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DRAFT REPORT OF THE MEETING

Rapporteurs: Ms. Shirin Karryeva (Turmenistan) and Ms. Senka Barudanovic (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. The fourteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) was held at the headquarters of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in Gigiri, Nairobi, from 10 to 21 May 2010.

2. The meeting was opened at 10 a.m. on 10 May 2010 by Mr. Spencer Thomas, Chair of the meeting who welcomed participants back after a 26-month break since the last SBSTTA. During that time, Mr. Thomas recalled that the global economic crisis had led to lower budgets for implementing the Convention in most countries, but also underlined the economic value of biodiversity. Over the past 26 months, the linkages between biodiversity and climate had been highlighted through numerous natural disasters and lessons had been learned about the importance of healthy and resilient ecosystems. He recalled that those developments emphasized the need to consider the impact of our activities on the provisions of ecosystem goods and services and to focus on the drivers of biodiversity loss. Mr. Thomas reminded participants that GBO-3 provided evidence that the 2010 target had not been achieved, yet there had been successes in many parts of the world. The Convention had seen, for example, the Business and Biodiversity Initiative, enhanced synergies through the Joint Liaison Group, work on the economic value of biodiversity, improved planning and management of protected areas, and REDD.

3. GBO-3 provided a clear pathway for future efforts to avoid dangerous tipping points and ensure that the planet's carrying capacity was not exceeded, including through the evaluation of biodiversity and its integration into economic systems, capacity-building and the exchange of experiences in key areas. Mr. Thomas stressed that people were now in a much better position than we had been in 2002 to achieve a set of globally agreed targets - there was better data and information, the role of SBSTTA would hopefully be enhanced through the establishment of an IPBES and science would facilitate discussion. Now at a critical juncture in the life of the Convention and SBSTTA 2010, the International Year of Biodiversity, provided a renewed impetus to mainstream the three objectives of the Convention from the local to global levels - that impetus would be further strengthened by resumed sessions on access and benefit-sharing and the United Nations General Assembly special meeting on biodiversity. The

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outcomes of the current meeting would inform these processes as well as the next meeting of the Conference of the Parties in Nagoya Japan. Mr. Thomas reminded participants that the two-week meeting of SBSTTA was unique – since it was impossible to address such a range of issues in just 5 days and thanked delegates for their kind consideration. Mr. Thomas reminded participant that the agenda foresaw adoption in plenary of items at the end of the first week. Items in the second week would be adopted during the second week together with report of meeting. He recalled the mandate of SBSTTA in Article 25 and stressed that SBSTTA was to advise the Conference of the Parties on implementation of the Convention and to run assessments of status and trends and threats that would guide Parties' decisions and measures to be taken.

4. Following the opening statement by the Chair, a statement was made by Mr. Achim Steiner, Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme. Mr. Steiner welcomed all participants to UNEP headquarters in Nairobi. He cautioned participants not to feel resignation and frustration as the 2010 targets were not met but rather to embrace the many successes and efforts including the expansion of protected areas in the Amazon, Natura 2000 efforts by Europeans, the establishment, by the United States of America of one of the largest marine protected areas. During IYB we had an opportunity to become more sophisticated in our message on biodiversity so that we could keep pace with the efforts of many countries and business organizations to look for alternative ways to understand biodiversity as a responsibility and as an opportunity for the future. In particular, during 2010 there would be the United Nations General Assembly high-level event on biodiversity, the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties in Nagoya, agreement on a new Strategic Plan, ongoing meetings on access and benefit-sharing and the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) and possible agreements on new funding opportunities such as REDD.

5. Mr. Steiner informed participants that UNEP, as a matter of priority was working on enhanced coherence among the biodiversity-related processes. UNEP had already invested in the established liaison offices for multilateral environmental agreements in the regional offices and the EMG issue management groups on biodiversity and land were examining the role of the overall United Nations family in addressing coherence between environmental challenges.

6. Finally, Mr. Steiner emphasized that enough was known about the status and trends of biodiversity to act. That knowledge needed to be applied to economic decision-making, including with regard to the allocation of funds, and development choices. There was a need to better explain to society the costs of inaction and build on the unprecedented work conducted by TEEB. Mr. Steiner called upon SBSTTA to provide guidance on the aforementioned issues so that the Convention could continue to move towards more coherent implementation beyond 2010.

7. The Chair thanked Mr. Steiner for enabling the meeting to take place at the headquarters of the United Nations Environment Programme. This meeting would further reinforce the collaboration between all the bodies of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the United Nations Environment Programme.

