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PRELIMINARY ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

INTRODUCTION

1. Following the invitation of the Government of Mexico, which was welcomed by the Conference of the Parties in its decision XII/34, the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties will be held in Cancun, Mexico, from 4 to 17 December 2016.
2. At its meeting held in Montreal on 27 and 28 April 2015, the Bureau considered the draft provisional agenda and annotations for the meeting. The Bureau approved the agenda, as subsequently finalized by the Executive Secretary, taking into account the comments by the Bureau at that meeting (UNEP/CBD/COP/13/1).
3. These preliminary annotations to the provisional agenda have been prepared to facilitate advance preparations for the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties by Parties and observers. These annotations will be updated and revised as necessary in May 2016 in the light of the outcomes of intersessional meetings.
4. The provisional agenda and the annotations have been prepared in line with the multi-year programme of work of the Conference of the Parties up to 2020 adopted in decision XII/31, in which the Conference of the Parties identified issues for consideration at its thirteenth 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 sent notifications to those bodies and agencies, 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.
7. A high-level ministerial segment will be organized by the host country in consultation with the Secretariat and the Bureau). The Government of Mexico has proposed that the high-level segment be held from

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2 to 4 December. It is expected that the high-level segment will be opened by the Minister of Environment of Mexico and will be attended by the President of Mexico. Other senior officials will also address the meeting.

8. In accordance with established practice, the Executive Secretary will prepare a compilation of the draft decisions proposed by subsidiary bodies at intersessional meetings or developed by the Executive Secretary in the light of earlier decisions and recommendations (UNEP/CBD/COP/13/2), as well as a summary of the financial implications of draft decisions (UNEP/CBD/COP/13/2/Add.1).

9. The thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties may be preceded by regional preparatory meetings.

I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

Item 1. Opening of the meeting

10. The opening ceremony will take place from 5 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, 4 December 2016. The opening of the meeting will continue at 10 a.m. on Monday, 5 December, as necessary.¹

11. The meeting will be opened by the President of the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties or his representative. It is expected that, at the opening session, the President of the twelfth 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 thirteenth meeting. The term of office of the President will begin immediately following his or her election at the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and will end with the election of a successor at the fourteenth meeting.

12. At the opening session, the Conference of the Parties will hear a presentation on the outcomes of the high-level segment, as well as addresses of welcome by representatives of the Government of Mexico, local authorities, and other entities.

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

Item 2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

Adoption of the agenda

14. The provisional agenda (UNEP/CBD/COP/13/1) 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 (decision XII/31) and other relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties.

15. It is proposed that the issues agreed in the multi-year programme of work of the Conference of the Parties up to 2020 for this meeting will be addressed under the following items of section III of the agenda:

(a) Under item 9: Interim review of progress towards the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, and related means of implementation;

(b) Under item 10: Further consideration of the implications of the findings of the fourth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook* and fifth national reports; Strategic actions to enhance national implementation, in particular through mainstreaming and the integration of biodiversity across relevant sectors, including agriculture, forests and fisheries; and Implications of the post-2015 United Nations development agenda and the sustainable development goals and of other relevant international processes for the future work of the Convention;

¹ The meetings of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meetings of the Parties to the Cartagena and Nagoya Protocols will open following the opening of the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

(c) Under item 12: Ways and means to enhance the implementation of Article 12 of the Convention, in particular training and capacity-building for developing countries to support implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020; and Determination of funding needs to inform the seventh replenishment of the Global Environment Facility for the 2018-2022 cycle.

16. It is proposed that the remaining issues identified in the multi-year programme of work be addressed under section V of the agenda:

(a) Under item 18: Integration among the Convention and its Protocols;

(b) Under item 19: Guidelines for the sixth national reports and modalities for future editions of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook*.

Organization of work

17. In accordance with established practice, the Conference of the Parties may wish to establish two working groups to support the work of the plenary. If the two working groups are established, the Conference of the Parties will need to elect a chairperson for each.

18. As decided by the Conference of the Parties in decision XII/27, paragraph 3, and agreed by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol in decision BS-VII/9, paragraph 1, as well as the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol in decision NP-1/12, paragraph 1, ordinary meetings of the Conference of the Parties are to be held within a two-week period that also includes the meetings of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and the meetings of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol. Thus, it is envisaged that the two working groups would also address issues related to the Cartagena Protocol and the Nagoya Protocol as may be referred to the working groups by the respective meetings of the Parties.

19. The arrangements for the concurrent meetings will be developed in line with decision XII/27, paragraph 4, and will be further considered by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its first meeting.

20. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol will start their considerations immediately after each other after the opening of the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties on Sunday, 4 December 2016. To ensure consideration of items under the Convention and the Protocols, as far as possible, in close proximity, it is suggested that the Conference of the Parties serving as the meetings of the Parties to the Cartagena and Nagoya Protocols refer the substantive items on their agendas to the same working groups as established by the Conference of the Parties. The working groups are expected to commence their work on Monday, 5 December 2016.

21. The proposed division of responsibilities between the plenary and the two working groups of the Conference of the Parties is contained in a timetable in document UNEP/CBD/COP/13/1/Add.2, showing also the proposed schedule for the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol.

