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ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

INTRODUCTION

1. Following the invitation of the Government of the Republic of Korea, which was welcomed by the Conference of the Parties in its decision XI/32, the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties will be held at the Alpensia Convention Center, Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea, from 6 to 17 October 2014.
2. At its meeting held in Montreal on 6 October 2013, the Bureau considered the draft provisional agenda of the meeting, which was subsequently finalized by the Executive Secretary, taking into account the comments by the Bureau, and approved via electronic means on 2 December 2013 (UNEP/CBD/COP/12/1).
3. These annotations to the provisional agenda have been prepared and made available to facilitate preparations for the meeting by Parties and observers. The annotations will be updated in July in the light of the outcomes of the fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention and the eighteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, and the status of ratification of the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization at that time.
4. The provisional agenda and these annotations have been prepared in line with the multi-year programme of work for the Conference of the Parties adopted in decision X/9, in which the Conference of the Parties has identified items for consideration at its twelfth meeting, and with other decisions of the Conference of the Parties.
5. In accordance with rule 6 of the rules of procedure for meetings of the Conference of the Parties, the Secretariat has notified the United Nations, its specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, as well as any State not party to the Convention of this meeting so that they may be represented as observers.
6. In accordance with rule 7 of the rules of procedure, the Secretariat has notified those bodies and agencies of this meeting, whether governmental or non-governmental, qualified in fields relating to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, which have informed the Secretariat of their wish to be represented at the meeting, so that they may be represented as observers. A list of such bodies will be made available to the Conference of the Parties for information.

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7. A high-level ministerial segment will be organized by the host country in consultation with the Secretariat and the Bureau (see annex V). The high-level segment will take place from 15 to 17 October 2014 at the Alpensia Convention Center. It is expected that the high-level segment will be opened by the Minister of the Environment of the Republic of Korea and that other senior officials will also address the meeting.

8. In accordance with established practice, the Executive Secretary will prepare a compilation of the various draft decisions proposed by inter-sessional meetings of subsidiary bodies or developed by the Executive Secretary in light of earlier decisions and recommendations (UNEP/CBD/COP/12/1/Add.2), as well as a summary of the financial implications of draft decisions (UNEP/CBD/COP/12/1/Add.3).

9. The twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties will be preceded, on 5 October 2014, by regional preparatory meetings for Africa, Asia, and Latin America and the Caribbean.

10. Additional information on logistical arrangements of the meeting will be made available in due course.

I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

Item 1. Opening of the meeting

11. The meeting will be opened at 10 a.m. on Monday, 6 October 2014, by the President of the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties or his representative.

12. At the opening session, the Conference will hear addresses of welcome by representatives of the Government of the Republic of Korea, the Province of Gangwon and the local authorities.

13. The Executive Secretary will address the meeting and highlight the main issues before the Conference of the Parties.

Item 2. Election of officers

Election of the President

14. It is expected that, at the opening session, the President of the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties or his representative will call for the election of a representative of the host country as President of the twelfth meeting. The term of office of the President will begin immediately following his or her election at the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and will end with the election of a successor at the thirteenth meeting.

Election of officers other than the President

15. In accordance with rule 21 of the rules of procedure (as adopted by decision I/1 and amended by decision V/20), in addition to the President, ten Vice-Presidents, one of whom acts as Rapporteur, are to be elected from among the representatives of the Parties present at the meeting. The term of office of the Vice-Presidents will commence upon the closure of the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and end at the closure of the thirteenth meeting. At its eleventh meeting, the Conference of the Parties elected ten Vice-Presidents from the following countries for a term of office commencing upon the closure of its eleventh meeting and ending at the closure of its twelfth meeting:

Ms. Senka Barudanović (Bosnia and Herzegovina)
 Ms. Eleni Rova Tokaduadua (Fiji)
 Mr. Ioseb Kartsivadze (Georgia)
 Mr. Spencer Thomas (Grenada)
 Mr. Boukar Attari (Niger)
 Ms. Tone Solhaug (Norway)
 Ms. María Luisa del Río Mispireta (Peru)*
 Ms. Chaweewan Hutacharern (Thailand)
 Mr. Francis Ogwal (Uganda)
 Mr. Jeremy Eppel (United Kingdom)

*replacing Ms. Valeria González Posse (Argentina) from 1 January 2014

16. Regional groups are urged to submit their nominations at the opening of the meeting. This will allow the newly elected members of the Bureau to attend, as observers, the Bureau meetings to be held during the meeting of the Conference of the Parties in order to ensure a smooth transition between outgoing and incoming Bureau members.

Election of officers of subsidiary bodies and other meetings

17. Rule 26 of the rules of procedure provides that the chairperson of any subsidiary body shall be elected by the Conference of the Parties, while the election of other officers is the responsibility of the body itself. At this meeting, the Conference of the Parties will therefore need to elect the chair of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) to officiate its meetings for a term of office that will extend until the end of the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. Previously elected chairs of SBSTTA have come from the following regional groups: first meeting – Africa; second meeting – Western European and Others; third and fourth meetings – Asia and the Pacific; fifth and sixth meetings – Latin America and the Caribbean; seventh and eighth meetings – Central and Eastern European; ninth and tenth meetings – Africa; eleventh and twelfth meetings – Western European and Others; thirteenth meeting – Asia and the Pacific; fourteenth meeting – Latin America and the Caribbean; fifteenth and sixteenth meetings – Central and Eastern Europe; and seventeenth and eighteenth meetings – Africa.

Item 3. Adoption of the agenda

18. The provisional agenda (UNEP/CBD/COP/12/1) has been approved by the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties. It was prepared by the Executive Secretary in accordance with rule 8 of the rules of procedure, with the guidance of the Bureau, and taking into account the multi-year programme of work of the Conference of the Parties up to 2020 contained in decision X/9 and other relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties.

Item 4. Organization of work

19. In accordance with established practice, the Conference of the Parties may wish to establish two working groups to support the work of the plenary.

20. The plenary would address organizational matters, reports of subsidiary bodies, the status of the Nagoya Protocol and the budget for the programme of work for the biennium 2015-2016, as well as consideration of draft decisions and final matters (sections I, II, and VII as well as item 30 of the provisional agenda). In addition, the fourth edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook would be launched in plenary (with substantive considerations taken up subsequently in Working Group I).

21. Working Group I would be devoted entirely to the *assessment of progress* in the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 (section III of the provisional agenda) and on *the consideration of further action with a view to enhancing implementation* (section IV). These matters are a major focus of the work of the Conference of the Parties at its twelfth meeting and are expected to result in a number of decisions that, collectively, may be known as the “Pyeongchang Roadmap for the enhanced implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets”. These decisions are expected to provide for *further tools and guidance*, where necessary, to assist implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and its Aichi Biodiversity Targets as well as for *further capacity-building, enhancement of technical and scientific cooperation* and other initiatives and measures regarding *resource mobilization* and the *financial mechanism*. A further decision would consider how the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and its Aichi Biodiversity Targets contribute to *sustainable development* and on how biodiversity can be further integrated into the sustainable development agenda. Parties will be invited to share experiences relevant for implementation under section III in a dialogue forum. Additional information on the dialogue forum can be found in annex IV.

22. Working Group II would address the remaining issues. While general progress in the implementation of the programmes of work will be considered as part of the assessment of progress under

section III in Working Group I, *matters highly specific to individual programmes of work and cross-cutting issues* would be considered under section V in Working Group II. Working Group II would also address *operations of the Convention and cooperation* in section VI, except for agenda item 30, which will be addressed in plenary.

23. If the two working groups are established, the Conference of the Parties will need to elect a Chairperson for each.

24. It is envisaged that the Nagoya Protocol will have entered into force by the start of the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and that therefore the *first meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol* will be held concurrently with this meeting, in accordance with Article 26, paragraph 6, of the Nagoya Protocol. In such case, sessions of the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol would be coordinated with sessions of the plenary and Working Groups I and II under the meeting of the Conference of the Parties, so that no more than two sessions will take place at the same time.

25. A proposed division of responsibilities between the plenary and the two working groups of the Conference of the Parties is contained in a timetable in annex II, section B. An overview schedule, which also provides for the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol, is contained in annex II, section A. The arrangements for the concurrent sessions of the Conference of the Parties and of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol will be reviewed in the light of the outcome of discussions on this matter at the fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention, held in response to the request in recommendation 2/3 (paragraph 3) of the third meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Intergovernmental Committee for the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing.

Item 5. Report on the credentials of representatives to the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties

26. Rule 18 of the rules of procedure states that:

“The credentials of representatives and the names of alternate representatives and advisers shall be submitted to the Executive Secretary of the Conference of the Parties or the representative of the Executive Secretary not later than twenty four hours after the opening of the meeting. Any later change in the composition of the delegation shall also be submitted to the Executive Secretary or his representative. The credentials shall be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or, in the case of a regional economic integration organization, by the competent authority of that organization.”

27. Rule 19 provides that “the Bureau of any meeting shall examine the credentials and submit its report to the Conference of the Parties for decision”.

28. In order to assist Parties in fulfilling the requirements of rule 18, the Executive Secretary distributed to national focal points a sample format of appropriate credentials with the letter of invitation to the meeting (see notification 2013-116 of 12 December 2013) dispatched to all focal points as well as to the missions and embassies in New York, Nairobi and Geneva.

29. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider and adopt the report on credentials submitted to it by the Bureau.

Item 6. Pending issues

30. At its first meeting, the Conference of the Parties adopted the rules of procedure for its meetings in decision I/1, with the exception of paragraph 1 of rule 40, relating to the taking of substantive decisions. The Conference of the Parties has considered this outstanding matter at its subsequent meetings but without resolving it conclusively. At the third meeting, consensus was reached concerning some, but not all, of the text in brackets.

31. In decision I/6, the Conference of the Parties adopted the financial rules for the administration of the Trust Fund for the Convention on Biological Diversity. Paragraphs 4 and 16 of these rules contain bracketed text. Paragraph 4 deals with scale of assessments for the apportionment of contributions by Parties to the Trust Fund. Paragraph 16 deals with adopting decisions regarding the Trust Fund. The paragraphs have been considered at subsequent meetings of the Conference of the Parties, but without any agreement. The text therefore remains bracketed.