8. Referring back to the significance of the analysis contained in the third issue of the Global Biodiversity Outlook, for the future work of SBSTTA, the Convention and all the participants in their respective countries, the Chair congratulated everybody who contributed to the report. GBO-3 was being launched at that very same time in a number of cities around the world. UNEP Regional Offices had worked with the Secretariat of the Convention to prepare for events taking place in all continents, being perhaps the most significant outreach event that the Convention had ever had. It was with great pleasure that he was officially launching the third edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook in six languages. English versions of the document were simultaneously distributed in the room. The Chair then invited all participants to watch a video on the third edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook.

9. Participants were presented with a CD about the third edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook and useful information used in the preparation of the Global Outlook.

10. A statement was made by Mr. Ahmed Djoghlafl, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity. Mr. Djoghlafl began by reminding participants that 18 years ago the Convention on Biological Diversity was born in the very same room that the current meeting was taking place. Mr. Djoghlafl paid tribute to the Executive Director of UNEP for hosting and partially funding this first meeting on biodiversity held in Nairobi since 2000 and the first meeting of SBSTTA ever held at UNEP. He also expressed his gratitude to Mr. Thomas as the Chair of SBSTTA, who was now a permanent member of the COP Bureau and to Norway for providing funding for the Bureau's work. Mr. Djoghlafl called on the scientific community to make its own contribution to IYB using SBSTTA as an impetus especially through ensuring the best scientific and technical input to the development of the new Strategic Plan of the Convention and the associated biodiversity vision for 2050 to be adopted by the Conference of the Parties in Nagoya.

11. Mr. Djoghlafl highlighted that more than 22 items would need to be considered over the coming two weeks, including the findings of GBO-3. The material for the meeting had been prepared by the 16 staff of the Secretariat's scientific division, who had also convened 35 scientific and planning meetings since the thirteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, including: three workshops on biofuels, a topic for which there was no staff assigned, and 16 climate change activities requested by the Conference of the Parties, including three meetings of an Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Biodiversity and Climate Change and two meetings on marine acidification, without any additional budget. Mr. Djoghlafl pointed out that the Secretariat was also the repository of 530 national reports and 52 Technical Series documents. The Secretariat also produced GBO-3, which had been launched around the world and which would be introduced by Dr. Thomas Lovejoy who 30 years before had issued the warning that business as usual was no longer an option. Finally, Mr. Djoghlafl commented on the importance of mobilizing the scientific community in support of the three objectives of the Convention, the adoption on 29 October, of an international regime on access and benefit-sharing, the IPBES and the Aichi-Nagoya Strategic Plan.

12. The Chair then invited Mr. Thomas Lovejoy, Chair of the Heinz Center Biodiversity as well as Chair of the scientific review committee on GBO-3 which had met in November 2009, to make a presentation about the key findings from the Global Biodiversity Outlook.

13. Mr. Lovejoy expressed his pleasure at being able to chair the review of the GBO-3, the work of hundreds of scientists and many organizations. Mr. Lovejoy summarized GBO-3 by saying that it was simply not a pretty picture: despite good and important efforts, the trends continued to be negative. Mr. Lovejoy introduced the three parts of GBO-3 – the first looking back, the second looking forward and lastly and most importantly, the third section containing actions to turn around the current trends in biodiversity and ecosystem services. In looking back, the Living Planet Index continued to be negative, livestock breeds were at risk, and corals were facing unprecedented pressures. Despite those trends, protected areas were increasing and there had been a dramatic decline in rates of deforestation in the Amazon basin.

14. Looking forward, Mr. Lovejoy outlined the 13 tipping points examined by GBO-3 going beyond socio-economic tipping points to look also at biophysical tipping points. If those tipping points were reached, systems would shift in major and often irreversible fashion – threats included massive dieback in the Amazon basin and the collapse of coral reefs. Dr. Lovejoy stressed that it was important to address the direct pressures of biodiversity, but also to look at underlying causes and find new ways to bring environmental externalities into the way our economics and markets worked. The GBO-3 showed the risk emerging for a sixth mass extinction event in the history of life on Earth. To avoid such occurrences, there was a need to shift from a defensive mode to thinking and working proactively.

15. The Chair thanked Mr. Lovejoy for his presentation stressing that the key messages needed to be conveyed beyond the meeting of SBSTTA.