Item 3. Election of officers

Election of officers other than the President

22. In accordance with rule 21 of the rules of procedure, 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 thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and end at the closure of the fourteenth meeting. At its twelfth meeting, the Conference of the Parties elected the following 10 Vice-Presidents for a term of office commencing upon the closure of its twelfth meeting and ending at the closure of its thirteenth meeting:

Ms. Skumsa Mancotywa (South Africa)
 Mr. Mike Ipanga (Democratic Republic of the Congo)
 Mr. Naohisa Okuda (Japan)
 Mr. Yousef Hafedh (Saudi Arabia)
 Ms. Natalya Minchenko (Belarus)
 Ms. Senka Barudanovic (Bosnia and Herzegovina)
 Ms. Maria Luisa del Rio Mispireta (Peru)
 Mr. Randolph Edmead (St. Kitts and Nevis)
 Ms. Tia Stevens (Australia)
 Ms. Mette Gervin Damsgaard (Denmark)

23. Regional groups are urged to submit their nominations at the opening of the meeting. This will allow the election of officers to be completed early in the meeting and 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

24. 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 to officiate its meetings for a term of office that will extend until the end of the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. Previously elected chairs of the Subsidiary Body have come from the following regional groups: (a) first meeting – Africa; (b) second meeting – Western European and Other States; (c) third and fourth meetings – Asia and the Pacific; (d) fifth and sixth meetings – Latin America and the Caribbean; (e) seventh and eighth meetings – Central and Eastern Europe; (f) ninth and tenth meetings – Africa; (g) eleventh and twelfth meetings – Western European and Other States; (h) thirteenth meeting – Asia and the Pacific; (i) fourteenth meeting – Latin America and the Caribbean; (j) fifteenth and sixteenth meetings – Central and Eastern Europe; (k) seventeenth and eighteenth meetings – Africa; and (l) nineteenth and twentieth meetings – Western European and Other States.

Item 4. Report on the credentials of representatives to the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties

25. 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.”

26. 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”.

27. In order to assist Parties in fulfilling the requirements of rule 18, the Executive Secretary will have issued a notification and distribute to national focal points sample formats of appropriate credentials.

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

Item 5. Pending issues

29. 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.

30. 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 were considered at subsequent meetings of the Conference of the Parties but without any agreement. The text therefore remains bracketed.

31. Since it is not expected that these matters can be resolved at the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, it will be suggested that their consideration be postponed to a future meeting.

Item 6. Date and venue of future meetings of the Conference of the Parties

32. In accordance with paragraph 2 of rule 4 of the rules of procedure, the Conference of the Parties is to decide on the date and duration of its next ordinary meeting. In line with rule 4, as amended at the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, ordinary meetings will be held every two years. Thus the fourteenth meeting is due to be held in the fourth quarter 2018. 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.

33. In decision XII/35, the Conference of the Parties invited interested Parties to notify the Executive Secretary of their offers to host the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, as well as the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol before the end of 2015, and of their offers to host the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, as well as the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol preferably at least two months before the first meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation.

34. The Conference of the Parties will have before it, for its consideration, a draft recommendation prepared by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation on the date and venue of the fourteenth and fifteenth meetings of the Conference of the Parties.

35. Proposals on how the hosting of future meetings of the Conference of the Parties may be determined will be considered under agenda item 16.

II. REPORTS

Item 7. 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 intersessional period and their reports on the understanding that the substantive issues arising therein will be taken up under the appropriate agenda item. The reports of the following meetings will be available to the Conference of the Parties:

(a) Ninth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Inter-Sessional Working Group on the Implementation of Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity (UNEP/CBD/COP/13/3);

(b) Nineteenth and twentieth meetings of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (UNEP/CBD/COP/13/4 and UNEP/CBD/COP/13/5);

(c) First meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation (UNEP/CBD/COP/13/6).

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

Item 8. 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 the budget for the trust funds of the Convention (UNEP/CBD/COP/13/7) 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 the budget for the programme of work for the biennium 2017-2018. The report will include information on the implementation by the Executive Secretary of the Gender Plan of Action under the Convention on Biological Diversity.

39. Under this item, the Conference of the Parties may wish to adopt a programme budget for the biennium 2017-2018 to meet the core administrative costs of the Conference of the Parties, the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, meetings of other subsidiary bodies and the Secretariat on the basis of a proposed budget prepared by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/COP/13/8).

40. As requested in decision XII/32, the proposal will contain two 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) which should not exceed a 5 per cent increase from the 2015-2016 level in nominal terms;

(b) Maintaining the programme budget (BY Trust Fund) at the 2015–2016 level in nominal terms.

41. As in the past, the levels of contributions to the budget by individual Parties, which will be annexed to the document, will be 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 will be explained in the note by the Executive Secretary, while tables indicating the status of the trust funds under the Convention, the financial statements for 2014 and 2015 and the scale of contributions for the biennium 2015-2016 will be circulated as an information document.

42. In addition, the Executive Secretary will submit a document on the results of the in-depth functional review of the Secretariat responding to the request in decision XII/32 for the information of the Conference of the Parties.

