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RECOMMENDATION ADOPTED BY THE AD HOC OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP ON REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION AT ITS FOURTH MEETING

4/8. Multi-Year Plan of Action for South-South Cooperation on Biodiversity for Development

The Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention *recommends* that the Conference of the Parties at its eleventh meeting *adopts* a decision along the following lines:

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling its decision X/23, in which it welcomed the Multi-Year Plan of Action for South-South Cooperation on Biodiversity for Development as adopted by the Group of 77 and China at the South-South Cooperation Forum held on 17 October 2010,

Welcoming the outcomes of the third expert meeting on South-South Cooperation, hosted by the Republic of Korea through its National Institute of Biological Resources from 18 to 20 May 2011,

Recognizing that South-South cooperation, complemented and supported by North-South and triangular cooperation, are important contributions to the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020,

1. *Encourages* Parties, other Governments, relevant organizations and other stakeholders to implement the Multi-Year Plan of Action for South-South Cooperation on Biodiversity for Development in the context of nationally determined priorities, capacities and needs;

2. *Reiterates* its invitation in paragraph 7 of decision X/23 to the Global Environment Facility to consider establishing a South-South biodiversity cooperation trust fund for the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 [including the Multi-Year Plan of Action on South-South cooperation on Biodiversity for Development] based on voluntary contributions; and welcomes ongoing discussions on this matter;

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3. *Recalling* paragraph 5 of decision X/23, *requests* the Executive Secretary to promote South-South cooperation and triangular cooperation as part of a coherent, consistent and coordinated approach to technical and scientific cooperation and information exchange.