16. Ahmed Djoghlafl congratulated Mr. Lovejoy on his chairmanship of GBO-3 and thanked Canada, Japan, the European Commission and Germany for their financial contribution. He also thanked UNEP for its assistance in the launch of GBO-3 in all UNEP offices - in Panama, Brasilia, Manama, Geneva and Bangkok - as well as the regional economic and social commissions of the United Nations for launching the report in Santiago and Addis Ababa, UNDP for its support and the CBD Consortium of Scientific Partners on Biodiversity for organizing a training session on GBO-3. Finally, Mr. Djoghlafl expressed his sincere thanks to the GBO team and in particular to Jo Mulongoy, Kieran Mooney, Robert Hoft and David Cooper.

ITEM 2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS, ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

A. Attendance

17. The meeting was attended by representatives of the following Parties and other Governments: *[to be completed]*

18. Observers from the following United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, convention secretariats and other bodies also attended: *[to be completed]*

19. The following were also represented by observers: *[to be completed]*

B. Election of officers

20. In accordance with the elections held at the twelfth and thirteenth meetings of the Subsidiary Body, the Bureau of the fourteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice comprised the following members:

Chair: Mr. Spencer L. Thomas (Grenada)
Ms. Gabriele Obermayr (Austria)
Ms. Senka Barudanovic (Bosnia and Herzegovina)
Mr. Habib Gademi (Chad)
Mr. Asghar Mohammadi Fazel (Islamic Republic of Iran)
Mr. Hesiquio Benitez (Mexico)
Mr. Krishna Chandra Paudel (Nepal)
Ms. Tone Solhaug (Norway)
Mr. Nabil Hamada (Tunisia)
Ms. Shirin Karryeva (Turkmenistan)

21. It was agreed that Ms. Shirin Karryeva Vice-Chair from Turmenistan and Ms. Senka Barudanovic, Vice Chair from Bosnia and Herzegovina would act as Rapporteurs for the meeting.

22. At the 1st session of the meeting, on 10 May 2010 the Chair recalled that, in accordance with paragraph 9 of the consolidated *modus operandi* of the Subsidiary Body, as contained in annex III to decision VIII/10 of the Conference of the Parties, and to achieve staggered terms of office within the Bureau, SBSTTA was expected to elect five new members to serve on the Bureau for a term commencing at the end of the fourteenth meeting and ending at the end of the sixteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body, to replace the members from Austria, Chad, Mexico, the Islamic Republic of Iran, and Turkmenistan. The Chair invited members of the Bureau to interact with their respective regional groups in order to nominate new Bureau members.

23. At the *[to be completed]* session of the meeting, on *[to be completed]*, the Subsidiary Body elected the following officers to serve on the Bureau for a two-meeting term: *[to be completed]*

C. Adoption of the agenda

24. At the 1st session of the meeting, on 10 May 2010, the Subsidiary Body adopted the following agenda on the basis of the provisional agenda prepared by the Executive Secretary in consultation with the Bureau (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/14/1):

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Election of officers, adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
3. Scientific and technical issues of relevance to the implementation of, reporting on, and follow-up to, the 2010 target:
 - 3.1. In-depth reviews of implementation of the work on:
 - 3.1.1. Mountain biodiversity;
 - 3.1.2. Inland waters biodiversity;
 - 3.1.3. Marine and coastal biodiversity;
 - 3.1.4. Protected areas;
 - 3.1.5. Biodiversity and climate change;
 - 3.1.6. Article 10 of the Convention (sustainable use of biodiversity) and application of the Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines;
 - 3.2. Consideration of the third edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook, its messages and implications;
 - 3.3. Proposals for a consolidated update of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation;
 - 3.4. Examination of the outcome-oriented goals and targets, and associated indicators, and consideration of their possible adjustments for the period beyond 2010.

25. The Chair reminded participants that although the Conference of the Parties, at its ninth meeting had allocated funds for a five-day meeting of the Subsidiary Body, the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties approved a ten-day meeting in order to allow SBSTTA to cover all the requests from the Conference of the Parties. The Chair thanked those countries that had provided the necessary funds for the participation of delegates from least developed countries as well as UNEP for providing their facilities and other funds to allow for a ten-day meeting.

26. Interventions were made by Japan, recalling its willingness to further work with Parties and relevant organizations to clarify and win support for the *Satoyama* Initiative before the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, and by Malawi, in support of the *Satoyama* Initiative. Ghana introduced the results of informal discussions which were undertaken by request of the Chair of Working Group II, and which resulted in changes to text related to the *Satoyama* Initiative. Document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/14/L.4 was adopted as orally amended.