43. The proposed budget will be developed taking into account gender aspects, where relevant, in line with decision XII/7. The plenary may wish to establish a contact group on the budget for the programme of work for the biennium 2017-2018, anticipating that the respective meetings of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena and Nagoya Protocols, at their first plenary sessions, would also refer to this contact group consideration of the budgets for their programmes of work (item 10 and item 8 on their agendas; see UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/8/1 and UNEP/CBD/NP/COP-MOP/2/1).

III. STRATEGIC PLAN FOR BIODIVERSITY 2011-2020: ASSESSING PROGRESS AND ENHANCING IMPLEMENTATION

Item 9. Interim review of progress towards the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, and related means of implementation

44. The Conference of the Parties, in decision X/2, paragraph 14, recalling that the role of the Conference of the Parties is to keep the implementation of the Convention under review, decided that future meetings of the Conference of the Parties shall review progress in the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, share experiences relevant for implementation and provide guidance on means to address obstacles encountered. According to the multi-year programme of work for the Conference of the Parties up to 2020 (decision XII/31), the Conference of the Parties will consider progress towards the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, and related means of implementation.

45. In this context, the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at its twentieth meeting will consider, further to the information in the fourth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook*, an updated assessment of progress towards selected Aichi Biodiversity Targets where information is available to allow such an update.

46. The Conference of the Parties, in decision XII/26, established the Subsidiary Body on Implementation with the terms of reference to, inter alia, review relevant information on progress in the implementation of the Convention, including in the provision of support for the implementation of the Convention, as well as of any strategic plans and other relevant decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties, and on progress in the achievement of targets established under the Convention.

47. Moreover, in the same decision (para. 5), the Subsidiary Body on Implementation was requested, for the period up to 2020, to support the Conference of the Parties in reviewing progress in the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, taking into account also the multi-year programme of work of the Conference of the Parties to 2020. The Subsidiary Body on Implementation will carry out this mandate, taking into account inputs from the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, as appropriate.

48. Under this agenda item, the Conference of the Parties may wish to consider relevant conclusions and recommendations from the twentieth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the first meeting of Subsidiary Body on Implementation. It is expected that these conclusions and recommendations will have been prepared taking into account gender aspects, where relevant, in line with decision XII/7.

Item 10. Strategic actions to enhance the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, including with respect to mainstreaming and the integration of biodiversity within and across sectors

49. Taking into account the interim review on progress conducted under item 9, the Conference of the Parties is expected to decide, as appropriate, on further strategic actions to enhance the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, including with respect to mainstreaming and the integration of biodiversity within and across sectors. In doing so, the Conference of the Parties will both respond to relevant specific requests arising from its twelfth meeting and address issues identified in the multi-year programme of work of the Conference of the Parties up to 2020 (see para. 15 above).

50. In particular, the Conference of the Parties is expected to address strategic actions to enhance national implementation through mainstreaming and the integration of biodiversity across relevant sectors, including agriculture, forests and fisheries, as well as cross-sectoral policies. Strategic actions to enhance the mainstreaming of biodiversity in other sectors will also be considered, for instance tourism, responding to decision XII/11. Such key actions might relate to such matters as the use of legislation, national accounting, reporting schemes, spatial planning frameworks, communication, education and public awareness, and the more effective use of biodiversity-related information in support of decision-making. The Conference of the Parties will address relevant specific requests arising from its twelfth meeting based on recommendations from the subsidiary bodies, as specified in the following paragraphs.

51. In decision XII/1 (para. 18), the Conference of the Parties requested the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice to review the main implications and findings of the fourth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook* and its underlying technical reports as well as additional information from fifth national reports and other submissions. The Subsidiary Body was requested to identify, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth meeting, further opportunities and key actions, as well as other actions for those targets where the fourth edition has identified the least progress at the global level.

52. The Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice will address these requests at its nineteenth meeting, focusing on the scientific, technical and technological aspects. The Subsidiary Body on Implementation will develop recommendations to overcome obstacles encountered in implementing the Convention and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, and on enhancing the implementation of the

Convention. Such recommendations will take into account, as appropriate, inputs of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice.

53. In addressing item 10, the Conference of the Parties will also have before it recommendations from the Subsidiary Body on Implementation on key cross-cutting issues for implementation, including the following:

(a) *The post-2015 development agenda and sustainable development goals and the integration of biodiversity and poverty eradication* – pursuant to requests contained in decisions XII/4 and XII/5 and as stipulated in the multi-year programme of work of the Conference of the Parties up to 2020;

(b) *A global communication strategy* – pursuant to a request for the further promotion of awareness-raising in collaboration with relevant actors, including through facilitating the development of a global communication strategy, to be implemented over the second half of the United Nations Decade and through the development and utilization of messaging approaches for specific target groups (decision XII/2 C, paras. 2 (a) and (c));

(c) *The contribution of subnational and local governments* to the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 – pursuant to decision XII/9, paragraph 6(b);

(d) *The engagement of business*, including through the Global Partnership for Business and Biodiversity and its associated national and regional initiatives – pursuant to decision XII/10, paragraphs 1(b) and 3(b) and (g);

(e) Matters related to the implementation of *Article 8(j) and related provisions* and the participation of indigenous peoples and local communities - pursuant to decision XII/12 A (para. 4 and 13), and on the implementation of the plan of action on customary sustainable use pursuant to decisions XII/12 B (para. 2).

