

**ITEM 11**  
**3 May 2012**

**BIOFUELS AND BIODIVERSITY:**

**NON-PAPER**

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*Recommends* that the Conference of the Parties, at its eleventh meeting:

*Recalling* its decision IX/2 and X/37, in which the Conference of the Parties decided to consider ways and means to promote the positive and minimize or avoid the negative impacts of the production and use of biofuels on biodiversity;

*[Acknowledging* concerns that deployment of biofuel technologies, may result in increased demand for biomass and aggravate drivers of biodiversity loss, such as land use change, introduction of invasive alien species, bearing in mind para 6 of Dec X/38 of the COP, and resource over consumption]

*[Also acknowledging* the potential for biofuels technologies to make a positive contribution to mitigating climate change, another of the main drivers of biodiversity loss, and generating additional income, especially in rural areas;]

*[Also recalling* decision IX/2, bearing in mind principle 11 of the Rio Declaration on Env and Development and relevant international obligations, encourages, Parties and other Governments, indigenous and local communities (...), according to which environmental standards, management objectives and priorities should reflect the environmental and development context to which they apply. (refer here to text of Dec IX/2) ]

1. *Welcomes* the efforts of many Parties, relevant organizations and initiatives in developing and applying tools and approaches to promote the positive and minimize or avoid the negative impacts of biofuels on biodiversity and impacts on biodiversity that affect positively or negatively related socioeconomic conditions, including food and energy security, as well as the consideration of land tenure and resource rights, including water, and *encourages* continuing efforts in these regards;

[3. *Recognizing* that various incentive measures, including subsidies, the setting of targets or mandates for biofuels production and use, and associated trade measures, are currently significant drivers of biofuels expansion, *urges* Parties and other Governments to ensure that these measures are evaluated against Aichi Biodiversity Targets, in accordance with the provisions of the Convention;]

[4. *Further recognizing* that the sustainability of biofuel production and use, with regard to biodiversity, is a particular aspect of the broader issue of sustainable use, sustainable livelihoods and secure land tenure and sustainable consumption and production patterns, including the management of air-quality, land, water, energy and other resources, and that consideration of these matters will be necessary to achieve the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, in particular targets 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 14 and 15 ]

4. (bis) *Invites* Parties:

(a) To consider relevant biofuels matters, when and if appropriate, when updating and implementing their national and sub-national biodiversity strategies and action plans, and other relevant policies;

(b) To consider the use of various relevant voluntary tools regarding the impact of the production and use of biofuels on biodiversity, such as in strategic environment and socio-economic assessment and integrated land-use planning in accordance with national circumstances; and

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(b) (bis) Recall the invitation to Parties, acknowledging different national conditions, other governments and relevant organizations in Decision X/37, paragraph 7;

4 (ter) *welcomes* the current work being undertaken regarding decision X/37, para. 7 and *encourages* Parties, other governments and relevant organisations to continue this work;

5. *Requests* Parties, and *invites* other Governments, to make information on progress in responding to paragraphs 4 bis (a), (b) and (b bis), above, widely available and *requests* Parties to also report on this in their fifth national reports;

5 (bis). *Recognising* the rapidly developing technology associated with biofuels, *urges* Parties and other Governments to monitor these developments, and *recall* Decision IX/2, paragraph 3(c)(i) which urged Parties and invited other Governments, *inter alia*, to apply the precautionary approach in accordance with the preamble of the Convention on Biological Diversity;

[*NEW PARA old (ii)*] *Requests* the Executive Secretary, as part of his ongoing work in regards to Decision X/37, to compile information on relevant definitions of relevant key terms, in collaboration with Parties, other Governments and relevant organisations, and considering ongoing work, to enable Parties to implement Decisions IX/2 and X/37, and to report on progress to the seventeenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice;

[*NEW PARA*] *Takes note* of the progress report of the Executive Secretary, on his work in response to decision X/37, submitted to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/16/14) and *requests* the Executive Secretary to continue to compile information, *inter alia*, on gaps in available standards and methodologies identified in the work undertaken in para. 11 of Decision X/37.

[2. *Takes note* of gaps in our scientific knowledge of biofuels and in relevant tools and approaches, and remaining uncertainties, in particular the inherent difficulty of measuring and addressing indirect impacts of biofuels on biodiversity, ] and *further notes* that many technical and scientific issues with biofuels are difficult to assess because they are relevant to many programmes of work of the Convention, and in particular the Ecosystem Approach, and that these may be addressed in a broader context;

[POSITIONING OF ABOVE TWO PARAS NOT DECIDED]

5 (Ter) *Decides* to review progress with Decisions IX/2 and X/37 at COP-12;

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