appropriate, to implement Article 15.
- 6.7 **Issues related to technology**
  - 6.7.1 To consider ways to promote and facilitate access to and transfer and development of technology, as envisaged by Articles 16 and 18 of the Convention.
- 6.8 **Incentive measures**
  - 6.8.1 To consider options for implementing Article 11.
- 6.9 **Special session of the General Assembly to review implementation of Agenda 21**
  - 6.9.1 To consider possible inputs from the perspective of the Convention's three objectives.

7. In 1997, the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties may consider, *inter alia*, the following items:

- 7.1 **Review of medium-term programme of work (1995-1997)**
  - 7.1.1 To undertake an overall review and consider a longer term work programme;

- 7.2 **Models and mechanisms for linkages between in situ and ex situ conservation;**
- 7.3 **Measures for implementing the Convention**
  - 7.3.1 To provide information and share experiences on the implementation of Article 13;
  - 7.3.2 To provide information and share experiences on the implementation of Article 14;
- 7.4 **Consideration of matters related to benefit sharing**
  - 7.4.1 To consider measures to promote and advance the distribution of benefits from biotechnology in accordance with Article 19;
- 7.5 **Technical and scientific cooperation.**

*Decision I/10 Location of the Secretariat*

The Conference of the Parties

1. *Decides* to consider and take a decision on the location of the Secretariat at its second meeting;
2. *Decides* to invite Parties interested in hosting the Secretariat to submit their offers to the Secretariat by 31 March 1995;
3. *Decides* to invite those Parties to include in their offers, to the extent possible, details relating to inter alia:
  - (a) Facilities to be made available, including offices, meeting rooms and conference facilities;
  - (b) Availability of institutional support, including programmes of relevance to the Convention, academic programmes and representation of Parties through diplomatic offices;
  - (c) Direct support, including financial and technical support;
  - (d) Privileges and immunities to be extended to the Secretariat and its staff, including the nature of the headquarters agreement or other arrangement to be established with the Secretariat and diplomatic privileges for Secretariat staff and families;
  - (e) State of civic amenities, including health and education facilities.
4. *Decides* to request the Secretariat to transmit all offers to the Parties, as an official document of the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties, by 31 May 1995;
5. *Decides* that the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties will not be held in a country making an offer to host the Secretariat;
6. *Decides* that, at its second meeting, it will make every effort to reach a decision on the location of the Secretariat by consensus. Recognizing the requirement of paragraph 1 of this decision, and, in the event consensus is not possible and, at the time of voting, rule 40, paragraph 1 of the rules of procedure has not been adopted, will for this item:
  - (a) Take a decision by a two-thirds majority of the Parties present and voting;  
and
  - (b) If a two-thirds majority does not emerge for any one offer after the first round of voting, successive rounds will be taken, the offer receiving the least votes being eliminated after each round, until only two offers remain and one receives a two-thirds majority vote of the Parties present and voting.

***Decision I/11 Preparation for the second meeting of the  
Conference of the Parties***

The Conference of the Parties

1. *Requests* the Secretariat to assist in the organization of regional and sub-regional meetings for the preparation of the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties;
2. *Invites* the developed countries and the international organizations to make voluntary contributions to fund such regional and sub-regional meetings and to facilitate the participation of the developing countries, and in particular the least developed amongst them, in such meetings as well as in the meetings convened under the Convention.



***Decision I/12 International Day for Biological Diversity***

The Conference of the Parties

*Decides* to recommend to the United Nations General Assembly at its forty-ninth session to consider 29 December, the date of entry into force of the Convention on Biological Diversity, International Day for Biological Diversity.

***Decision I/13 Tribute to the Government of  
the Commonwealth of the Bahamas***

The Conference of the Parties

*Having met* in Nassau from 28 November to 9 December 1994, at the gracious invitation of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas,

*Deeply appreciative* of the special courtesy and the warm hospitality extended by the Government and people of the Bahamas to the Ministers, members of the delegations, observers and members of the Secretariat attending the Conference,

*Expresses its sincere gratitude* to the Government of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas and to its people for the cordial welcome which they accorded to the Conference and to those associated with its work and for their contribution to the success of the Conference.