54. In addressing item 10, the Conference of the Parties will also have before it recommendations from SBSTTA on the following matters:

(a) *Biodiversity and climate change* – ecosystem-based approaches to climate change mitigation, adaptation and disaster risk reduction pursuant to decision XII/20;

(b) *Protected areas and ecosystem restoration* – further actions pursuant to decisions XI/24, XI/16, and XII/19;

(c) *Biodiversity and human health* – implications of the *State of Knowledge Review: Connecting Global Priorities: Biodiversity and Human Health* and additional information on the interlinkages between biodiversity and emerging infectious diseases pursuant to decision XII/21, paragraphs 9 (a, b, d, e, f);

(d) *Forest biodiversity* – further action to achieve the forest-related Aichi Biodiversity Targets (decision XII/6, paras. 21 and 22);

55. It is expected that these conclusions and recommendations will have been prepared taking into account gender aspects, where relevant, in line with decision XII/7.

56. The Conference of the Parties may wish to consider the relevant conclusions and recommendations from the subsidiary bodies outlined in the foregoing paragraphs, under the following three clusters:

(a) Strategic actions that pertain to mainstreaming across sectors, including the implications of the post-2015 United Nations development agenda and the sustainable development goals and of other relevant international processes, such as the outcomes of the twenty-first session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, for the future work of the Convention;

(b) Strategic actions that pertain to mainstreaming and the integration of biodiversity into specific relevant sectors, including agriculture, forests and fisheries;

(c) Other strategic actions, including those responding to relevant specific requests from the Conference of the Parties at its twelfth meeting.

Item 11. Resource mobilization and financial mechanism

Resource mobilization

57. In paragraph 1 of decision XII/3, the Conference of the Parties adopted targets for resource mobilization and, in paragraph 3 of the same decision, decided to review, at its thirteenth meeting, progress towards the above targets, and their adequacy, and to consider the need for appropriate action, based on information provided by Parties through the Financial Reporting Framework, including their respective identified resource needs, and taking into account their absorption capacities.

58. The Executive Secretary was requested to develop options for strengthening systems of information on biodiversity-related international financial resource flows to developing countries, as well as on domestic resource flows, making use of the Financial Reporting Framework, with a view to further increasing transparency and accessibility of information to support the implementation of Article 20 of the Convention (decision XII/3, para. 27).

59. In paragraph 17 of the same decision, the Conference of the Parties urged Parties to consider undertaking, as appropriate, a review and assessment of existing legislation and policies governing biodiversity financing mechanisms, with a view to identifying opportunities for mainstreaming biodiversity and strengthening current policies and their complementary safeguards.

60. Furthermore, the Executive Secretary was requested to facilitate the exchange of views and experiences on the contribution of collective action to biodiversity conservation and resource mobilization, including on experiences and lessons learned in applying pertinent methodologies, and to make this information available to the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its first meeting for its consideration for update and provision of relevant guidelines (decision XII/3, para. 31).

61. The Subsidiary Body on Implementation will address these issues concerning resource mobilization at its first meeting and provide recommendations to the Conference of the Parties.

Financial mechanism

62. In paragraph 1 of decision XII/30, on the financial mechanism, the Conference of the Parties invited Parties to enhance coordination among their respective biodiversity-related convention national focal points, in order to identify national priorities in support of the implementation of the various biodiversity-related conventions that are aligned with the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and with the implementation of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, and incorporate them into their national biodiversity strategies and action plans. In paragraph 4 of the same decision, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to further liaise with the various biodiversity-related conventions and the Global Environment Facility in order to find ways to facilitate the efforts of Parties.

63. The Conference of the Parties, in decision XII/30 (para. 8(e)), invited the Global Environment Facility to make available a preliminary draft of its report to the Conference of the Parties, particularly focusing on the response of the Global Environment Facility to previous guidance from the Conference of the Parties, to the Subsidiary Body on Implementation prior to the meeting of the Conference of the Parties at which the report will be formally considered, with a view to promoting effective and timely consideration of the information provided in the report.

64. The Conference of the Parties also requested the Executive Secretary to explore and report on ways in which the Conference of the Parties can best utilize the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Convention's Protocols to set priorities for the financial mechanism within the context of the four-year framework of programming priorities for GEF-7 (decision XII/30, para. 10).

65. In paragraph 11 of decision XII/30, the Conference of the Parties decided, in anticipation of the seventh replenishment of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund, to undertake, at its thirteenth meeting, the second determination of funding requirements for the implementation of the Convention and its Protocols, in line with the terms of reference contained in the annex to the decision, including inter alia procedures for implementation.

66. The Subsidiary Body on Implementation will address these issues concerning the financial mechanism at its first meeting and provide recommendations to the Conference of the Parties.

Item 12. Other means of implementation: Enhancement of capacity-building, technical and scientific cooperation and other initiatives to assist implementation

67. As indicated under item 10, the Conference of the Parties, in decision X/2, paragraph 14, decided, among other things, that future meetings of the Conference of the Parties would share experiences relevant for implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and provide guidance on means to address obstacles encountered. Moreover, according to the multi-year programme of work for the Conference of the Parties up to 2020 (decision XII/31), the Conference of the Parties will consider related means of implementation. Under item 12, the Conference of the Parties will therefore consider additional strategic actions to support implementation through various means.

