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

#### *XI/9. Progress report on gender mainstreaming*

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Recalling* its decision X/19, in which it requested the Executive Secretary to enhance efforts to fully implement the Gender Plan of Action in order to mainstream gender considerations into all aspects of work under the Convention and formulate clear indicators to monitor progress,

*Emphasizing* the importance of gender mainstreaming in all programmes of work under the Convention as important to achieving the objectives of the Convention and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011–2020 and to enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness thereof,

*Also emphasizing* the importance of establishing and monitoring gender-based indicators in working towards sustainable development and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011–2020,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Government of Finland for its generous financial contribution and encourages other Parties to contribute to the work of the programme, so as to ensure that the Secretariat's Gender Focal Point will continue to be able to work on gender mainstreaming within the three Rio conventions,

2. *Encourages* Parties to continue funding activities, as appropriate, related to gender mainstreaming through the Trust Fund for Voluntary Contributions in Support of Approved Activities under the Convention;

3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of resources, to provide guidance, in collaboration with relevant organizations, for mainstreaming gender into all programmes of work under the Convention;

4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with the Biodiversity Indicators Partnership and other relevant organizations, when preparing indicator-based information for the fourth edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook, to disaggregate information relevant to gender, where possible;

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5. *Requests* that the Executive Secretary update the current Gender Plan of Action (2008–2012) to 2020, taking into consideration the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011–2020 and its Aichi Biodiversity Targets;

6. *Encourages* Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations, particularly the Women's Environment and Development Organization and other women's organizations, to collaborate in the development of the Environment-Gender Index proposed by the International Union for Conservation of Nature;

7. *Continues to urge* Parties to promote the mainstreaming of gender considerations in developing, implementing and reviewing their national and, where appropriate, regional biodiversity strategies and action plans and equivalent instruments to implement the three objectives of the Convention, taking into account the guidance provided in CBD Technical Series No. 49 and the training module on mainstreaming gender considerations in the development and implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans;

8. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to convene, together with other regional meetings, including workshops on national biodiversity strategies and action plans, further global, regional and subregional capacity-building activities for the exchange of experiences on issues relevant to the Gender Plan of Action, subject to the availability of financial resources;

9. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to invite Parties to make submissions to the Secretariat on the development of indicators to monitor gender mainstreaming, including the collection of sex-disaggregated data, under the Convention and in compliance with the Gender Plan of Action, subject to the availability of financial resources;

10. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to report to the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties on the development of indicators to monitor gender mainstreaming in activities of the Convention.

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