32. Since it is not expected that this matter can be resolved at the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, it will be suggested that its consideration be postponed to a future meeting.

Item 7. Date and venue of the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties

33. In accordance with paragraph 2 of rule 4 of its rules of procedure, the Conference of the Parties is to decide on the date and duration of its next ordinary meeting. At its fifth meeting, the Conference decided to amend rule 4 of its rules of procedure so that ordinary meetings of the Conference of the Parties shall be held every two years. Rule 3 of the rules of procedure provides that meetings of the Conference of the Parties shall take place at the seat of the Secretariat, unless the Conference of the Parties decides otherwise or other appropriate arrangements are made by the Secretariat in consultation with the Parties.

34. Under this item, a decision regarding the date and venue of the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties will be required.

35. Governments wishing to host the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and the respective meetings of the governing bodies of the Protocols to the Convention are encouraged to inform the Secretariat in advance of the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

II. REPORTS

Item 8. Reports of intersessional and regional preparatory meetings

36. Under this item, the President will inform the Conference of the Parties of the meetings of subsidiary bodies held during the inter-sessional period and their reports on the understanding that the substantive issues arising therein will be taken up under the appropriate agenda item. These include the reports of the:

(a) Eighth meeting of the Open-ended Ad Hoc Inter-Sessional Working Group on the Implementation of Article 8(j) and Related Provisions (UNEP/CBD/COP/12/5);

(b) Seventeenth and eighteenth meetings of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (UNEP/CBD/COP/12/2 and UNEP/CBD/COP/12/3);

(c) Fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention (UNEP/CBD/COP/12/4).

37. The regional groups may wish to report to the Conference of the Parties on the results of the preparatory meetings to be held immediately prior to the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Item 9. Report of the Executive Secretary on the administration of the Convention and the budget for the Trust Funds of the Convention

38. The report of the Executive Secretary on the administration of the Convention, including information on operational efficiencies in accordance with decision XI/31, paragraph 24, and the budget for the trust funds of the Convention (UNEP/CBD/COP/12/7) will be before the Conference of the Parties for its consideration. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to take note of the report and to take up the information contained therein in its consideration of agenda item 30 on the budget for the programme of work for the biennium 2015 – 2016.

39. The plenary may wish to establish a contact group on budget to address agenda item 9 on the administration of the Convention, agenda item 30 on the budget for the programme of work for the biennium 2015-2016, and agenda item 15 of the agenda of the first meeting of the Conference of the

Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol (UNEP/CBD/COP/12/6), anticipating that the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties, at its first plenary session, would refer this item to this contact group.

Item 10. Status of the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from Their Utilization

40. According to the multi-year programme of work for the Conference of the Parties adopted in decision X/9, the Conference of the Parties will consider the status and implementation of the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization. In this context, the Conference of the Parties will be invited to receive under this agenda item the report of the third meeting of the Open-ended Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Committee for the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from Their Utilization (UNEP/CBD/COP/12/6), as well as a status report on the Protocol (UNEP/CBD/COP/12/8).

41. It is envisaged that the Nagoya Protocol will have entered into force by the start of the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. In this case, the Conference of the Parties may wish to refer the recommendations of the Intergovernmental Committee to the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol for adoption, as well as any remaining work outlined in the recommendations by the Intergovernmental Committee, for its consideration.

42. In the event that the Nagoya Protocol will not yet have entered into force, the Conference of the Parties will take up remaining issues and consider the way forward in light of the recommendations of third meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee under agenda item 20.

III. ASSESSING PROGRESS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR BIODIVERSITY 2011-2020

43. At its tenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties adopted the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, including the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, urged Parties to take actions to implement it (decision X/2, paragraph 3), and decided that future meetings of the Conference of the Parties shall review progress in the implementation of the Strategic Plan, share experiences relevant for implementation and provide guidance on means to address obstacles encountered (decision X/2, paragraph 14). The Conference of the Parties will therefore be invited to focus, at its twelfth meeting, on *assessing progress* in the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 (section III of the provisional agenda) and on *taking further action with a view to enhancing implementation* to achieve the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity (section IV).

44. The *assessment of progress* is envisaged to comprise both progress towards the goals of the Strategic Plan, including the programmes of work and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets (agenda item 13), and progress in providing support in implementing the objectives of the Convention and the Strategic Plan (agenda item 14). The fourth edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook will be presented under agenda item 11, and an updated analysis of the updated national biodiversity strategies and action plans under agenda item 12.

45. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to derive *background and rationale* for decisions under section IV (agenda items 15 to 19), perhaps as preambular paragraphs for such decisions, on the basis of:

(a) The fourth edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook, and related recommendations from the eighteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice presented under agenda items 11 and 13;

(b) Updated information on the national biodiversity strategies and action plans, and related recommendations from the fifth meeting of the Working Group on Review of Implementation under agenda items 12 and 14; and

(c) The complementary information prepared by the Executive Secretary under agenda items 11, 12, 13 and 14 contained in the pre-session documents.

46. Parties will be invited to share experiences and ideas relevant for implementation, as referred to in paragraph 14 of decision X/2, under section III of the provisional agenda in a dialogue forum. Additional information on the dialogue forum can be found in annex IV.

Item 11. Global Biodiversity Outlook: fourth edition

Global Biodiversity Outlook

47. At its tenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties decided that the fourth edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook shall be prepared to provide a mid-term review of progress towards the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, including an analysis of how the implementation of the Convention and its Strategic Plan has contributed to the 2015 targets of the Millennium Development Goals (decision X/2, paragraph 13).

48. At its eleventh meeting, the Conference of the Parties took note of the progress report on the preparation of the fourth edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook (UNEP/CBD/COP/11/27) and requested the Executive Secretary to undertake a number of activities in the context of its further preparation (decision XI/3 C, subparagraphs 7 (a) and (c) to (g), and decision XI/9, paragraph 4). The Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, at its seventeenth meeting, considered a note on progress in undertaking these activities (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/17/5).

49. The fourth edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook is being prepared by the Executive Secretary under the guidance of the SBSTTA Bureau and the GBO-4 Advisory Group in collaboration with a number of partners including DIVERSITAS, UNEP-World Conservation Monitoring Centre and members of the Biodiversity Indicators Partnership. The report will draw upon a range of sources, including fifth national reports submitted by 31 March 2014 in accordance with paragraph 2 of decision X/10 and paragraph 2 of decision XI/3 C, as well as the scientific literature and case studies. A large number of experts and partners are contributing to its preparation. The elements of the report will undergo technical reviews and the full draft report will be open for review by Parties and observers for a six-week period in June and July 2014.

50. At its eighteenth meeting, the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice will consider a note containing the draft executive summary with the main messages of the fourth edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/18/2), while the draft of the complete report will be available as information note (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/18/INF/2). The Subsidiary Body will review the draft fourth edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook and provide advice on its finalization. Based on the draft fourth edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook, the Subsidiary Body may also prepare conclusions or recommendations regarding the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets.

Global Strategy for Plant Conservation

51. The Conference of the Parties decided to undertake a mid-term review of the implementation of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation 2011-2020, in tandem with the mid-term review of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 (decision X/17, paragraph 9). The Conference of the Parties agreed that monitoring the implementation of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation, including the use of indicators, should be seen in the broader context of, and linked to, the monitoring, review and evaluation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 (decision XI/26, paragraph 6).

52. The Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, at its eighteenth meeting, will consider progress in achieving the targets of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation 2011-2020 as well as progress in undertaking a number of activities in relation to the further development of the online toolkit for the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation (as requested in decision XI/26, paragraphs 7 and 12 and subparagraphs 10 b) and d)).

Action under agenda item 11:

53. At its twelfth meeting, the Conference of the Parties will have before it the final version of fourth edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook. A summary will be contained in document UNEP/CBD/COP/12/9). The full report, to be launched officially on 6 October 2014, will be distributed in all six official languages.

54. Under this agenda item, the Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider the fourth edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook, associated information on the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation 2011-2020 (UNEP/CBD/COP/12/9/Add.1), and the relevant outcomes of the eighteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice.

Item 12. Review of the updated national biodiversity strategies and action plans

55. In paragraph 3 of its decision X/2, the Conference of the Parties urged Parties and other Governments to implement the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and in particular to:

- (a) Enable participation at all levels;
- (b) Develop national and regional targets, with a view to contributing to collective global efforts to reach the global targets;
- (c) Review, and as appropriate update and revise, their national biodiversity strategies and action plans, adopted as policy instruments;
- (d) Use the revised and updated national biodiversity strategies and action plans as effective instruments for the integration of biodiversity targets into national development policies and strategies and planning processes.

56. At its eleventh meeting, the Conference of the Parties urged those Parties and other Governments that have not yet done so to review and, as appropriate, update and revise, their national biodiversity strategies and action plans in line with the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011–2020, including national plans related to biodiversity (decision XI/2 A, paragraph 1).

Action under agenda item 12:

57. The fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention will review progress by Parties in the updating of national biodiversity strategies and action plans. Under this agenda item, the Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider the relevant outcomes of the fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention and additional information provided in pre-session document UNEP/CBD/COP/12/10.

Item 13. Mid-term review of progress towards the goals of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, including the programmes of work and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets

58. In line with Article 23, subparagraph 4 (a) of the Convention, and in accordance with paragraph 3 of decision X/2 on reviewing progress in the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, and decision X/9, subparagraph b)(ii), the Conference of the Parties will be invited to conduct a mid-term review of the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity, including progress towards achieving the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and specific elements of the programmes of work, as part of the multi-year programme of work of the Conference of the Parties. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to determine under this item the status of progress towards the goals of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, including the programmes of work and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets.

