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ITEM 4. GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY OUTLOOK: PREPARATION OF THE FOURTH EDITION

1. Working Group I took up agenda item 4 at its 1st meeting, on 30 April 2012, under the chairmanship of Mr. Maadjou Bah (Guinea). In considering the item, the Working Group had before it a plan for the preparation of the fourth edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/16/3), together with the evaluation of the process for the preparation and production of the third edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/16/INF/1) and the draft communication strategy for the fourth edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/16/INF/2).

2. Introducing the item, the representative of the Secretariat drew attention to paragraph 17(d) of decision X/2 of the Conference of the Parties, which requested the Executive Secretariat to prepare a plan, to be considered by the Subsidiary Body prior to the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties, for the preparation of the fourth edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook (GBO-4) on the basis of the fifth national reports, using headline global biodiversity indicators and other relevant information. The plan prepared accordingly was contained in document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/16/3, which also included a summary of the main points arising from the review of the process of preparation and production of the third edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook.

3. Statements were made by representatives of Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Denmark, Ethiopia, France, India, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Norway, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, Sudan, Thailand and Uganda.

4. A statement was also made by a representative of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).

5. Further statements were made by representatives of DIVERSITAS and the International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity (IIFB).

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6. The representative of Switzerland said that his country would provide financial support for the drafting of GBO-4, while the representative of Japan said that his country would translate the publication into Japanese.

7. Following the exchange of views, the Co-Chair said that he would prepare a revised version of the draft recommendation contained in document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/16/3, reflecting the views expressed by participants and written submissions to the Secretariat, for consideration at a subsequent meeting.

8. The Working Group discussed the revised version of the draft recommendation at its 4th and 5th meetings, on 2 May 2012.

9. Statements were made by representatives of Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Canada, China, Colombia, Denmark, Ethiopia, the European Union, France, Germany, India, Mexico, Niger, Norway, Peru, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Switzerland and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

10. The representative of the European Union requested that the following statement be included in the report of the meeting:

> "Parties and other Governments should make timely financial contributions for the development of biodiversity indicators that 'build on and continue the work of the Biodiversity Indicators Partnership in order to deliver global biodiversity indicators for the post-2010 period and support Parties in developing corresponding national indicators, in the framework of the National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (Aichi Targets 1-20)' (paragraph 14(h) of document UNEP/CBD/WG-RI/4/7 on the financial mechanism: review of GEF-5 and needs for GEF-6). The European Union therefore supports the proposal made by UNEP in support of Parties' implementation of the Convention and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, including the Aichi Biodiversity Targets.
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> "In 2011, the European Union provided financial support to the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Indicators for the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and this year is providing financial support to UNEP for continuing the work of the Biodiversity Indicator Partnership."

11. A statement was also made by a representative of IIFB.

12. The Working Group agreed to transmit the draft recommendation, as orally amended, to the plenary as draft recommendation UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/16/L.3.

ITEM 7. BIODIVERSITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Item 7.1. Advice on the application of relevant REDD+[1] safeguards for biodiversity and on possible indicators and potential mechanisms to monitor or assess impacts REDD+ measures on biodiversity

Item 7.2. Integration of biodiversity considerations into climate change-related activities, including addressing gaps in knowledge and information

13. Working Group I took up agenda items 7.1 and 7.2 together at its 2nd meeting, on 1 May 2012, under the chairmanship of Mr. Maadjou Bah (Guinea). In considering item 7.1, the Working Group had before it a note by the Executive Secretary on advice on the application of relevant safeguards for biodiversity with regard to REDD+, and on possible indicators and potential mechanisms to monitor or assess impacts on biodiversity of REDD+ measures (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/16/8), submissions from Parties on REDD+ safeguards and assessment of impacts on biodiversity (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/16/INF/19), submission by the CBD Secretariat to the UNFCCC Secretariat on methodological guidance for activities relating to REDD+, specifically related to systems for providing information on how safeguards referred to in appendix I to UNFCCC decision 1/CP.16 are addressed and respected (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/16/INF/20), the analysis of possible indicators to measure impacts of REDD+ on biodiversity and on indigenous and local communities (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/16/INF/21), a framework for integrating biodiversity concerns into national REDD+ programmes (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/16/INF/22), Assessing REDD+ performance of countries with low monitoring capacities: the matrix approach (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/16/INF/23), a review of three REDD+ safeguard initiatives (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/16/INF/24) and the background report on improving forest biodiversity monitoring and reporting (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/16/INF/25). In considering item 7.2, the Working Group had before it proposals on the integration of biodiversity considerations into climate change-related activities, including addressing gaps in knowledge and information (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/16/9), Biodiversity and Climate Change: examples of bioclimatic models (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/16/INF/26), and the summary report on the Rio Conventions Pavilion (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/16/INF/27).