D. Organization of work

27. The Subsidiary Body decided to set up two open-ended sessional working groups for its fourteenth meeting:

(a) Working Group I, co-chaired by Ms. Tone Solhaug (Norway) and Mr. Asghar Mohammadi Fazel (Islamic Republic of Iran) to consider items 3.1.1 (In-depth reviews of implementation of the programme of work on mountain biodiversity); 3.1.2. (In-depth review of implementation of the programme of work on inland waters biodiversity); 3.1.3. (In-depth review of implementation of the programme of work on marine and coastal biodiversity); 4.1.1 Agricultural biodiversity: follow-up to requests of the Conference of the Parties in decision IX/1); 4.1.2. (Biofuels and biodiversity: consideration of ways and means to promote the positive and minimize the negative impacts of the production and use of biofuels on biodiversity); 4.2. (Consideration of proposals related to the programme of work on the biodiversity of dry and sub-humid lands); 4.3. (Forest biodiversity: joint work plan with UNFF secretariat and report on cooperation on the monitoring of forest biodiversity and on clarifying the definitions of forest and forest types); and 4.4. (Further work on gaps and inconsistencies in the international regulatory framework on invasive alien species introduced as pets, aquarium and terrarium species, as live bait and live food, and best practices for addressing the risks associated with their introduction);

(b) Working Group II, chaired by Ms. Gabriele Obermayr (Austria) and Mr. Hesiquio Benitez (Mexico) to consider items 3.1.4. (In-depth review of implementation of the programme of work on protected areas); 3.1.5 (In-depth review of the implementation of the programme of work on biodiversity and climate change); 3.1.6. (In-depth review of implementation of the programme of work on Article 10 of the Convention (sustainable use) and application of the Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines); 3.2. (Consideration of the third edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook, its messages and implications); 3.3. (Proposals for a consolidated update of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation); 3.4. (Examination of the outcome-oriented goals and targets, and associated indicators, and consideration of their possible adjustments for the period beyond 2010); 4.5 (Global Taxonomy Initiative: results and lessons learned from regional taxonomic needs assessments and identification of priorities); and 4.6. (Incentive measures (Article 11): good practice cases from different regions on the identification and removal or mitigation of perverse, and the promotion of positive incentive measures).

28. Mr. Habib Gademi (Chad), Vice Chair of the Subsidiary Body, made a statement on behalf of the SBSTTA Bureau. He thanked the Executive Director of UNEP, Mr. Steiner for his warm welcome and congratulated the Chair of SBSTTA, Mr. Spencer, on his appointment and the Executive Secretary and his team for the preparation of the meeting. Finally, he expressed his confidence in the fruitful outcomes of the meeting which will allow to send strong recommendations to the Conference of the Parties, improve the state of biodiversity and its contribution to human well-being.

29. At the 2nd plenary session, on 14 May, the Subsidiary Body heard progress reports from the Co-Chairs of the Working Groups.

30. At the 4th plenary session of the meeting, on 20 May 2010, the Chair of Working Group I, Ms. Tone Solhaug (Norway), informed the plenary that given the fact that Working Group I had not finished its deliberations on item 4.1.2 (Biofuels and biodiversity: consideration of ways and means to promote the positive and minimize the negative impacts of the production and use of biofuels on biodiversity), the L draft recommendation might only be available in English for adoption by plenary at its final meeting, on 21 May.

31. A statement was made by the representative of France, who stated that although France would not object to this to allow the plenary to move ahead quickly, it raised some concerns with the procedure.

32. The Chair plenary explained that the document would undergo advanced translation that night, with the understanding that work undertaken by Working Group I the following day may not be translated in all United Nations languages prior to plenary.

E. Work of the sessional working groups

33. As decided by the Subsidiary Body at the 1st plenary session of the meeting on 10 May 2010, Working Group I met under the chairmanship of [to be completed], to consider items [to be completed]. The Working Group held [to be completed] meetings, on [to be completed]. It adopted its report (UNEP/SBSTTA/14/1/L.1/Add.1) at its [to be completed] meeting, on 21 May 2010.

34. As decided by the Subsidiary Body at the 1st plenary session of the meeting on 10 May 2010, Working Group II met under the chairmanship of [to be completed], to consider items [to be completed]. The Working Group held [to be completed] meetings, on [to be completed]. It adopted its report (UNEP/SBSTTA/14/1/L.1/Add.2) at its [to be completed] meeting, on 21 May 2010.