Enhancement of capacity-building, technical and scientific cooperation and other initiatives to assist implementation

68. The Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to undertake (a) an evaluation of the effectiveness of capacity-building activities that the Secretariat has supported and facilitated, (b) a review of related partnership arrangements and opportunities for delivery; and (c) an analysis of the gaps in capacity-building activities supporting the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, and, building on these elements, develop a short-term action plan to enhance and support capacity-building (decision XII/2 B, para. 8(d)).

69. The Executive Secretary was also requested to enhance technical and scientific cooperation and technology transfer under the Convention, with a view to supporting the effective implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and its Aichi Biodiversity Targets, as well as revised and updated national biodiversity strategies and action plans through a number of activities, including facilitating the linking of the needs of Parties with support for technical and scientific cooperation by relevant global, regional and national organizations and initiatives (decision XII/2, para. 9).

70. This item will also include consideration of ways and means to enhance the implementation of Article 12 of the Convention, in particular training and capacity-building for developing countries to support implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, as mandated by the Conference of the Parties in the multi-year programme of work of the Conference of the Parties up to 2020 (decision XII/31). Relevant work of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services will be taken into account, as appropriate, in order to avoid any overlap and promote synergies.

71. The Subsidiary Body on Implementation will address these issues concerning the enhancement of capacity-building, technical and scientific cooperation and other initiatives to assist implementation at its first meeting.

72. Under this item, the Conference of the Parties may wish to consider relevant conclusions and recommendations from the first meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, as well as pertinent information provided in the note by the Executive Secretary on this item.

Item 13. Cooperation with other conventions and international organizations

73. With regard to cooperation among the biodiversity-related conventions, the Conference of the Parties, in decision XII/6, decided to establish a regionally balanced informal advisory group to prepare a workshop with the task to prepare options which could include elements for a possible road map, for Parties of the various biodiversity-related conventions to enhance synergies and improve efficiency among them, without prejudice to the specific objectives and recognizing the respective mandates and subject to the availability of resources of these conventions, with a view to enhancing their implementation at all levels (para. 6). The Executive Secretary was requested to transmit the report of the workshop to the Subsidiary Body on Implementation for consideration at its first meeting and subsequently to the Conference of the Parties for consideration at its thirteenth meeting.

74. Under this sub-item, the Conference of the Parties will also address cooperation with other conventions and international organizations and partnerships with a view to enhancing the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, including the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets.

75. The Subsidiary Body on Implementation will address these issues at its first meeting and prepare recommendations to the Conference of the Parties.

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

Item 14. Article 8(j) and related provisions: guidelines for the repatriation of traditional knowledge; guidelines for the development of legislation or other mechanisms; and recommendations from the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

76. In accordance with decision XII/12 A, the Ad Hoc Open-ended Inter-Sessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions will hold its ninth meeting in Montreal from 4 to 7 November 2015 to advance the programme of work.

Best-practice guidelines for the repatriation of traditional knowledge relevant to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity

77. In decision XII/12 C, the Conference of the Parties, decided to convene a meeting of a regionally balanced group of experts to develop draft voluntary guidelines to promote and enhance the repatriation of traditional knowledge relevant to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, for consideration by the Ad Hoc Open-ended Inter-Sessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions, at its ninth meeting.

78. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider the recommendations of the Working Group, including the possible adoption of voluntary guidelines as prepared by the Working Group.

Guidelines for the development of legislation or other mechanisms, including national action plans and sui generis systems, as appropriate, for an effective implementation of Article 8(j) and related provisions, that recognize, safeguard and fully guarantee the rights of indigenous and local communities over their knowledge, innovations and practices, within the context of the Convention

79. In decision XII/12 D, the Conference of the Parties, decided to implement tasks 7, 10 and 12 in an integrated manner that is mutually supportive of the Nagoya Protocol and of the work undertaken in other international forums through the development of voluntary guidelines with the full and effective participation of indigenous peoples and local communities that will assist Parties and Governments in the development of legislation or other mechanisms, including national action plans and sui generis systems, as appropriate, for an effective implementation of Article 8(j) and related provisions, that recognize, safeguard and fully guarantee the rights of indigenous and local communities over their knowledge, innovations and practices, within the context of the Convention.

80. To this end, the Conference of the Parties decided that the Ad Hoc Open-ended Inter-Sessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions would carry out the following subtasks:

(a) Develop guidelines for the development of mechanisms, legislation or other appropriate initiatives to ensure that private and public institutions interested in using such knowledge, practices and innovations obtain the prior informed consent or approval and involvement of the indigenous and local communities;

(b) Develop guidelines for the development of mechanisms, legislation or other appropriate initiatives to ensure that indigenous and local communities obtain a fair and equitable share of benefits arising from the use and application of their knowledge, innovations and practices;

(c) Develop standards and guidelines for the reporting and prevention of unlawful appropriation of traditional knowledge;

(d) Based on a gap analysis, develop a glossary of relevant key terms and concepts to be used within the context of Article 8(j) and related provisions.