59. The assessment will be conducted on the basis of the results contained in the fourth edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook, which will take into account information reported by Parties in their fifth national reports, the outcomes of the review of the updated national biodiversity strategies and action plans, and other relevant conclusions from meetings of the Subsidiary Bodies which will have been held

in the inter-sessional period regarding the implementation of the programmes of work under the Convention and its Protocols.

60. The assessment will be structured goal by goal, but also refer to progress on each individual Aichi Biodiversity Target. For each Aichi Biodiversity Target, the Conference of the Parties will have before it scientific information on the status of the aspects of biodiversity relevant to the specific target, as considered under agenda item 11 (Global Biodiversity Outlook: fourth edition), as well as procedural information on the status of implementation of programmes and policies towards achieving the target, as considered under agenda item 12 (Review of the updated national biodiversity strategies and action plans). Under this agenda item, the Conference of the Parties will also be invited to consider the relevant outcomes of the seventeenth and eighteenth meetings of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, the fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention, and additional information provided in pre-session document UNEP/CBD/COP/12/11.

61. Agenda item 10, status of the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization, will also be relevant to the considerations on Aichi Biodiversity Target 16; agenda item 12, review of the updated national biodiversity strategies and action plan, will also be relevant to the considerations on Aichi Biodiversity Target 17. On the other hand, considerations on Aichi Biodiversity Target 1 under the present agenda item will also be relevant to the considerations on communication, education and public awareness under agenda items 14 and 17; considerations on Aichi Biodiversity Target 18 will also be relevant to agenda item 21 on Article 8(j) and related provisions; and considerations on Aichi Biodiversity Target 20 will also be relevant to agenda item 14, review of progress in providing support in implementing the objectives of the Convention and its Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, and agenda item 18, resource mobilization. In addition, the outcomes of the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety may be relevant to Aichi Biodiversity Targets 4, 7 and 19.

Action under agenda item 13:

62. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to take note of this information as a basis for its consideration of agenda items under section IV, and in particular to derive **background and rationale** for a decision under agenda item 16, which is expected to become part of the set of decisions to be known collectively as the “Pyeongchang Roadmap for the enhanced implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets”.

Item 14. Review of progress in providing support in implementing the objectives of the Convention and its Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020

63. At its tenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties, in paragraph 6 of its decision X/2, emphasized the need for capacity-building activities and the effective sharing of knowledge, in order to support countries and indigenous and local communities in the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020. At its eleventh meeting, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to continue promoting and facilitating, in partnership with relevant organizations, activities to strengthen implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011–2020 and progress towards the Aichi Biodiversity Targets at the national, subregional and regional levels (decision XI/2 A, paragraph 10).

64. The Conference of the Parties foresaw for its twelfth meeting, in its multi-year programme of work (decision X/9), (i) a review of progress in providing support to developing countries in implementing the objectives of the Convention and its Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, including capacity-building and strengthening of the clearing-house mechanism; and (ii) a comprehensive review of implementation of its strategy for resource mobilization, including its targets and indicators. Accordingly, the Conference of the Parties will be invited to determine under this item the status of progress in providing support in implementing the objectives of the Convention and its Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020. While the work of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services is also providing support to the implementation of the Strategic Plan

for Biodiversity 2011-2020, this matter will be addressed under agenda item 28 in the context of the broader relationship between the Convention and the Platform.

65. During 2012 and 2013, the Secretariat, with the generous support of the Government of Japan, through the Japan Biodiversity Fund, and other donors, convened 7 subregional workshops to build capacity for the revision of national biodiversity strategies and action plans, and one Global Workshop on Reviewing Progress and Building Capacity for the National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans Revision Process, involving over 146 Parties and 515 participants. These workshops, and other activities conducted through the Japan Biodiversity Fund, have provided a platform for engagement of other relevant partners in the revision of national biodiversity strategies and action plans and the overall implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020.

Communication, education and public awareness, including the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity and International Day for Biological Diversity

66. In paragraphs 22 and 26 of decision XI/2 D the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to promote the implementation of the strategy for the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity within the programme of work on communication, education and public awareness, to maintain the Decade's web portal to highlight all activities; and to prepare a summary of information on activities under the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity. Additional information will be provided on activities related to the International Day for Biological Diversity, the 2014 theme for which is island biodiversity.

Technical and scientific cooperation and technology transfer, and clearing-house mechanism

67. The Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to develop a coherent, consistent and coordinated approach to technical and scientific cooperation, to engage in a process towards establishing a capacity-building network of national and regional centres of excellence in biodiversity, and to develop operational options and proposals, including on the criteria and procedure for their identification (decision XI/2 C, paragraphs 15 and 17). It also requested the Executive Secretary to identify how he can facilitate implementation of the Convention by acting as a convenor, to build partnerships and capacity (decision XI/2 C, paragraph 16). In addition, the Conference of the Parties requested 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 as a cross-cutting issue relevant to all aspects of work under the Convention on Biological Diversity (decision XI/8 D, paragraph 3). Relevant existing initiatives under the Convention include, among others, the Consortium of Scientific Partners, the Sustainable Ocean Initiative, the Global Invasive Alien Species Information Partnership, the friends of the programme of work on protected areas, and the LifeWeb Initiative. Experience of the Biosafety clearing house may also be relevant.

68. With regard to the review, updating and revising of national biodiversity strategies and action plans, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to facilitate the continued exchange of best practices and lessons learned and strengthened cooperation with regional and subregional processes, South-South and triangular cooperation and voluntary peer-review processes among interested Parties (decision XI/2 A, paragraph 9). In addition, the Executive Secretary was requested to enable regional and global technical support networks to help the ongoing review, updating and implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans in small island developing States and least developed countries with islands (decision XI/15, paragraph 8).

69. The Conference of the Parties, in decision X/15, adopted the mission, goals and objectives of the clearing-house mechanism for the period 2011-2020, welcomed, in paragraph 11 of decision XI/2 B, the work programme for the clearing-house mechanism and agreed to keep this work programme under review. The Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to (i) establish a standard information-exchange mechanism for the clearing-house mechanism to interconnect the central and national clearing-house mechanisms, where possible; (ii) collaborate with the other biodiversity-related conventions to ensure mutual compatibility and to avoid duplication of work; and (iii) continue to use

automated translation tools to facilitate exchange of technical and scientific information in line with Articles 17 and 18 of the Convention (decision XI/2 B, paragraph 14).

Resource mobilization

70. The Conference of the Parties, in paragraph 10 of decision XI/4, decided that the implementation of the strategy for resource mobilization will be reviewed at the fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention and requested the Executive Secretary to prepare for this review, including by completing the review of implementation of Goals 2, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of the strategy for resource mobilization. In line with the strategy (Decision IX/11, Annex, paragraph 13), the review may include how the Global Environment Facility contributes to the implementation of the strategy for resource mobilization. The Conference of the Parties also reiterated that the global monitoring reports on the implementation of the strategy for resource mobilization should be prepared in time for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its ordinary meetings, and requested the Executive Secretary to prepare periodic global monitoring reports on the implementation of the strategy for resource mobilization (decision XI/4, paragraph 11). The global monitoring report is contained in document UNEP/CBD/COP/12/14/Add.1. The Executive Secretary was requested to organize regional and subregional workshops on the establishment of robust baselines and reporting framework and the preparation of national financial plans for biodiversity (decision XI/4, paragraph 27).

Action under agenda item 14:

71. The fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention is to address progress made on these requests. Under this agenda item, the Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider the relevant outcomes of the fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention, and additional information provided in pre-session documents UNEP/CBD/COP/12/9, UNEP/CBD/COP/12/12 and UNEP/CBD/COP/12/14 and its addenda.

72. The Conference of the Parties is expected to determine the status of progress in providing support to assist Parties in implementing the Convention and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, including through capacity-building, communication, education and public awareness, technical and scientific cooperation and the clearing-house mechanism, and technology transfer and cooperation. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to take note of this information as a basis for its consideration of agenda items under section IV, and in particular to derive **background and rationale** for decisions under agenda items 17, 18 and 19, which are expected to become part of the set of decisions to be known collectively as the “Pyeongchang Roadmap for the enhanced implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets”.

IV. ENHANCING IMPLEMENTATION TO ACHIEVE THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR BIODIVERSITY 2011-2020

73. As noted above, the deliberations of the Conference of the Parties on agenda items 11 to 14 (i.e. section III of the provisional agenda), together with the recommendations of intersessional meetings and documentation prepared by the Executive Secretary, will provide a basis for the consideration of agenda items 15 to 19 (i.e. section IV). The **decisions** envisaged under agenda items 15, 16 and 17 may consider how achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets **contributes to sustainable development** and how biodiversity can be further integrated into the sustainable development agenda, provide guidance on the development of **further tools and guidance** to assist implementation of the Convention and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, and provide for **further capacity-building, enhancement of technical and scientific cooperation and other initiatives** to assist implementation. Decisions on **resource mobilization** and the **financial mechanism** are envisaged under agenda items 18 and 19 respectively. The decisions under section IV are expected to be part of the set of decisions known collectively as the “Pyeongchang Roadmap for the enhanced implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets”. Annex III provides a schematic representation of the relationship between sections III and IV of the provisional agenda.

Item 15. Contribution to the Millennium Development Goals and to the post-2015 development agenda and sustainable development goals

74. The Conference of the Parties, in decision X/9, subparagraph (b)(ii), suggested to address, at its twelfth meeting, the contribution of the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 to the achievement of relevant 2015 targets of the Millennium Development Goals. This consideration will be based, *inter alia*, on the fifth national reports, and the fourth edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook. The latter will contain an analysis of how the implementation of the Convention and its Strategic Plan has contributed to the 2015 targets of the Millennium Development Goals (decision X/2, paragraph 13).

75. In addition, the Conference of the Parties decided at its eleventh meeting to discuss, at its future meetings, issues relating to the links between biodiversity and human well-being, livelihoods, poverty eradication and sustainable development (decision XI/22, paragraph 10). It requested the Executive Secretary to collaborate with a number of organizations in the process of developing sustainable development goals and to undertake a number of other specific activities related to biodiversity and development (decision XI/22, paragraph 11). An update on process for the development of the post-2015 development agenda and related activities of the Secretariat will be provided in document UNEP/CBD/COP/12/13.

