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**RECOMMENDATION ADOPTED BY THE SUBSIDIARY BODY ON SCIENTIFIC,
TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE AT ITS SIXTEENTH MEETING**

***XVI/15. Reports on collaborative work on biodiversity and agriculture, forests, and
biodiversity and health***

The Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice *recommends* that the Conference of the Parties at its eleventh meeting adopt a decision along the following lines:

The Conference of the Parties

1. *Notes* the progress report of the Executive Secretary on collaborative work on biodiversity and agriculture, forests and biodiversity and health (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/16/16);
2. *Stresses* the importance of further strengthening the collaboration between the Convention and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in achieving relevant Aichi Biodiversity Targets, and *takes note* of the revised joint work plan between the secretariats of the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and its Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/16/INF/33, annex);
3. *Invites* the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) to examine how the indicative list of indicators for the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 as contained in recommendation XV/1 of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice can be taken into account when carrying out future Global Forest Resources Assessments, and *requests* the Executive Secretary to collaborate with FAO to help ensure that the Global Forest Resources Assessment continues to provide useful data and analysis for the purpose of assessing progress in implementation of the Convention;
4. *Invites* Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to raise awareness on the inter-relations between biodiversity and health issues and to collaborate with national health sectors in order to integrate biodiversity issues into national health strategies and

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programmes, to achieve mutual benefits and contribute towards relevant Aichi Biodiversity Targets, and report thereon to the Conference of the Parties at its twelfth meeting;

5. *Notes* that the indicative list of indicators (recommendation XV/1, annex I, of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice) contains a number of indicators that may be relevant to the links between biodiversity and health including trends in benefits that humans derive from selected ecosystem services; trends in health and well-being of communities who depend directly on local ecosystem goods and services; and trends in nutritional contribution of biodiversity: food composition, and *requests* the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with relevant organizations and based on views of Parties, to further develop these indicators, in line with recommendation XV/1 and *encourages* Parties, other Governments and relevant stakeholders, to make use of them;

6. *Welcomes with appreciation* the strengthening collaboration between the Convention on Biological Diversity and the World Health Organization, as well as other relevant organizations and initiatives, and *requests* the Executive Secretary, to establish a joint work programme with the World Health Organization, and, as appropriate, with other relevant organizations and initiatives, to support the contribution that the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011–2020 can make to achieving human health objectives; and

[7. *Noting* that insufficient funds were available for the implementation of requested targeted joint activities between the secretariats of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the United Nations Forum on Forests, in particular for capacity-building, *reiterates* its invitation to countries in a position to do so to provide funding for a joint staff position and activity funds, through the voluntary trust fund of the Convention.]