ITEM 3. SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL ISSUES OF RELEVANCE TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF, REPORTING ON, AND FOLLOW-UP TO, THE 2010 TARGET

Item 3.1. In-depth reviews of implementation of the programmes of work

3.1.1. Mountain biodiversity

35. At the 2nd plenary session of the meeting, on 14 May 2010, the Subsidiary Body took up draft recommendation UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/14/L.2 submitted by the Co-Chair of Working Group I and, following an exchange of views, adopted it, as orally amended, as recommendation XIV/1.

3.1.2. Inland waters biodiversity

36. At the 2nd plenary session of the meeting, on 14 May 2010, the Subsidiary Body took up draft recommendation UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/14/L.3 submitted by the Co-Chair of Working Group I and, following an exchange of views, adopted it, as orally amended, as recommendation XIV/2.

3.1.3. Marine and coastal biodiversity

37. At the 2nd plenary session of the meeting, on 14 May 2010, the Subsidiary Body took up draft recommendation UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/14/L.8 submitted by the Co-Chair of Working Group I and, following an exchange of views, adopted it, as orally amended, as recommendation XIV/3.

3.1.4. Protected areas

38. At the 2nd plenary session of the meeting, on 14 May 2010, the Subsidiary Body took up draft recommendation UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/14/L.5 submitted by the Co-Chair of Working Group II and, following an exchange of views, adopted it, as orally amended, as recommendation XIV/4.

3.1.5. Biodiversity and climate change

39. At the 2nd plenary session of the meeting, on 14 May 2010, the Subsidiary Body took up draft recommendation UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/14/L.9 submitted by the Co-Chair of Working Group II and, following an exchange of views, adopted it, as orally amended, as recommendation XIV/5.

3.1.6. Article 10 of the Convention (sustainable use of biodiversity) and application of the Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines

40. At the 2nd plenary session of the meeting, on 14 May 2010, the Subsidiary Body took up draft recommendation UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/14/L.4 submitted by the Co-Chair of Working Group II and, following an exchange of views, adopted it, as orally amended, as recommendation XIV/6.

Item 3.2 Consideration of the third edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook, its messages and implications

Item 3.3. Proposals for a consolidated update of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation

Item 3.4 Examination of the outcome-oriented goals and targets, and associated indicators, and consideration of their possible adjustments for the period beyond 2010

ITEM 4. MATTERS ARISING FROM OTHER DECISIONS ADOPTED AT THE NINTH MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

Item 4.1. Agricultural biodiversity

4.1.1. Follow-up to requests of the Conference of the Parties in decision IX/1

4.1.2. Biofuels and biodiversity: consideration of ways and means to promote the positive and minimize the negative impacts of the production and use of biofuels on biodiversity

Item 4.2. Consideration of proposals related to the programme of work on the biodiversity of dry and sub-humid lands

Item 4.3. Forest biodiversity: joint work plan with the Secretariat of the United Nations Forum on Forests and information on cooperation on the monitoring of forest biodiversity and on clarifying the definitions of forest and forest types

41. At the 2nd plenary session of the meeting, on 14 May 2010, the Subsidiary Body took up draft recommendation UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/14/L.7 submitted by the Co-Chair of Working Group I and, following an exchange of views, adopted it, as orally amended, as recommendation XIV/12.

Item 4.4. Further work on gaps and inconsistencies in the international regulatory framework on invasive alien species, particularly species introduced as pets, aquarium and terrarium species, as live bait and

live food, and best practices for addressing the risks associated with their introduction

Item 4.5. Global Taxonomy Initiative: status and activities towards outcome oriented deliverables, including results and lessons learned from regional needs assessments, and identification of priorities

42. At the second plenary session of the meeting, on 14 May 2010, the Subsidiary Body took up draft recommendation UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/14/L.6 submitted by the Chair of Working Group II and, following an exchange of views, adopted it, as orally amended, as recommendation XIV/14.

Item 4.6. Incentive measures (Article 11): Good practice cases from different regions on the identification and removal or mitigation of perverse, and the promotion of positive, incentive measures

Item 4.7. New and emerging issues

43. Agenda item 4.7 was taken up by at the 3rd plenary session of the meeting, on 19 May 2010. In considering the item, the Subsidiary Body had before it a compilation of the proposals and views received from Parties and relevant organizations on new and emerging issues (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/14/18).