81. In support of this work, Parties and observers were invited to submit their views, including information on community protocols, model clauses, best practices, experiences and practical examples for the prior informed consent or approval and involvement processes for access to the knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous peoples and local communities relevant for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity and for the sharing of benefits arising from the use of this knowledge with those communities, and their complementarity with the Nagoya Protocol, on the above-mentioned subtasks and requested the Executive Secretary to compile and analyse these views and to draft the guidelines and the glossary and to make them available to Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions for its consideration.

82. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to review the results of the work of Working Group and consider for adoption the voluntary guidance developed under each subtask referred to in paragraph 80 above.

Recommendations from the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

83. The Working Group on Article 8(j) at its ninth meeting will also consider various recommendations arising from the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues from its 13th and 14th sessions. The Conference of the Parties may wish to consider the advice provided by the Working Group on these matters.

84. Under this agenda item, the Conference of the Parties will have before it the report of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions on the work of its ninth meeting (UNEP/CBD/COP/13/2) and may wish to consider relevant conclusions and recommendations from this meeting.

85. Matters related to the implementation of Article 8(j) and related provisions and the participation of indigenous peoples and local communities pursuant to decision XII/12 A (paras. 4 and 13), and on the implementation of the plan of action on customary sustainable use pursuant to decisions XII/12 B (para. 2), will be taken up under section III of the agenda, items 8 and 9.

Item 15. Marine and coastal biodiversity: ecologically or biologically significant marine areas; specific work plan on biodiversity and acidification in cold-water areas; addressing impacts of marine debris and anthropogenic underwater noise on marine and coastal biodiversity; and marine spatial planning and training initiatives

Ecologically or biologically significant marine areas

86. In decision X/29, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to organize a series of regional workshops to facilitate the description of ecologically or biologically significant marine areas (EBSAs) through application of scientific criteria in annex I of decision IX/20. In paragraph 42 of this decision, the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice was requested to prepare reports based on scientific and technical evaluation of information from the workshops, setting out details of areas that meet the criteria in annex I to decision IX/20 for consideration by the Conference of the Parties, with a view to including the reports in the repository referred to in paragraph 39 of the same decision and to submit 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. In decision XII/22, paragraph 6, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to continue to facilitate the description of areas meeting the criteria for EBSAs through the organization of additional regional or subregional workshops where Parties wish workshops to be held. Pursuant to this request, workshops are being held for the following regions: North-East Indian Ocean region (Colombo, 22-27 March 2015) and North-West Indian Ocean and Adjacent Gulf Areas (Dubai, United Arab Emirates, 19-24 April 2015) as well as the Seas of East Asia (China, December 2015) and the Black Sea and Caspian Sea (October 2015, TBD) regions.

87. The Executive Secretary was also requested to report on progress of Parties and other Governments in undertaking national exercises, as appropriate, to describe areas meeting the EBSA criteria, or other relevant

compatible and complementary nationally or intergovernmentally agreed scientific criteria in areas within national jurisdiction, and in making this information, and other relevant information, available through the EBSA repository or information-sharing mechanism (decision XII/22, para. 7).

88. Moreover, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to develop practical options to further enhance scientific methodologies and approaches on the description of areas meeting the EBSA criteria (decision XII/22, para. 10), and to facilitate technical training, including the organization of regional and/or subregional capacity-building workshops, where Parties wish workshops to be held, on scientific methodologies and approaches of applying the EBSA criteria as well as the compilation and use of scientific and technical information contained in the EBSA repository and information-sharing mechanism, and other relevant information (decision XII/22, para. 12).

Specific work plan on biodiversity and acidification in cold-water areas

89. In decision XII/23, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to prepare, in collaboration with Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations, a draft specific workplan on biodiversity and acidification in cold-water areas,² building upon the elements of a workplan on physical degradation and destruction of coral reefs, including cold-water corals and in close linkage with relevant work under the Convention and with relevant work of competent organizations (para. 16).

Addressing impacts of marine debris and anthropogenic underwater noise on marine and coastal biodiversity

90. The Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to invite submissions on the impacts of marine debris on marine and coastal biodiversity and habitats, to compile and synthesize submissions, and 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 (decision XI/18 A, para. 26). Pursuant to this request, an expert workshop was convened in Baltimore, United States of America, from 2 to 4 December 2014.

91. The Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to facilitate collaboration among Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations, on measures to avoid, minimize and mitigate the potential significant adverse impacts of anthropogenic underwater noise on marine and coastal biodiversity. In this context, the Executive Secretary was also requested to compile and synthesize relevant scientific and technical information concerning the specific examples of such measures listed in paragraph 3 of decision XII/23, as well as information on such measures taken by Parties, other Governments and competent organizations.