14. With regard to item 7.1, the representative of the Secretariat expressed appreciation to those countries that had hosted or provided financial support for the four expert workshops on the findings of which the report contained in document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/16/8 was in part based. He also delivered a statement on behalf of the UNFCCC Secretariat, which is reproduced in annex […] to this report.

15. Statements were made by representatives of Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Denmark, Finland, France, Guatemala, India, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Switzerland and Thailand.

16. Working Group I resumed its consideration of agenda items 7.1 and 7.2 at its 2nd meeting, on 1 May 2012, under the chairmanship of Mr. Bah.

17. Statements were made by representatives of Argentina, Burkina Faso, Canada, China, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ecuador, Ethiopia, the European Union, Ghana, India, Malaysia, Niger, Norway, South Africa and Uganda.

18. Statements were also made by representatives of FAO and the World Bank.

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[1] With reference to relevant decisions and documents of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the term REDD+ refers to "reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation and the role of conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks in developing countries".

19. Further statements were made by representatives of DIVERSITAS, the Global Forest Coalition, IIFB and the International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO).

20. At the suggestion of the Co-Chair, it was decided to establish an open-ended group of the Friends of the Chair to continue deliberations on agenda item 7.1, in which the representatives of Australia, Brazil, China, Denmark, India, Mexico, New Zealand, Norway, South Africa and Uganda were particularly invited to participate, with the aim of reaching consensus. The Co-Chair said that revised versions of the draft recommendations contained in documents UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/16/8 and UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/16/9 would be prepared, to be considered individually.

21. [item 7.1 to be completed]

22. Under agenda item 7.2, the Working Group discussed a revised version of the draft recommendation contained in document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/16/9 at its 5th meeting, on 2 May 2012, and its 6th meeting, on 3 May 2012, under the chairmanship of Mr. Ole Hendrickson (Canada).

23. Statements were made by representatives of Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Canada, China, Colombia, Denmark, Ethiopia, the European Union, Finland, Guatemala, India, Japan, Liberia, Malaysia, Mexico, Norway, the Philippines, Sweden, Switzerland, Uganda, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and Zambia.

24. Statements were also made by representatives of DIVERSITAS and IIFB.

25. The Working Group agreed to transmit the draft recommendation, as orally amended, to the plenary as draft recommendation UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/16/L.5.

Item 7.3. Geo-engineering: impacts on biodiversity and gaps in existing regulatory mechanisms

26. Working Group I took up agenda item 7.3 at its 2nd meeting, on 1 May 2012, under the chairmanship of Mr. Ole Hendrickson (Canada). In considering the item, the Working Group had before it a note by the Executive Secretary on technical and regulatory matters on geo-engineering in relation to the Convention on Biological Diversity (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/16/10), information documents on impacts of climate related geo-engineering on biological diversity (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/16/INF/28), on regulatory framework for climate-related geo-engineering relevant to the Convention on Biological Diversity (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/16/INF/29) and on impacts of climate-related geo-engineering on biodiversity: views and experiences of indigenous and local communities and stakeholders (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/16/INF/30).

27. Introducing the item, the representative of the Secretariat explained that the studies reported in information documents UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/16/INF/28 and UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/16/INF/29 had been carried out pursuant to decision X/33, paragraphs 9(l) and 9(m) respectively. She said that to facilitate the preparation of the geo-engineering documents before the SBSTTA, the Executive Secretary had established an expert group and a legal liaison group and convened a consultative workshop and online dialogue, thanks to the generous contributions of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Norway. She further explained that document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/16/INF/30 had been prepared on the basis of an online consultation with indigenous peoples and local communities, hosted by UNESCO. The proposals prepared by the Executive Secretary were contained in document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/16/10.

28. Statements were made by representatives of Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, Denmark, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Finland, France, India, Norway, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Sweden, Thailand, Uganda and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

29. Statements were also made by representatives of EcoNexus, speaking also on behalf of Biofuelwatch and the Global Forest Coalition, the ETC Group and Tebtebba (Indigenous Peoples' International Centre for Policy Research and Education).

30. Following the exchange of views, the Co-Chair said that he would prepare a revised version of the draft recommendation contained in document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/16/10, reflecting the views expressed by participants and written submissions to the Secretariat for consideration at a subsequent meeting.