76. The fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention will address these matters, including the outcomes of the second meeting of the Expert Group on Biodiversity for Poverty Eradication and Development, which took place in Chennai, India, from 4-6 December 2013, and to determine further action as necessary.

77. *Action under agenda item 15:* The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider the fourth edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook and relevant outcomes of the fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention, as well as additional information provided in pre-session document UNEP/CBD/COP/12/13. The outcome of the Conference of the Parties under this agenda item is envisaged to be a component of the “Pyeongchang Roadmap for the enhanced implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets”.

Item 16. Further development of tools and guidance to assist implementation of the Convention and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020

78. Under this agenda item, the Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider the status of progress towards the goals of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, including the programmes of work and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, as determined under agenda item 13, and to decide on the further development of tools and guidance to assist implementation of the Convention and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity as part of the “Pyeongchang Roadmap for the enhanced implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets”. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to address generally each strategic goal, and also specifically each individual Aichi Biodiversity Target. In addition, issues common to all Aichi Biodiversity Targets, such as the indicator framework, will be addressed.

79. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to base its considerations on recommendation XVII/1 of the seventeenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice on scientific and technical needs related to the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 (responding to decision XI/13 B, paragraphs 1 and 2), any relevant outcomes of the eighteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, as well as additional information provided in pre-session document UNEP/CBD/COP/12/11.

80. The recommendations by the Subsidiary Bodies address the following requests with regard to the indicator framework for the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and its Aichi Targets: review of the indicator framework (decision XI/3 A, paragraph 8), progress reports on the development and use of

indicators (decision XI/3 A, paragraph 16) and other specific activities (decision XI/3 A, paragraph 12), and related capacity-building activities (decision XI/3 A, paragraph 11).

81. The recommendations by the Subsidiary Bodies and the additional information provided in the pre-session documents also address the following requests related to specific Aichi Biodiversity Targets, noting that some of these issues can also be related to a number of other Aichi Biodiversity Targets:

(a) Under Aichi Biodiversity Target 3: modalities and milestones for the full operationalization of Aichi Biodiversity Target 3 (decision XI/4, paragraph 8);

(b) Under Aichi Biodiversity Target 9: progress in implementing decisions on invasive alien species and most common pathways for the introduction of invasive alien species (decision XI/28, paragraphs 13 and 26);

(c) Under Aichi Biodiversity Target 10: ocean acidification and coral bleaching (decision XI/18 A, paragraphs 13 and 23). These requests will be discussed in detail under agenda item 23;

(d) Under Aichi Biodiversity Target 11: support for the implementation of national action plans for the programme of work on protected areas and progress towards achieving Aichi Biodiversity Target 11, including through the CBD LifeWeb Initiative (decision XI/24, paragraphs 5 and 10);

(e) Under Aichi Biodiversity Target 15: support for implementation and evaluation of Aichi Target 15 (decision XI/16, paragraph 5);

(f) Under Aichi Biodiversity Target 19: implementation of the Global Taxonomy Initiative (decision XI/29, paragraphs 9 and 10).

Action under agenda item 16:

82. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to decide on the development of further tools and guidance generally for each strategic goal, and also specifically for each individual Aichi Biodiversity Target. In addition, it will be invited to decide on further action with regard to issues common to all Aichi Biodiversity Targets, such as the indicator framework, taking into account the relevant outcomes of the seventeenth and eighteenth meetings of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention. The outcome of the Conference of the Parties under this agenda item is envisaged to be a component of the “Pyeongchang Roadmap for the enhanced implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets”.

Item 17. Capacity-building, enhancement of technical and scientific cooperation and other initiatives to assist implementation

83. Under this item, the Conference of the Parties is expected to provide further guidance on capacity-building, enhancement of technical and scientific cooperation and other initiatives to assist implementation, based on the status of support in implementing the objectives of the Convention and its Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 considered under agenda item 14.

84. The fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention is expected to address these matters. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider relevant outcomes of the fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on the Review of Implementation of the Convention, as well as additional information provided in pre-session document UNEP/CBD/COP/12/12, and to determine further action as necessary. The outcome of the Conference of the Parties under this agenda item is envisaged to be a component of the “Pyeongchang Roadmap for the enhanced implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets”.

Item 18. Resource mobilization*Comprehensive review of implementation of the strategy for resource mobilization*

85. In the strategy for resource mobilization (annex to decision IX/11), the Conference of the Parties provided for a comprehensive review of the implementation of the strategy at the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. Recalling decision IX/11, the Conference of the Parties, at its eleventh meeting, provided for a review of the implementation of the strategy for resource mobilization at the fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention (decision XI/4, paragraph 10).

Financial reporting

86. The Conference of the Parties decided that the fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention will further review the preliminary reporting framework and baseline information for each of the targets of the strategy for resource mobilization mentioned in paragraph 7 of decision XI/4 (decision XI/4, paragraph 23). Further, the Conference of the Parties, at its eleventh meeting, decided to establish, at its twelfth meeting, a transparent process that would encourage and facilitate reporting efforts by developing countries towards achieving the objectives of the Convention and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets (decision XI/4, paragraph 9).

Innovative financial mechanisms

87. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider the recommendations which the fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention is requested to prepare on safeguards for scaling up biodiversity finance and possible guiding principles, and on possible risks and benefits of country-specific innovative financial mechanisms, including on possible principles and safeguards for their use (decision XI/4, paragraphs 20 and 21).

Targets for resource mobilization

88. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider the adoption of a final target for resource mobilization, based on the review of progress towards the achievement of Aichi Biodiversity Target 20 (decision XI/4, paragraph 22).

Action under agenda item 18:

89. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider relevant outcomes of the fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention, as well as additional information provided in pre-session document UNEP/CBD/COP/12/14, and to determine further action as necessary, including in follow up to decision XI/4. The Conference of the Parties will also have before it the findings of the high-level panel on global assessment of resources for implementing the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011–2020 to inform its considerations (UNEP/CBD/COP/12/14/Add.2). The Conference of the Parties may also wish to take into account relevant discussions on related agenda items, including items 15, 16, 17 and 29. The outcome of the Conference of the Parties under this agenda item is envisaged to be a component of the “Pyeongchang Roadmap for the enhanced implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets”.

Item 19. Financial mechanism*Fourth review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism*

90. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider the recommendation, which the fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention was requested to prepare on the fourth review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism in response to decision X/27 (decision XI/5 B, paragraph 7).

The four-year framework of priorities, determination of funding requirements, and the Nagoya Protocol Implementation Fund

91. Pursuant to Article 21 of the Convention on Biological Diversity and paragraph 3.1 of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Conference of the Parties and the Council of the Global Environment Facility (GEF), the Conference of the Parties will have before it the report of GEF (UNEP/CBD/COP/12/15/Add.1). The representatives of the GEF Secretariat are expected to provide updates to the report of GEF, in accordance with section D of the annex to decision X/24.

92. The report by the GEF is expected to contain information on the implementation of the four-year outcome-oriented framework of programme priorities for the period 2014-2018, and in particular on the GEF-6 strategy (decision XI/5 B, paragraphs 2 and 15).

93. In paragraph 6 of appendix I to decision XI/5, the Conference of the Parties requested the GEF to continue to administer the Nagoya Protocol Implementation Fund until the time the resources committed up to the end of GEF-5 are disbursed, and to report on the status of the fund to the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, which shall decide on its future.

94. The Conference of the Parties will also have in front of it an information note, prepared jointly by the GEF Secretariat and the Executive Secretary in response to paragraph 13 of decision XI/5 C, on Aichi Biodiversity Targets which benefit the most from synergies with other GEF focal areas.

95. The Conference of the Parties will also be invited to consider relevant recommendations from the governing bodies of the Protocols to the Convention.

Action under agenda item 19:

96. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider relevant outcomes of the fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention, as well as additional information that may be provided in pre-session documents, and to determine further action as necessary.

V. OTHER ITEMS RESULTING FROM THE PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE CONVENTION

97. Section V of the provisional agenda comprises *matters that are highly specific to individual programmes of work and cross-cutting issues* of the Convention, for which the Subsidiary Bodies have in some cases prepared comprehensive draft decisions. While general progress in the implementation of the programmes of work will be considered by Working Group I as part of the assessment of progress under section III, it is suggested that these very specific matters will be addressed under section V of the provisional agenda in order to allow sufficient time for their consideration, and in order to focus the considerations under sections III and IV of the provisional agenda on the assessment and further activities in more general terms.

Item 20. Access and benefit-sharing

98. While all Parties are bound by Article 15 and related provisions of the Convention, it is not envisaged, at this meeting, that the Conference of the Parties will consider substantive matters under this agenda item in the event that the Nagoya Protocol will have entered into force.

99. In the event that the Nagoya Protocol will not have entered into force in time for the first meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol to be held concurrently with the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the Conference of the Parties will take up remaining issues and consider the way forward in light of the recommendations of the third meeting of the Open-ended Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Committee for the Nagoya Protocol (UNEP/CBD/COP/12/6) under this agenda item.

Item 21. Article 8(j) and related provisions

100. In accordance with decision XI/14 A, the Ad Hoc Open the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions held its eighth meeting in Montreal from 7 to 11 October 2013, to review progress made in the implementation of Article 8(j) and related provisions, including progress on

indicators relevant to traditional knowledge and customary sustainable use (decision XI/3 B, paragraph 1). Also as requested by the Conference of the Parties, the Working Group considered a draft global plan of action on customary sustainable use of biological diversity, as a major component of the programme of work for Article 8(j) and related provisions (decision XI/14 F, paragraph 4), and reviewed mechanisms to promote the effective participation of indigenous and local communities in the work of the Convention, including capacity-building efforts, the development of communications, mechanisms and tools, and the operations of the voluntary fund for the participation of indigenous and local communities in Convention processes and other initiatives (decision XI/14 B).

