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

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Kuala Lumpur, 9-20 and 27 February 2004  
Agenda item 26

### DECISION ADOPTED BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY AT ITS SEVENTH MEETING

#### *VII/33. Operations of the Convention*

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Recalling* its decision VI/27 B on operations of the Convention,

*Recalling also* paragraph 1 of decision IV/17 by which the Conference of the Parties endorsed the administrative arrangements between the United Nations Environment Programme and the Secretariat of the Convention, contained in the annex to that decision,

*Further recalling* paragraph 5 of decision V/20 by which it made a number of changes to rule 21 of the rules of procedure regarding the election and terms of office of members of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties,

*Recalling also* paragraph 6 of decision V/20 by which it decided to review the effectiveness of these changes, in light of experience, at its seventh meeting,

*Noting* that there has not been enough experience with the operation of the new arrangements to enable the Conference of the Parties to reach a firm conclusion with respect to the effectiveness of the changes to rule 21 of the rules of procedure,

1. *Decides* to retire the decisions and elements of decisions adopted at its third and fourth meetings listed in the annex to the present decision;

2. *Decides* to adopt a phased process of consolidation of its decisions, to be undertaken under the guidance of the Bureau, with a view to completing the process of consolidating all its decisions by the year 2010;

3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to make proposals to the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties regarding the retirement of decisions and elements of decisions taken at its fifth and sixth meetings and to communicate such proposals to Parties, Governments and relevant international organizations at least sixth months prior to its eighth meeting;

4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, under the guidance of the Bureau, to propose draft consolidated decisions in the areas of forest biological diversity; access to genetic resources and benefit-sharing; and guidance to the financial mechanism for the consideration of the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting and to communicate the proposed draft consolidated decisions to Parties, Governments and relevant international organizations for their review and comments at least six months prior to its eighth meeting;

5. *Invites* Parties, Governments and relevant international organizations to submit to the Executive Secretary written comments on the proposals referred to in paragraphs 3 and 4 above, at least three months prior to its eighth meeting;

6. *Invites* the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme and the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity to review and revise the administrative arrangements between the United Nations Environment Programme and the Secretariat of the Convention and report thereon to the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting.

7. *Decides* to review the effectiveness of the changes to rule 21 of the rules of procedure at its eighth meeting;

8. *Decides also* to review rule 4 of the rules of procedure relating to the periodicity of its ordinary meetings at its eighth meeting and, at that occasion, if needed, make the necessary adjustments in the multi-year programme of work of the Conference of the Parties up to 2010 regarding the periodicity of its meetings;

9. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to seek the views of Parties on options for a mechanism for setting priorities during the consideration of agenda items by the Conference of the Parties with a view to providing the budget group with clear guidance on how to address activities with financial implications, and report thereon to the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting;

10. *Emphasizes the importance* of convening regional preparatory meetings prior to meetings of the Conference of the Parties and *requests* the Executive Secretary to make the necessary arrangements for such regional meetings prior to the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

#### *Annex*

### **DECISIONS AND ELEMENTS OF DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES AT ITS THIRD AND FOURTH MEETINGS TO BE RETIRED**

#### ***Decisions of the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties:***

Decision III/2

Decision III/3, paras. 1, 2 and 4 and 5

Decision III/4, paras. 1, 3, 5, 8, 10 and 14.

Decision III/5, para. 7

Decision III/6, paras. 2(b) and 6.

Decision III/7

Decision III/8, para. 2

Decision III/9, paras. 8 and 11

Decision III/11, paras. 1 to 12, 18, 23 and 24

Decision III/12

Decision III/13

Decision III/14, paras. 3, 6, 8 to 12

Decision III/15, paras. 1, 2 and 7  
Decision III/16  
Decision III/17, paras. 3 to 6  
Decision III/18, paras. 1, 5, 7 and 8  
Decision III/19  
Decision III/20  
Decision III/21, paras. 1, 4 to 7, 9 and 11  
Decision III/22  
Decision III/24, paras. 1 to 4  
Decision III/25  
Decision III/26  
Decision III/27

***Decisions of the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties:***

Decision IV/1 A, paras. 1, 2, 3 and 5  
Decision IV/1 B, paras. 1 and 2  
Decision IV/1 C, paras. 2, 5 and 6  
Decision IV/1 D, paras. 1 and 3  
Decision IV/2, paras. 7, 9(d), 10(a), 10(c), 10(f), 10(j) and 10(k)  
Decision IV/3  
Decision IV/4, para. 1, 4 to 5, 8, 10, and annex 1.  
Decision IV/5, para. I(1), I(2), II(1) to II(3) and annex  
Decision IV/6, paras. 1, 2, 5, 7 to 13  
Decision IV/7  
Decision IV/8, paras. 1, 2, 3 and 6(d)  
Decision IV/9, paras. 5, 6, 8 to 11, 14 and 16  
Decision IV/10, Part A, paras. 1(b), 1(d), 1(e), 1(g), 5(a), (5(b), 5(c)  
Decision IV/10, Part B, para. 6  
Decision IV/10, Part C, paras. 2 to 4, 8 to 11  
Decision IV/11, para. 3  
Decision IV/12  
Decision IV/14, paras 1 to 3  
Decision IV/15, paras 1 to 3, 7 and 11 to 17  
Decision IV/16, paras 1 to 4, 10, 16, 17, 19 to 21  
Decision IV/17, paras 2 to 7, 10 to 15  
Decision IV/18  
Decision IV/19

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