Marine spatial planning and training initiatives

92. In decision XI/18, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to convene an expert workshop to provide consolidated practical guidance and a toolkit for marine spatial planning. Pursuant to this request, an expert workshop was convened in Montreal, Canada, from 9 to 11 September 2014. In decision XII/23, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to advance work on enhancing methods and tools, including monitoring measures, for marine spatial planning. The Executive Secretary was also requested to facilitate, through technical training and the information-sharing mechanism on ecologically or biologically significant marine areas, the use of scientific information compiled for the description of areas meeting the scientific criteria for ecologically or biologically significant marine areas to support efforts, at the regional or national level, on the use of marine spatial planning by Parties and competent intergovernmental organizations. Furthermore, the Executive Secretary was requested to organize additional capacity-building workshops and partnership activities within the framework of the Sustainable Ocean Initiative to address priority issues identified for respective regions concerning the achievement of Aichi Biodiversity Targets in marine and coastal areas.

² Decision VII/5, annex I, appendix 2.

93. The Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice will address these issues concerning marine and coastal biodiversity at its twentieth meeting and prepare recommendations to the Conference of the Parties.

94. Under this agenda item, the Conference of the Parties may wish to consider relevant conclusions and recommendations from the twentieth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice.

Item 16. Invasive alien species: addressing risks associated with trade; experiences in the use of biological control agents; and decision support tools

95. The Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora and relevant organizations, to explore ways and means to address the risks associated with trade in wildlife introduced as pets, aquarium and terrarium species, and as live bait and live food, noting that some trade is unregulated, unreported or illegal, including by enhancing cooperation with authorities responsible for the control of wildlife trade (decision XII/16). In decision XII/17 the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to explore with relevant partners, including the standard-setting bodies recognized by the World Trade Organization and other members of the inter-agency liaison group on invasive alien species, methods of alerting suppliers and potential buyers to the risk posed by invasive alien species sold via e-commerce (para. 9 (d)).

96. The Executive Secretary was also requested to compile and prepare a synthesis of information from Parties, scientific institutions, and other relevant organizations, on experiences in the use of biological control agents against invasive alien species, in particular the release in the wild of alien species for this purpose, including positive and negative cases and cases of the application of appropriate risk assessment (para. 9(g)).

97. Further, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to develop decision-support tools for assessing and evaluating the social, economic and ecological consequences of invasive alien species; cost-benefit analyses for eradication, management and control measures; and tools for examining the impacts of climate change and land-use change on biological invasions as well as to develop a user-friendly guide to existing decisions of the Conference of the Parties on invasive alien species and the relevant guidance and standards developed by other relevant organizations (paras. 9 (c) and (f)).

98. The Conference of the Parties also invited the Invasive Species Specialist Group of the International Union for Conservation of Nature and other technical partners to continue and complete the work on pathway analysis, and to continue to develop a system for classifying invasive alien species based on the nature and magnitude of their impacts (decision XII/17, para. 3).

99. The Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice will address these issues concerning invasive alien species at its twentieth meeting and prepare recommendations to the Conference of the Parties.

100. Under this agenda item, the Conference of the Parties may wish to consider relevant conclusions and recommendations from the twentieth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice.

Item 17. Other scientific and technical issues, including synthetic biology, implications of the IPBES assessment on pollinators, and sustainable wildlife management

Synthetic biology

101. In decision XII/24 the Conference of the Parties established an Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Synthetic Biology and requested the Executive Secretary to convene a moderated open-ended online forum to support its work. The Executive Secretary was also requested to prepare an updated report on relevant information on components, organisms and products resulting from synthetic biology techniques that may have impacts on the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity and associated social, economic and cultural considerations, as well as on possible gaps and overlaps with the applicable provisions of the

Convention, its Protocols and other relevant agreements related to components, organisms and products resulting from synthetic biology techniques, for consideration by the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group.

102. The Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice will address these issues concerning synthetic biology at its twentieth meeting and prepare recommendations to the Conference of the Parties.

103. Under this agenda item, the Conference of the Parties may wish to consider relevant conclusions and recommendations from the twentieth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice.

Implications of the IPBES assessment on pollinators, pollination and food production

104. The Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to bring the deliverables of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services to the attention of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice for its consideration with regard to the relevance of the findings for the work of the Convention, and for the development, as appropriate, of recommendations to the Conference of the Parties (decision XII/25, para. 5(e)).

105. Under this item, the Conference of the Parties will have before it recommendations developed by the Subsidiary Body on the implications of the thematic assessment of pollinators, pollination and food production.

106. The Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice will address these issues concerning pollinators at its twentieth meeting and prepare recommendations to the Conference of the Parties.

107. Under this agenda item, the Conference of the Parties may wish to consider relevant conclusions and recommendations from the twentieth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice.

Sustainable wildlife management

108. In decision XII/18, paragraph 13(a), the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to prepare technical guidance on the role of sustainable wildlife management for the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020. The Executive Secretary was also requested to prepare an analysis of the impacts of “subsistence use” of wildlife on the survival and regeneration of wild species, in the context of growing human populations and pressures on wildlife resources (decision XII/18, para. 13(b)). Joint work by the Collaborative Partnership on Sustainable Wildlife Management was addressed in paragraph 13(d). The Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice will address these issues concerning sustainable use of biodiversity at its twentieth meeting and prepare recommendations to the Conference of the Parties.

109. Under this agenda item, the Conference of the Parties may wish to consider relevant conclusions and recommendations from the twentieth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice.

