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A TOOLKIT FOR PARTIES TO FACILITATE AICHI BIODIVERSITY TARGET 9 ON INVASIVE ALIEN SPECIES

Note by the Executive Secretary

1. At its ninth meeting the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to develop practical tools to facilitate the implementation of the decisions of the Conference of the Parties on invasive alien species and the development and implementation of national invasive alien species strategies, taking into account the Guiding Principles¹ and, where appropriate, making use of, and referencing, the relevant guidance and tools developed through other relevant organizations (paragraph 17 of decision IX/4B).
2. Further to the decision above, the Conference of the Parties, requested the Executive Secretary to develop a practical, non-prescriptive toolkit on applying existing international standards, guidelines and recommendations, and to disseminate it, *inter alia*, through the clearing-house mechanism of the Convention, for Parties to achieve Aichi Biodiversity Target 9 of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 in collaboration with the relevant international organizations that set international standards, guidelines and recommendations (paragraph 14 of decision XI/28).
3. Accordingly, the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with the Secretariats of the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures of the World Trade Organization (SPS-Agreement), the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC), the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) and partner organizations participating to the Global Invasive Alien Species Information Partnership, prepared a prototype toolkit.
4. The prototype of toolkit will be initially made available on the website of the Convention², and at the Invasive Alien Species and Taxonomy Experts Kiosk being set up to enable the review by Parties and other organizations. Parties, other Governments, interested organizations, as well as other partners engaged in the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 at all levels are invited to the review of the prototype toolkit.

* UNEP/CBD/COP/12/1.

¹ One representative entered a formal objection during the process leading to the adoption of this decision and underlined that he did not believe that the Conference of the Parties could legitimately adopt a motion or a text with a formal objection in place. A few representatives expressed reservations regarding the procedure leading to the adoption of this decision (see UNEP/CBD/COP/6/20, paras. 294-324).

² <http://www.cbd.int/invasive/cbdtoolkit/>

5. The guidance on devising and implementing measures to address the risks associated with the introduction of alien species as pets, aquarium and terrarium species, and as live bait and live food annexed to draft decisions for the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties under item 22 on invasive alien species will be added to this toolkit once adopted. It is anticipated that the toolkit will be continuously updated with information provided by Parties, other Governments, relevant organizations and other partners.