101. Furthermore, the Working Group considered how to take forward tasks 7, 10 and 12 of the revised programme of work (decision XI/14 C, paragraph 2), as well as an expert process to advance voluntary guidelines to promote and enhance the repatriation of traditional knowledge relevant to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity (decision XI/14 D). The Working Group further considered *sui generis* systems for the protection of traditional knowledge (decision XI/14 E).

102. In particular, the Working Group considered the draft plan of action on customary sustainable use, developed by the Executive Secretary in response to paragraphs 4 and 5 of decision XI/14 F. The Working Group has also prepared recommendation 8/2 on Article 10, with a focus on Article 10(c), as major component of the programme of work on Article 8(j) and related provisions of the Convention, to assist the Parties in its consideration of this issue.

103. Furthermore, in response to decision XI/14 G, concerning recommendations of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, the Working Group considered the issue of the use of the term “indigenous peoples and local communities” within the context of the Convention and in subparagraph 5 (b) of this decision requested the Executive Secretary to prepare an independent analysis, including by obtaining advice from the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs, and to make it available to the Conference of the Parties at least 90 days before its twelfth meeting with a view to facilitating further consideration of the matter. To that end, an independent analysis, including advice from the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs will be made available as an information document.

Action under agenda item 21:

104. The Conference of the Parties will be expected to consider the following recommendations of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Inter-Sessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions, which will be contained in document UNEP/CBD/COP/12/1/Add.2, as well as additional information provided in a pre-session document (UNEP/CBD/COP/12/16):

- (a) Recommendation 8/1. (*Progress report on the implementation of the programme of work on Article 8(j) and related provisions and mechanisms to promote the effective participation of indigenous and local communities in the work of the Convention*);
- (b) Recommendation 8/2. (*Article 10, with a focus on Article 10(c), as major component of the programme of work on Article 8(j) and related provisions of the Convention*);
- (c) Recommendation 8/3. (*Development of best-practice guidelines for the repatriation of traditional knowledge relevant to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity*);
- (d) Recommendation 8/4. (*How tasks 7, 10 and 12 could best contribute to work under the Convention and to the Nagoya Protocol*);
- (e) Recommendation 8/5. (*Sui generis systems for the protection, preservation and promotion of traditional knowledge, innovations and practices*);
- (f) Recommendation 8/6. (*Recommendations from the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues*).

Item 22. Liability and redress

105. In accordance with decision X/9, subparagraph (b)(vii), the Conference of the Parties will be invited to further consider this item.

106. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to review the report prepared by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/COP/12/17) and decide on future work on this issue.

Item 23. Marine and coastal biodiversity

Description of ecologically or biologically significant marine areas (EBSAs)

107. At its tenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to work with Parties and other Governments as well as competent organizations and regional initiatives such as the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, regional seas conventions and action plans, and, where appropriate, regional fisheries management organizations (RFMOs) to organize, including the setting of terms of reference, a series of regional workshops, with the primary objective to facilitate the description of ecologically or biologically significant marine areas through the application of scientific criteria in annex I of decision IX/20 as well as other relevant compatible and complementary nationally and intergovernmentally agreed scientific criteria, as well as the scientific guidance on the identification of marine areas beyond national jurisdiction, which meet the scientific criteria in annex I to decision IX/20 (decision X/29, paragraph 36).

108. Subsequently, the Conference of the Parties, at its eleventh meeting, requested the Executive Secretary to further collaborate with Parties, other Governments, competent organizations, and global and regional initiatives, such as the United Nations General Assembly Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole on the Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socio-economic Aspects, the International Maritime Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, regional seas conventions and action plans, and, where appropriate, regional fisheries management organizations, with regard to fisheries management, and also including the participation of indigenous and local communities, to facilitate the description of areas that meet the criteria for EBSAs through the organization of additional regional or subregional workshops for the remaining regions or subregions where Parties wish workshops to be held, and for the further description of the areas already described where new information becomes available (decision XI/17, paragraph 12).

109. Accordingly, additional workshops to facilitate the description of ecologically or biologically significant marine areas have been held for the following regions: Southern Indian Ocean (Flic en Flac, Mauritius, 31 July-3 August 2012); Eastern Tropical and Temperate Pacific (Galapagos, Ecuador, 28-31 August 2012); North Pacific (Moscow, Russian Federation, 25 February-1 March 2013); and South-Eastern Atlantic (Swakopmund, Namibia, 8-12 April 2013). Workshops are also being convened for the Arctic (3-7 March 2014, Helsinki, Finland), North-West Atlantic (24-28 March 2014, Montreal, Canada), and Mediterranean regions (7-11 April, Malaga, Spain). It is also envisaged that work on the North-East Atlantic will be completed.

110. In paragraphs 14, 16, 17, and 19 to 21 of decision XI/17, the Conference of the Parties also requested the Executive Secretary, in cooperation with relevant organizations and partners, to undertake a number of supporting activities.

111. At its eighteenth meeting, the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice will consider a progress report on this matter as well as the results of the workshops to facilitate the description of ecologically or biologically significant marine areas held up to this date, and on the basis of these, prepare its report on the matter.

Addressing adverse impacts of human activities on marine and coastal biodiversity

112. Pursuant to the request in paragraph 23 of decision XI/18 A, a systematic review document on the impacts of ocean acidification on biodiversity and ecosystem functions, is being prepared in collaboration with relevant scientific groups, organizations, and indigenous and local communities.

113. Pursuant to the request in paragraph 13 of decision XI/18 A, proposals to update the specific work plan on coral bleaching are being developed drawing upon submissions provided by Parties, other Governments, relevant organizations, and indigenous and local communities, in response to notification 2013-108 (ref. No. SCBD/SAM/DC/JL/JG/82124, issued on 26 November 2013).

114. The Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, at its eighteenth meeting, will consider the systematic review document on the impacts of ocean acidification on biodiversity and ecosystem functions and draft proposals to update the specific work plan on coral bleaching.

Addressing impacts of underwater noise and marine debris

115. In response to the request by the Conference of the Parties in paragraph 20 of decision XI/18 A, an expert workshop is being convened (25-27 February, IMO Headquarters, London) with a view to improving and sharing knowledge on underwater noise and its impacts on marine and coastal biodiversity, and to develop practical guidance and toolkits to minimize and mitigate the significant adverse impacts of anthropogenic underwater noise on marine and coastal biodiversity, in collaboration with Parties, other Governments, and competent organizations, indigenous and local communities and other relevant stakeholders.

116. In addition, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to organize an expert workshop to prepare practical guidance on preventing and mitigating the significant adverse impacts of marine debris on marine and coastal biodiversity and habitats, drawing upon submissions on the impacts of marine debris on marine and coastal biodiversity and habitats (decision XI/18 A, paragraph 26). Collaboration with Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to implement this request has been initiated.

117. The Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, at its eighteenth meeting, will consider the report of an expert workshop on the impacts of underwater noise on marine biodiversity and a progress report on addressing the impacts of marine debris.

Tools and capacity development, including marine spatial planning and training initiatives

118. In response to the request in paragraph 2 of decision XI/18 C, the Executive Secretary is collaborating with Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to (i) develop a web-based information-sharing system on marine spatial planning; (ii) compile and disseminate information on experience and use of marine spatial planning practices to evaluate its usefulness and implications; (iii) convene an expert workshop to provide consolidated practical guidance and a toolkit for marine spatial planning; (iv) disseminate awareness-raising materials on marine spatial planning to decision-makers, based on the synthesis document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/16/INF/18 and its key messages, as contained in document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/16/7; and (v) organize training workshops in order to increase the capacity of Parties to use marine spatial planning as a tool to enhance existing efforts in integrated marine and coastal area management, identification of ecologically or biologically significant marine areas, design and establishment of conservation and management measures and other marine biodiversity conservation and sustainable-use practices.

119. Pursuant to the requests in decision X/29, decisions XI/17 and XI/18 on facilitating capacity development on various issues of marine and coastal biodiversity (e.g. EBSAs, marine spatial planning, voluntary guidelines on EIAs, integrated marine and coastal area management, and addressing threats from human activities, etc) towards achieving the Aichi Biodiversity Targets in marine and coastal areas, the Executive Secretary has organized a series of regional capacity development workshops in West Africa and Asia within the context of the Sustainable Ocean Initiative, in collaboration with Parties and relevant organizations. Additional capacity building workshops are being convened in other regions.

120. The Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, at its eighteenth meeting, will consider a progress report on tools and capacity development, including marine spatial planning and training initiatives.

Action under agenda item 23:

121. Concerning the description of ecologically or biologically significant marine areas, the Conference of the Parties is expected to consider the report of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice with a view to including the reports in the repository and submitting

them to the United Nations General Assembly and particularly its Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group to Study Issues Relating to the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity Beyond Areas of National Jurisdiction, as well as Parties, other Governments and relevant international organizations.

122. The Conference of the Parties is also expected to consider the recommendations of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice relating to ocean acidification, coral bleaching, underwater noise, marine debris, and on tools and capacity development, including marine spatial planning.

Item 24. Climate change and biodiversity

Advice on the application of relevant safeguards for biodiversity with regard to reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation in developing countries; and the role of conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks in developing countries

123. In decision XI/19, subparagraph 16 (a), the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to enhance collaboration with the Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and other members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (including its Global Forest Expert Panel on Biodiversity, Forest Management and REDD+), as well as with other relevant organizations and initiatives, to further support the efforts of Parties to promoting the contribution of REDD+ activities towards achieving the objectives of the Convention, including by offering further capacity-building activities. The Conference of the Parties also requested the Executive Secretary to compile information relevant to the application of safeguards for biodiversity, and make the compilation widely available, including through the clearing-house mechanism (decision XI/19, subparagraph 16 (b)). In addition, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to compile information from Parties on initiatives and experiences regarding paragraph 67 of decision 2/CP.17 of the UNFCCC Conference of the Parties (on non-market-based approaches, such as joint mitigation and adaptation approaches for the integral and sustainable management of forests) with regard to its possible contribution to the objectives of the Convention (decision XI/19, paragraph 17).