V. OPERATIONS OF THE CONVENTION

Item 18. Improving the efficiency of structures and processes under the Convention, including integration among the Convention and its Protocols

Modus operandi of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation

110. The Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to prepare a draft modus operandi on the organization and operation of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation in line with the terms of reference contained in the annex to decision XII/26, and taking into account the consolidated modus operandi of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, and any views expressed, in this regard, as reflected in the reports of twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the seventh meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and the first meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol (decision XII/26, para. 6(c)).

Integration among the Convention and its Protocols

111. The Conference of the Parties indicated in the multi-year programme of work of the Conference of the Parties up to 2020 (decision XII/31) that it would address the integration among the Convention and its Protocols at its thirteenth meeting.

112. The Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to prepare an analysis of the level of participation of Parties, especially developing country Parties, in particular the least developed and small island developing States, and Parties with economies in transition, in the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol, including a comparison with earlier meetings under the Convention, and possible ways to enhance the level of participation (decision XII/27, para. 4(d)). Furthermore, the Conference of the Parties requested the Subsidiary Body on Implementation to develop criteria to facilitate the review, at its fourteenth and fifteenth meetings, of experience with the concurrent organization of meetings (para. 6).

Review of decisions (pilot phase of online decision-tracking tool)

113. In decision XII/28, paragraph 3(b), the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to implement an online decision-tracking tool on a pilot basis and use it to review the decisions of the eighth and ninth meetings of the Conference of the Parties, assemble information on their status and any other related information as outlined in the annex to decision XII/28.

Voluntary peer-review process for NBSAPs

114. In decision XII/29, paragraph 3, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to develop a methodology for a voluntary peer-review process for the national biodiversity strategies and action plans.

Online reporting tool

115. In decision XII/29, paragraph 4, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to make the online reporting tool of the clearing-house mechanism fully operational as soon as possible, invited Parties and other Governments, on a voluntary basis, to make available information on progress towards the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and related national targets and on indicators and approaches towards assessing progress, including through use of the online reporting tool of the clearing-house mechanism, and requested the Executive Secretary to report on progress on the use of the online reporting tool by Parties and other Governments, and the information submitted therein, to the Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth meeting.

Ways to increase the efficiency of meetings

116. In decision XII/29, paragraph 2, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to explore ways to increase the efficiency of meetings, including convening meetings through virtual means, and to liaise with appropriate entities, such as the United Nations Development Programme, to identify the necessary facilities for delegates, including national focal points, in developing countries to participate effectively in these meetings.

Consideration of proposals for the hosting of meetings of the Conference of the Parties

117. The Executive Secretary was been requested to prepare, in consultation with the Bureau, a proposal on how the hosting of meetings of the Conference of the Parties following its thirteenth meeting may be determined (decision XII/35, para. 3).

118. The Subsidiary Body on Implementation will address each of the above issues at its first meeting and prepare recommendations to the Conference of the Parties.

119. Under this agenda item, the Conference of the Parties may wish to consider relevant conclusions and recommendations from the first meeting of Subsidiary Body on Implementation.

Item 19. Guidelines for the sixth national reports, modalities for future editions of the Global Biodiversity Outlook and indicators

Guidelines for the sixth national reports and modalities for future editions of the Global Biodiversity Outlook

120. The Conference of the Parties requested the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice to evaluate the scope, process and findings of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook* in the light of, and avoiding duplication with, the ongoing work of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services on a global assessment on biodiversity and ecosystem services (decision XII/1, para. 19). The Subsidiary Body was requested to report on its evaluation to the Conference of the Parties in order to inform the consideration of the modalities of potential future editions of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook*.

121. The Conference of the Parties also requested the Executive Secretary to develop a proposal on guidelines for the sixth national report (decision XII/1, para. 9(a)). The proposal should take into account the types of information from the fifth national reports used in the preparation of the fourth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook* and gaps that have been identified.

Indicators for the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020

122. The Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary (decision XII/1, para. 20(b)) to convene a meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Indicators for the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020.

123. The Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice will consider the report of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Indicators for the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 including (a) a set of potential indicators that could be used to monitor progress at the global level towards the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, including a number of indicators that may be relevant to the United Nations post-2015 development agenda and sustainable development goals; and (b) guidance on the different types of indicators and approaches used to monitor progress in the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 at the regional, national and subnational levels.

124. The Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice will address the technical considerations underlying the proposed guidelines for the sixth national reports, and prepare recommendations to the Conference of the Parties on modalities for future editions of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook* and indicators, at its nineteenth and twentieth meetings. The Subsidiary Body on Implementation will prepare a recommendation to the Conference of the Parties containing a proposal on guidelines for the sixth national reports.

125. Under this agenda item, the Conference of the Parties may wish to consider relevant conclusions and recommendations from the nineteenth and twentieth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice.

VI. FINAL MATTERS

Item 20. Other matters

126. 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 21. Adoption of the report

127. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider and adopt the report on the work of its thirteenth 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 may wish to authorize the Rapporteur to complete the final report after the meeting with the guidance of the President and assistance of the Secretariat.

Item 22. Closure of the meeting

128. It is expected that the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties will close on Saturday, 17 December 2016, at approximately 6 p.m.

*Annex***PROVISIONAL LIST OF DOCUMENTS FOR THE THIRTEENTH MEETING OF THE
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