31. The Working Group discussed the revised version of the draft recommendation at its 8th meeting, on 4 May 2012.

32. Statements were made by representatives of Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Canada, China, Colombia, Denmark, Ecuador, Ethiopia, the European Union, Finland, France, Guatemala, India, Malaysia, Mexico, Niger, Norway, the Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Sweden, Sudan, Uganda, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America, and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela. [*to be completed*]

33. Statements were also made by representatives of the ETC Group and the Royal Society. [*to be completed*]

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ITEM 11. BIOFUELS AND BIODIVERSITY: PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTING DECISION X/37

36. Working Group I took up agenda item 11 at its 3rd meeting, on 1 May 2012, under the chairmanship of Mr. Ole Hendrickson (Canada). In considering the item, the Working Group had before it a note by Executive Secretary on Biofuels and biodiversity: report on the work in response to decision X/37 (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/16/14) and an information document on biofuels and biodiversity: further information on the work in response to decision X/37 (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/16/INF/32).

37. Introducing the item, the representative of the Secretariat said that the documents before the Working Group had previously been submitted for peer review, and comments received had been incorporated where feasible.

38. Statements were made by representatives of Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Cuba, Denmark, India, Japan, Mexico, the Philippines, South Africa, Switzerland, Thailand, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

39. Statements were also made by representatives of Biofuelwatch, EcoNexus, speaking also on behalf of USC Canada, the Global Forest Coalition and the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

40. Given the divergent views expressed during the discussion, it was decided, at the suggestion of the Co-Chair, that informal consultations on the issue should be held.

41. At its 6th meeting, on 3 May 2012, the Working Group heard a progress report from Mr. Horst Korn (Germany), who had coordinated the informal consultations.

42. [to be completed]

ITEM 12. INCENTIVE MEASURES: PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTING DECISION X/44

43. Working Group I took up agenda item 12 at its 3rd meeting, on 1 May 2010, under the chairmanship of Mr. Ole Hendrickson (Canada). In considering the item, the Working Group had before it a note by the Executive Secretary containing a progress report on activities undertaken by Parties, other Governments, relevant organizations and initiatives, and the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/16/15) and an information document on incentive measures: synthesis of information on progress in implementing decision X/44 (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/16/INF/36).

44. Statements were made by representatives of Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Denmark, Ecuador, Finland, France, India, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, South Africa, Sweden, Thailand, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

45. Statements were also made by representatives of EcoNexus and IUCN.

46. Following the exchange of views, the Co-Chair said that he would prepare a revised version of the draft recommendation contained in document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/16/15, reflecting the views expressed by participants and written submissions to the Secretariat, for consideration at a subsequent meeting.

47. The Working Group discussed the revised version of the draft recommendation at its 6th and 7th meetings, on 3 May 2012.

48. Statements were made by representatives of Argentina, Australia, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Canada, China, Denmark, Ethiopia, France, Germany, India, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Rwanda, Sweden, Switzerland, Uganda, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United States of America.

49. [to be completed]

ITEM 13. REPORTS ON COLLABORATIVE WORK IN THE AREAS OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTS AND HEALTH

50. Working Group I took up agenda item 13 at its 3rd meeting, on 1 May 2012, under the chairmanship of Mr. Maadjou Bah (Guinea). In considering the item, the Working Group had before it a note by Executive Secretary concerning the reports on collaborative work in the areas of agriculture, forests and health (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/16/16) and information notes on the report on collaborative work on biodiversity and agriculture (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/16/INF/33) and on biodiversity and health: further information on the work in response to decision X/20, paragraph 17 (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/16/INF/34).

51. Statements were made by representatives of Austria, Brazil and Switzerland.

52. A further statement was made by DIVERSITAS, speaking also on behalf of the EcoHealth Alliance.

53. Working Group I resumed consideration of agenda item 13 at its 4th meeting, on 2 May 2012.

54. Statements were made by representatives of Canada, Ethiopia and the Philippines.

55. A statement was also made by a representative of the FAO.

56. Following the exchange of views, the Co-Chair said that he would prepare a revised version of the draft recommendation contained in document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/16/16, reflecting the views

expressed by participants and written submissions to the Secretariat, for consideration at a subsequent meeting.

57. The Working Group discussed the revised version of the draft recommendation at its 7th meeting, on 3 May 2012, and its 8th meeting, on 4 May 2012.

58. Statements were made by representatives of Argentina, Belgium, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Canada, China, Ethiopia, the European Union, India, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Norway and Peru.

59. A statement was also made by a representative of DIVERSITAS.

60. The Working Group agreed to transmit the draft recommendation, as orally amended, to the plenary as draft recommendation UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/16/L.8.