44. Belgium, speaking on behalf of the European Union, Croatia, speaking on behalf of Central and Eastern region group, Ethiopia, speaking on behalf of the African Group and Mexico, speaking on behalf of the Latin American and the Caribbean Group.

45. Statements were also made by representatives of Australia, Canada, China, India, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Jordan, Mexico, Nepal, and the Philippines.

46. A statement was also made by a representative of ETC Group.

47. The Chair informed participants that a revised text would be transmitted as a draft recommendation for further consideration in plenary.

48. At its 4th plenary session of the meeting, on 20 May 2010, the Subsidiary Body took up a draft recommendation on new and emerging issues submitted by the Chair as UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/14/L.15.

49. Statements were made by representatives of Argentina, Austria, Brazil, Canada, China, Ethiopia, Germany, Malawi, Mexico, Mexico on behalf of GRULAC, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Portugal, Russian Federation, South Africa, Spain, Tunisia, United Kingdom and Zambia.

50. A statement was also made by the representative of Nepal on behalf of the Asia and the Pacific region.

51. The draft recommendation was adopted as orally amended, as recommendation XIV/16.

52. The text of the recommendation as adopted will be included in the annex to the report of the meeting.

Action by the Subsidiary Body

**ITEM 5. WAYS AND MEANS TO IMPROVE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE
SUBSIDIARY BODY ON SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND
TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE**

53. Agenda item 5 was taken up by at the 3rd plenary session of the meeting on 19 May 2010. In considering the item, the Subsidiary Body had before it a note by the Executive Secretary on ways and means to improve the effectiveness of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/14/19).

54. Before opening the item for discussion, the Chair invited the Executive Secretary of the Convention, Ahmed Djoghlaif and Benjamin Skolnik of the Alliance for Zero Extinction for the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Alliance for Zero Extinction. The Alliance had conducted a number of projects in the world to prevent extinction of species by safeguarding key sites where species were in imminent danger of extinction. The Alliance also contributed to the third edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook.

55. Introducing the item, the Secretariat drew attention to a non-paper on SBSTTA and financial matters, prepared in response to a statement by the representative of Malawi, at the 2nd plenary session of the meeting, in which he raised the question of which rule of procedure prevented SBSTTA from making financial recommendations and sought clarification from the Executive Secretary on the matter.

56. The Chair reminded participants that he had invited the Bureau to discuss in regional groups and come up with regional statements regarding the issue.

57. Statements were made by Nepal, speaking on behalf of the Asia and the Pacific Group, Spain, speaking on behalf of the European Union, the Russian Federation, speaking on behalf of Central and Eastern group, Tunisia, speaking on behalf of the African Group and Mexico, speaking on behalf of the Latin American and the Caribbean Group.

58. Statements were also made by representatives of Australia, Canada, China, Ethiopia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Jordan, New Zealand and the Philippines.

59. The Chair informed participants that he would prepare a draft recommendation based on the comments received, for consideration in plenary.

60. At its 4th plenary session of the meeting, on 20 May 2010, the Subsidiary Body took up a draft recommendation on ways and means to improve the effectiveness of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, submitted by the Chair (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/14/L.14).

61. Statements were made by representatives of Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Canada, China, Colombia, Ethiopia, Finland, Germany, Iceland, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Malawi, Mexico, New Zealand, Philippines, Portugal, Russian Federation, Sweden and United Kingdom.

62. The Subsidiary Body resumed its consideration of the item at the 5th plenary session of the meeting on 21 May 2010. In considering the item, the Plenary had before it document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/14/L.15.

63. Statements were made by representatives of Burkina Faso, China, Ethiopia, Germany, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Japan, Malawi, Nepal, Portugal, South Africa, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom.

64. The Chair closed the discussion of the document with adopting it and suspended the plenary.

65. The draft recommendation was adopted as orally amended, as recommendation XIV/17. The text of the recommendation as adopted will be included in the annex to the report of the meeting.

ITEM 6. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT AND CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

66. The present report was adopted, as orally amended, at the [*to be completed*] plenary session of the meeting, on [*to be completed*], on the basis of the draft report prepared by the Rapporteur (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/14/L.1) and the reports of the working groups (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/14/L.1/Add.1 and 2).

67. At the closing session of the meeting, the representative of [*to be completed*]

68. After the customary exchange of courtesies, the fourteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice was closed at 6 p.m. on Friday 21 May, 2010.