Action under agenda item 24:

124. The Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice will consider progress on these matters at its eighteenth meeting. Under this agenda item, the Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider the relevant outcomes of the eighteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice.

Item 25. Invasive alien species

125. The Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to prepare the following items to address risks associated with the introduction of alien species as pets, aquarium and terrarium species, and as live bait and live food: (i) more detailed guidance for Parties on devising and implementing national measures (decision XI/28, paragraph 5); (ii) information on methodologies and instruments in use by law-enforcement, customs and inspection agencies to monitor and control related trade and cross-border movements of alien species (decision XI/28, subparagraph 6 (a)), and best practices to raise public awareness on guidance for web-based traders (decision XI/28, subparagraph 6 (b)); (iii) information on avoiding or minimizing the risks of the introduction and spread of invasive alien animal species from commercial zoos and safari parks, and breeding and trade centres, resulting from escapes of the animals or the release or escape of animals used as live food (decision XI/28, paragraph 7); and (iv) case studies and information on measures on how to deal with the potential risks associated with the intentional and unintentional release or escape of individuals of captive-bred alien populations and genotypes (decision XI/28, paragraph 8).

126. The Conference of the Parties also requested the Executive Secretary to develop practical, non-prescriptive advice and tools for Parties on applying existing international standards, guidelines and recommendations and information on Parties' practices regarding integrated and strengthened national strategies on invasive alien species, relevant capacity development and harmonization of policy at the

national and regional levels (decision XI/28, paragraph 14). It also requested the Executive Secretary to explore methodologies for fostering awareness, promoting education and generating information on invasive alien species for a broad audience, including indigenous and local communities, the public and other stakeholders (decision XI/28, paragraph 18).

127. The Conference of the Parties invited the Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures of the World Trade Organization to consider the application made by the Convention on Biological Diversity for observer status in the Committee and requested the Executive Secretary to actively pursue the application (decision XI/28, paragraph 15).

128. Additional matters related to invasive alien species will be considered under agenda item 16 in relation to Aichi Biodiversity Target 9.

Action under agenda item 25:

129. The eighteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice will address these issues with the exception of practical, non-prescriptive advice and tools for Parties on applying existing international standards, guidelines and recommendations. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider the relevant outcomes of the eighteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and additional information provided in pre-session document UNEP/CBD/COP/12/18.

Item 26. New and emerging issues: synthetic biology¹

130. In paragraph 3 of decision XI/11, the Executive Secretary was requested to prepare a synthesis of submissions and information on (i) components, organisms and products resulting from synthetic biology; and (ii) possible gaps and overlaps with the applicable provisions of the Convention, its Protocols and other relevant agreements related to these; including an analysis of how the criteria set out in paragraph 12 of decision IX/29, apply to this issue.

Action under agenda item 26:

131. The eighteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice will address this matter. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider the relevant outcomes of the eighteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice.

VI. OPERATIONS OF THE CONVENTION AND COOPERATION

Item 27. Multi-year programme of work of the Conference of the Parties up to 2020

132. The Conference of the Parties, in decision X/9, paragraph (g), decided that the Conference of the Parties will continue to address standing items consistent with earlier decisions. In addition, the same decision allows the Conference of the Parties a certain flexibility to accommodate urgent emerging issues under the multi-year programme of work.

133. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider relevant outcomes from meetings of the Subsidiary Bodies, as well as additional information provided in pre-session document UNEP/CBD/COP/12/19.

¹ Note that the Conference of the Parties will not need to address the issue of geoengineering at this meeting, since the timing of the eighteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, with respect to the release of the Synthesis Report of the Fifth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, does not allow the Subsidiary Body to complete its review of the Synthesis Report before the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Item 28. *Improving the efficiency of structures and processes under the Convention, and retirement of decisions*

Improving the efficiency of structures and processes under the Convention

134. The Conference of the Parties is expected to address under this agenda item the matter of improving the efficiency of structures and processes under the Convention and its two Protocols, including with regard to (i) the organization of intersessional work, including the periodicity of meetings of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and intersessional open-ended working groups; and (ii) the organization of the meetings of the Conference of the Parties and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and Benefit-Sharing (decision XI/10, paragraphs 2 and 3).

135. The Conference of the Parties also requested the Executive Secretary to undertake a number of supporting activities related to improving the effectiveness of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (decision XI/13 A, paragraph 10).

Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services

136. With regard to collaboration with the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, the Conference of the Parties will be invited to take note of recommendation XVII/3 of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and consider the recommendation from the eighteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on the implementation of the Platform's work programme (decision XI/2 E, paragraph 28, decision XI/3 C, subparagraph 7 (b), and decision XI/13 C, paragraphs 4 and 5), and on how the Convention, and in particular the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, should collaborate with the Platform by (i) identifying scientific and technical needs that could be addressed by the Platform, and (ii) considering relevant outputs of the Platform (decision XI/13 C, paragraph 6). In addition, the Executive Secretary will report on steps for formalizing collaboration with the Platform (decision XI/13 C, paragraph 7).

Retirement of decisions

137. Under this agenda item, the Conference of the Parties is invited to consider recommendations which the fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention is expected to develop on ways to integrate the exercise and proposals for retirement of decisions into the preparation and adoption of new decisions in order to refocus the exercise towards supporting the review of implementation of existing decisions and creating a good basis for the adoption of new decisions (decision XI/12, paragraph 3).

Action under agenda item 28:

138. The fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention and the eighteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, respectively, will address these matters. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider the relevant outcomes of these meetings.

Item 29. *Cooperation with other conventions, international organizations and stakeholders' engagement, including business*

139. In paragraph 4 of decision XI/6, section A, the Conference of the Parties stressed the need to support the arrangements necessary to ensure that the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and its Aichi Biodiversity Targets are embraced beyond the Convention on Biological Diversity by all relevant institutions, organizations and processes. Under this item, the Conference of the Parties will be invited to provide further guidance on cooperation with the other Rio conventions, other biodiversity-related conventions, international organizations and programmes, and stakeholders' engagement, including business.

Cooperation with the biodiversity-related conventions and the Rio conventions

140. The Executive Secretary was requested, in paragraph 17 of decision XI/6, section A, and paragraph 7 of decision XI/15, to undertake a number of activities related to cooperation with biodiversity-related and Rio conventions. With regard to water and in particular Aichi Biodiversity Target 14, in paragraph 4 of decision XI/23 the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with the Secretariat of the Ramsar Convention and in consultation with relevant partners and initiatives, to develop a cooperative partnership to promote awareness of, and capacity-building for, ecosystem-based solutions for water resources management as a means to enhance the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011 – 2020 by the broadest range of stakeholders.

Cooperation with the Environment Management Group

141. The Conference of the Parties will also be invited to welcome the progress report by the Environment Management Group on the contribution of the United Nations system to the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and on cooperation among its members (UNEP/CBD/COP/12/20/Add.1), which will have been prepared in response to paragraph 5 of decision XI/6, section A.

Cooperation with other United Nations entities and international organizations

142. The Conference of the Parties will be provided with information on the collaboration with United Nations entities and other international organizations in support of the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the achievement of its Aichi Biodiversity Targets. The consideration may include the relevant collaborative activities of the United Nations Environment Programme, the United Nations Development Programme, including the application of the UNDP Biodiversity and Ecosystems Global Framework 2012-2020, and of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, including those related to education for sustainable development and the joint programme on biological and cultural diversity.

143. With regards to biodiversity and agriculture, and in particular Aichi Biodiversity Targets 7 and 13, the Executive Secretary will prepare, in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, a briefing note on the key issues and opportunities regarding sustainable agriculture, as they relate to the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity (2011-2020).

144. With regard to collaboration on forest biodiversity, and biodiversity and health, the Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider the information prepared by the Executive Secretary on the collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations on the Global Forest Resources Assessment, and the collaboration with the World Health Organization on a joint work programme and the further development of indicators relevant to the links between biodiversity and health (decision XI/6, section C, paragraphs 25, 28 and 29).

Tourism

145. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to review the application of the Guidelines on Biodiversity and Tourism Development (decision XI/6, section E, paragraph 48).

Stakeholder engagement

146. The Executive Secretary will prepare information on the engagement of stakeholders in relevant processes of the Convention in response to decisions XI/8 B and C on civil society.

Business and biodiversity

147. With regard to business and biodiversity, the Executive Secretary was requested to facilitate dialogue among business, Government, and other stakeholders through ongoing support for business and biodiversity initiatives. The Executive Secretary was further requested to compile information on best practices and to facilitate the engagement of businesses, Governments and other stakeholders in adopting such practices through various means. In addition, the Executive Secretary was requested to refine the analysis of tools and mechanisms in order to help businesses understand and adopt solutions for

biodiversity management and to help raise awareness about the conservation of biodiversity and sustainable use of its components and the drivers of biodiversity loss, thereby assisting businesses to build capacity related to biodiversity and ecosystem services (decision XI/7, paragraph 5).

Gender mainstreaming

148. The Executive Secretary was requested by the Conference of the Parties to update the current Gender Plan of Action (2008-2012) to 2020, to provide guidance for mainstreaming gender into all programmes of work under the Convention, and to convene capacity-building activities on related issues (decision XI/9, paragraphs 3, 5 and 8). In addition, the Executive Secretary was requested to invite Parties to make submissions to the Secretariat on the development of indicators to monitor gender mainstreaming, and to report on the development of such indicators for activities of the Convention (decision XI/9, paragraphs 9 and 10).

Subnational implementation

149. In paragraph 7 of decision X/22 the Executive Secretary was requested to report on the implementation of the Plan of Action on Subnational Governments, Cities and Other Local Authorities for Biodiversity (2011-2020), endorsed by paragraph 1 of the same decision, at future meetings of the Conference of the Parties.

150. In paragraph 6 of decision X/22 the Executive Secretary was requested to convene, with appropriate partners, meetings of local authorities at the margins of future meetings of the Conference of the Parties. For the fourth time, a summit of local and subnational governments will be held in parallel with the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

151. In paragraph 7 of decision XI/8 A, the Executive Secretary was requested to support the Global Partnership on Local and Subnational Action for Biodiversity and its activities as an effective platform for scientific and technical cooperation, capacity development and the dissemination of best practices for local and subnational implementation of the Convention, and to continue to involve local and subnational authorities in the series of workshops to review and update national biodiversity strategies and action plans, including regional activities.

Action under agenda item 29:

152. The fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention will address most of these issues. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider the relevant outcomes of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention as well as additional information provided in pre-session document UNEP/CBD/COP/12/20.

Item 30. Budget for the programme of work for the biennium 2015-2016

153. Under this item, the Conference of the Parties is invited to adopt a programme budget for the biennium 2015-2016 to meet the core administrative costs of the Conference of the Parties, the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, the meetings of other subsidiary bodies and the Secretariat on the basis of a proposed budget prepared by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/COP/12/21).

154. As requested in paragraph 23 of decision XI/31, the proposal contains five alternatives for the core programme budget based on:

(a) Making an assessment of the required rate of growth for the programme budget BY Trust Fund;

(b) Increasing the core programme budget (BY Trust Fund) from 2013-2014 level by 7.5 per cent in nominal terms;

(c) Increasing the core programme budget (BY Trust Fund) to an amount that represents a 7.5 per cent increase in nominal terms of the combined total of the BY and any distinct costs of the Nagoya Protocol over the BY Trust Fund total amount for 2013-2014;

(d) Maintaining the core programme budget (BY Trust Fund) at the 2013-2014 level in nominal terms;

(e) Setting a core programme budget (BY Trust Fund) for 2015-2016 that maintains the combined total of BY Trust Fund and any distinct costs for the Nagoya Protocol at the same nominal total amount as the BY Trust Fund for 2013–2014.

155. As in the past, the levels of contributions to the budget by individual Parties, which are annexed to the document, have been based on the United Nations scale of assessments for the apportionment of expenses adjusted for the Convention on Biological Diversity. Detailed information on activities and resource needs by programme and subprogramme are explained in the note by the Executive Secretary on detailed subprogramme activities and resources required (UNEP/CBD/COP/12/21/Add.1), while tables indicating the status of the trust funds under the Convention, the financial statements for 2012-2013 and the scale of contributions for the biennium 2013-2014 are being circulated as an information document.

156. Both the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-Sharing provide that, “to the extent that they are distinct; the costs of the Secretariat services for the Protocol shall be met by the Parties hereto”. Therefore, there is a need to identify those Secretariat costs that are distinct to both the Protocols and those that are common to the Convention and the Protocols. Given that the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol will immediately precede the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, the latter will be informed of the budget adopted for the Cartagena Protocol for the next biennium as its distinct costs. Given that the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol is expected to be convened concurrently with the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, and that related matters on access and benefit-sharing (Article 15 and related Articles) will continue to be relevant under the Convention, the Conference of the Parties and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol may wish to coordinate consideration of the budget of the Convention and that of the Nagoya Protocol.

157. In addition, the Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider the information contained in an information document which will be prepared by the Executive Secretary on the results of the in-depth functional review of the Secretariat (decision XI/31, paragraph 25).

158. It is suggested that a joint budget contact group will be established under agenda item 9 to prepare a budget, which will be submitted to plenary for adoption. The budget contact group will be invited to present its findings to the plenary midway through the meeting.

Action under agenda item 30:

159. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider the relevant information provided in pre-session documents UNEP/CBD/COP/12/21 and addendum 1, taking into account also any relevant recommendations from the third meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Nagoya Protocol as appropriate.

VII. FINAL MATTERS

Item 31. Other matters

160. The Conference of the Parties may wish to consider other matters raised and accepted for discussion in accordance with rule 12 of the rules of procedure and paragraph 7 of decision IV/16.

Item 32. Adoption of the report

161. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider and adopt the report on the work of its twelfth meeting on the basis of the draft report prepared by the Rapporteur and the reports of the two working groups. It may also wish to annex to its report the outcomes of the high-level segment of the meeting and other events organized in conjunction with its meeting. In accordance with established

practice, the Conference of the Parties is invited to authorize the Rapporteur to complete the final report after the meeting with the guidance of the President and assistance of the Secretariat.

Item 33. Closure of the meeting

162. It is expected that the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties will be closed on Friday, 17 October 2014 at approximately 6 p.m.

Annex I

**PROVISIONAL LIST OF DOCUMENTS FOR THE TWELFTH MEETING OF THE
CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES**

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Working title</i>	<i>Agenda item(s)</i>
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UNEP/CBD/COP/12/4	Report of the fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention	8
UNEP/CBD/COP/12/5	Report of the eighth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions	8
UNEP/CBD/COP/12/6	Report of the third meeting of the Open-ended Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Committee for the Nagoya Protocol	10, 20
UNEP/CBD/COP/12/7	Report of the Executive Secretary on the administration of the Convention and the budget for the trust funds of the Convention	9
UNEP/CBD/COP/12/8	Status report on the Nagoya Protocol	10, 20
UNEP/CBD/COP/12/9	Global Biodiversity Outlook	11, 13, 14, 15
UNEP/CBD/COP/12/9/Add.1	Updated report on the progress in implementing the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation	11, 13
UNEP/CBD/COP/12/10	Updated report on the updating of national biodiversity strategies and action plans including the establishment of national targets, and fifth national reports	12
UNEP/CBD/COP/12/11	Progress in the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets	13, 16
UNEP/CBD/COP/12/12	Progress in providing support in implementing the objectives of the Convention and its Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020*	14, 17
	* This may include addenda on technical and scientific cooperation and the clearing-house mechanism, communication, education and public awareness, and United Nations Decade on Biodiversity	
UNEP/CBD/COP/12/13	Progress report on the process of integrating biodiversity into the post-2015 framework for sustainable development	15

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<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Working title</i>	<i>Agenda item(s)</i>
UNEP/CBD/COP/12/14	Strategy for resource mobilization	14, 18
UNEP/CBD/COP/12/14/Add.1	Global monitoring report on resource mobilization	14, 18
UNEP/CBD/COP/12/14/Add.2	Second Report of the High Level Panel on Global Assessment of Resources for implementing the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020	14, 18
UNEP/CBD/COP/12/15	Financial mechanism	19
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UNEP/CBD/COP/12/20	Cooperation with other conventions, international organizations and stakeholders' engagement, including business	29
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UNEP/CBD/COP/12/21	Proposed budget for the programme of work of the Convention on Biological Diversity for the biennium 2015-2016	30
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Annex II

PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK AT THE TWELFTH MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

A. Overview of COP-12 and COP-MOP-1 (Nagoya Protocol)

	COP Working Group I	COP Working Group II	COP Plenary	COP-MOP Nagoya Protocol (NP)
<i>Monday, 6 October</i>			Joint COP and COP-MOP welcoming ceremony	
			Sections I and II	
<i>Tuesday, 7 October</i>	Dialogue Forum			COP-MOP (NP)
<i>Wednesday, 8 October</i>	Section III			
<i>Thursday, 9 October</i>	Section IV	Section V		
<i>Friday, 10 October</i>		Section VI		
<i>Friday, 10 October</i>				COP-MOP (NP)
<i>Saturday, 11 October, and Sunday, 12 October</i>				
<i>Monday, 13 October</i>	Pending matters	Pending matters		
				COP-MOP (NP)
<i>Tuesday, 14 October</i>		Pending matters		
<i>Tuesday, 14 October</i>			Joint COP and COP-MOP session to assess progress, including budget (item 30)	
<i>Wednesday, 15 October</i>	High-Level Segment (with COP Working Groups and/or COP-MOP (NP) working in parallel as necessary)			
<i>Thursday, 16 October</i>				
<i>Friday, 17 October</i>				COP-MOP final plenary (adoption of decisions)
			COP final plenary (adoption of decisions)	
			Joint COP and COP-MOP closing	

B. Proposed organization of work of plenary and working groups for COP-12

	PLENARY	WORKING GROUP I	WORKING GROUP II
<p><i>Monday, 6 October</i></p> <p>10 a.m. – 1 p.m.</p>	<p>I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS</p> <p>1. Opening of the meeting.</p> <p>2. Election of officers.</p> <p>3. Adoption of the agenda.</p> <p>4. Organization of work.</p> <p>5. Report on the credentials of representatives to the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.</p> <p>6. Pending issues.</p> <p>7. Date and venue of the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.</p> <p>II. REPORTS</p> <p>8. Reports of intersessional and regional preparatory meetings.</p> <p>9. Report of the Executive Secretary on the administration of the Convention and the budget for the Trust Funds of the Convention.</p> <p>10. Status of the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization.</p> <p>11. Global Biodiversity Outlook: fourth edition (Launch)</p>		

	PLENARY	WORKING GROUP I	WORKING GROUP II
Monday, 6 October 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.		<p>(DIALOGUE FORUM)</p> <p>III. ASSESSING PROGRESS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR BIODIVERSITY 2011-2020</p> <p>11. Global Biodiversity Outlook: fourth edition.</p> <p>12. Review of the updated national biodiversity strategies and action plans.</p> <p>13. Mid-term review of progress towards the goals of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, including the programmes of work and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets.</p> <p>14. Review of progress in providing support in implementing the objectives of the Convention and its Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020.</p>	
Tuesday, 7 October 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.		<p>Items 11 – 14 (<i>Continued as necessary</i>)</p> <p>IV. ENHANCING IMPLEMENTATION TO ACHIEVE THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR BIODIVERSITY 2011-2020</p> <p>15. Contribution to the Millennium Development Goals and to the post-2015 development agenda and sustainable development goals.</p>	
Tuesday, 7 October 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.		<p>16. Further development of tools and guidance to assist implementation of the Convention and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020.</p>	<p>V. OTHER ITEMS RESULTING FROM THE PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE CONVENTION</p> <p>20. Access and benefit-sharing and status of the Nagoya Protocol.</p> <p>21. Article 8(j) and related provisions.</p> <p>22. Liability and redress.</p>

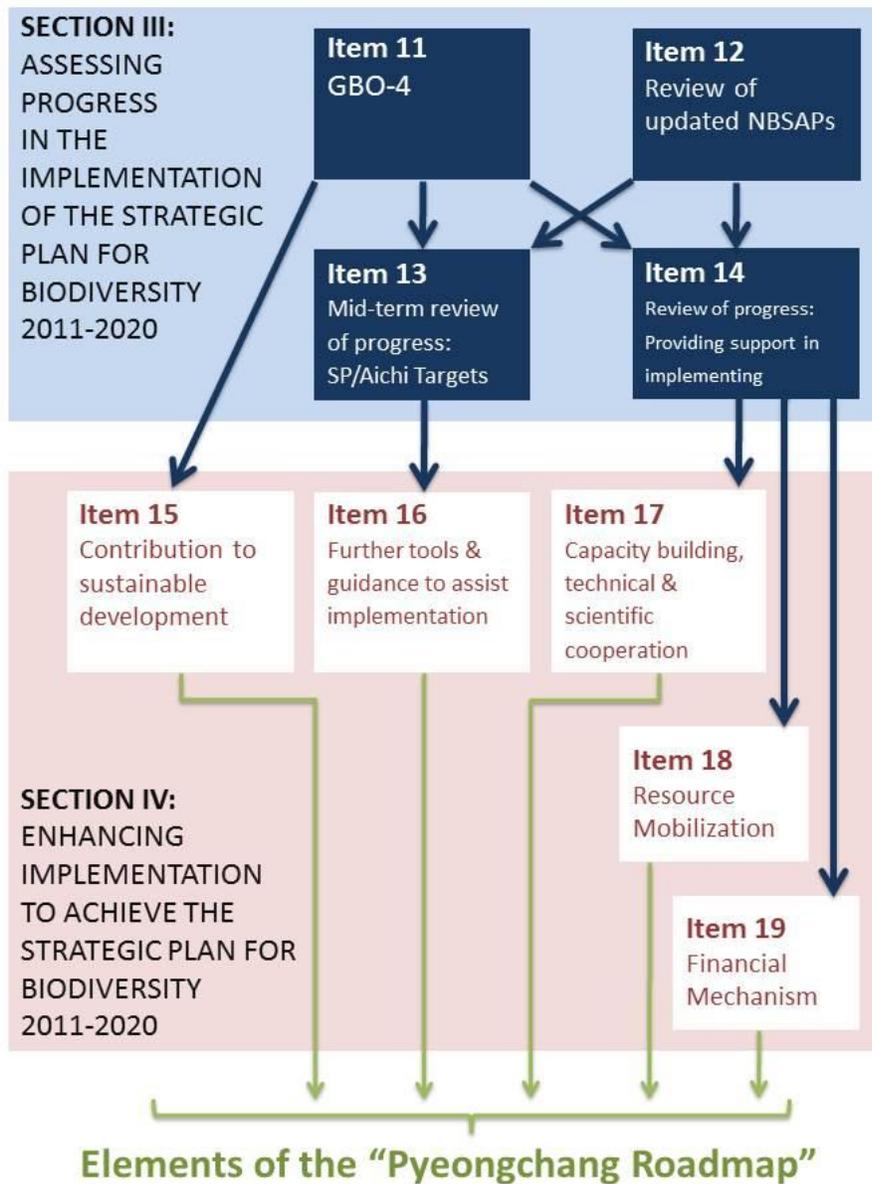
	PLENARY	WORKING GROUP I	WORKING GROUP II
<i>Wednesday, 8 October</i> 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.		17. Capacity-building, enhancement of technical and scientific cooperation and other initiatives to assist implementation.	23. Marine and coastal biodiversity. 24. Climate change and biodiversity.
<i>Wednesday, 8 October</i> 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.		18. Resource mobilization 19. Financial mechanism.	25. Invasive alien species. 26. New and emerging issues: synthetic biology.
<i>Thursday, 9 October</i> 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.		(Matters outstanding)	VI. OPERATIONS OF THE CONVENTION AND COOPERATION 27. Multi-year programme of work of the Conference of the Parties up to 2020. 28. Improving the efficiency of structures and processes under the Convention, and retirement of decisions.
<i>Thursday, 9 October</i> 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.		(Matters outstanding)	29. Cooperation with other conventions, international organizations and stakeholders' engagement, including business.
<i>Friday, 10 October</i> 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.		(Matters outstanding)	
<i>Friday, 10 October</i> 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.		(Matters outstanding)	

	PLENARY	WORKING GROUP I	WORKING GROUP II
<i>Monday, 13 October</i> 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.		(Matters outstanding)	(Matters outstanding)
<i>Monday, 13 October</i> 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.		(Matters outstanding)	
<i>Tuesday, 14 October</i> 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.		(Matters outstanding)	(Matters outstanding)
<i>Tuesday, 14 October</i> 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.	(JOINT SESSION WITH THE COP-MOP FOR THE NAGOYA PROTOCOL) Review of progress in Working Groups and the budget contact group 30. Budget for the programme of work for the biennium 2015-2016. (followed by Working Groups)	<i>Following plenary meeting:</i> (Matters outstanding)	<i>Following plenary meeting:</i> (Matters outstanding)
<i>Wednesday, 15 October</i> 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.		(Matters outstanding, if necessary)	(Matters outstanding, if necessary)
<i>Wednesday, 15 October</i> 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.		(Matters outstanding, if necessary)	(Matters outstanding, if necessary)

	PLENARY	WORKING GROUP I	WORKING GROUP II
<i>Thursday, 16 October</i> 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.		(Matters outstanding, if necessary)	(Matters outstanding, if necessary)
<i>Thursday, 16 October</i> 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.		(Matters outstanding, if necessary)	(Matters outstanding, if necessary)
<i>Friday, 17 October</i> 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	(no meetings of COP scheduled)	(no meetings of COP scheduled)	(no meetings of COP scheduled)
<i>Friday, 17 October</i> 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.	VII. FINAL MATTERS 31. Other matters. 32. Adoption of the report. 33. Closure of the meeting.		

Annex III

RELATIONSHIP OF AGENDA ITEMS UNDER SECTIONS III AND IV OF THE AGENDA (SCHEMATIC REPRESENTATION)



Under section III of the agenda, Parties will be invited to review progress in the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020. Under item 11 (Global Biodiversity Outlook: fourth edition) and item 12 (Review of the updated national biodiversity strategies and action plans), the Conference of the Parties will consider the scientific and factual basis for the assessment of progress in the implementation of the Strategic Plan, which is envisaged to take place under item 13. Item 14 (Review of progress in providing support in implementing the objective of the Convention and its Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020), provides an opportunity for Parties to determine the status of support provided to Parties in their efforts to implement the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020. The deliberations of the Conference of the Parties on agenda items 11 to 14 (section III of the agenda), together with the recommendations of intersessional meetings and documentation prepared by the Executive Secretary, will provide a basis for the subsequent discussion of agenda items 15 to 19 (section IV of the agenda) which may lead to decisions to be known collectively as the Pyeongchang Roadmap for the enhanced implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets.

*Annex IV***INFORMATION ON THE DIALOGUE FORUM**

1. Further to decisions X/2 and X/9 of the Conference of the Parties, respectively on the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and the multi-year programme of work of the Convention, and consistent with the mandate of the Conference of the Parties to keep under review the implementation of the Convention (Article 23, paragraph 4 of the Convention), the main focus of the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties will be to assess progress and enhance implementation of the Strategic Plan 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, based on efforts by Parties at the national level and regional levels.
2. To facilitate this review process by the Conference of the Parties, a special informal session aimed at identifying challenges and opportunities towards achieving the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and its Aichi Biodiversity Targets, which would inform the deliberations during the meeting, including the high level segment, is proposed for the afternoon of Monday, 6 October 2014 (the first day of COP-12) in Working Group I.
3. The special session would aim to assist Parties implementing the Strategic Plan and the Aichi Targets, by promoting constructive partnerships and exchanges with major groups and stakeholders. It would provide an opportunity for sharing experiences and identifying synergies, particularly at the regional or sub-regional levels. Building upon the national reports, discussions at the fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention (WGRI-5), and the analysis in GBO-4, it would provide input for the subsequent discussions in the Working Groups throughout the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and into the high level segment. It could lead to concrete and measurable commitments, pledges and initiatives to achieve the Aichi Targets.
4. The session also build upon a preparatory online forum beginning in March 2014 with a view to identifying challenges encountered in their efforts to achieve the five goals and 20 Aichi Targets and suggesting solutions. Informal forums could also be organized on the margins of the WGRI-5 to allow Parties to discuss in-depth progress toward the strategic goals of the biodiversity strategy.

Annex V

INFORMATION ON THE HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT

1. A high-level ministerial segment will be organized by the host country in consultation with the Secretariat and the Bureau. The high-level segment will take place from 15-17 October 2014 at the Alpensia Convention Center. Invitations for the high-level segment are being issued by the Government of the Republic of Korea.
2. It is expected that the high-level segment will be opened by the Minister of the Environment of the Republic of Korea and that the President of the Republic, the Governor of Gangwon Province and other senior officials will address the meeting.
3. It is also expected that there will be an opportunity for a limited number of statements by Ministers and heads of delegation representing regional groups, some international organizations and major groups. In line with discussions in the COP Bureau, it is not envisaged that there will be statements by all heads of delegation in the plenary.
4. It is expected that Ministers and heads of delegation will finalize a message to the United Nations General Assembly on “Biodiversity for sustainable development”. The message would be prepared in advance through informal consultations among Parties, under the leadership of the Government of the Republic of Korea as the incoming presidency, facilitated by the COP Bureau and Secretariat.
5. It is also expected that there will be opportunity for Ministers and heads of delegation to discuss issues related to the theme of “Biodiversity for sustainable development” in a number of thematic panel sessions. The outcomes of these deliberations will be captured in a Chair’s Report.
6. There will also be time to allow Ministers and heads of delegation to participate in the work of their delegations to facilitate negotiations in the Conference of the Parties.
