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CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY
Third meeting
Buenos Aires, Argentina
4 to 15 November 1996

DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting.

2. Organisational matters:

   2.1 Election of officers;
   2.2 Adoption of the agenda;
   2.3 Organisation of work.

3. Pending issues arising from the work of the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties:

   3.1 Paragraph 1 of rule 40 of the rules of procedure for meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity;
   3.2 Paragraphs 4 and 16 of the financial rules for the administration of the Trust Fund of the Convention on Biological Diversity;

4. Consideration of the report and recommendations of the second meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and instructions by the Conference of the Parties to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice.

5. Report on assessment and review of the operation of the clearing-house mechanism.

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6. Financial resources and mechanism:

   6.1 Report on the activities of the Global Environment Facility;
   6.2 Report of the Executive Secretary on the implementation of decision II/6 on financial resources and mechanism;
   6.3 To consider the availability of additional financial resources and to consider possible suggestions to funding institutions on how to make their activities in the area of biodiversity more supportive of the Convention;
   6.4 To consider guidelines for the Conference of the Parties' review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism;
   6.5 To consider the revised draft "Memorandum of Understanding Between the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Council of the Global Environment Facility Regarding the Institutional Structure Operating the Financial Mechanism of the Convention";
   6.6 To endeavour to decide upon the institutional structure to be designated in accordance with Article 21 of the Convention.

7. General measures for conservation and sustainable use:

   7.1 Implementation of Articles 6 and 8 of the Convention.

8. Identification, monitoring and assessment:

   8.1 To consider options for implementing Article 7 of the Convention;
   8.2 Appraisal of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice's assessment of biological diversity for the implementation of Article 25 (2)(a) and advice on methodologies for future assessments.

9. Conservation and sustainable use of agricultural biological diversity:

   9.1 To consider agricultural biological diversity within the context of the Convention's three objectives and its provisions;
   9.2 To consider a report on progress under the FAO Global System for the Conservation and Utilisation of Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture.

10. Consideration of the future programme of work for terrestrial biological diversity in the light of the outcome of deliberations of the third session of the Commission on Sustainable Development in 1995:

    10.1 Communication of the Secretariat of the Intergovernmental Panel on Forests on progress on issues relevant to forests and biological diversity;
    10.2 To consider whether further input to the Intergovernmental Panel on Forests is required;
    10.3 Future programme of work for terrestrial biological diversity in the light of the outcome of deliberations of the third session of the Commission on Sustainable Development in 1995.

11. Knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities:

    11.1 Implementation of Article 8(j).

12. Access to genetic resources:

    12.1 To consider the compilation of views of the Parties on possible options for developing national legislative, administrative or policy measures, as appropriate, to implement Article 15.

13. Issues related to technology:

    13.1 To consider ways to promote and facilitate access to and transfer and development of technology, as in envisaged by Articles 16 and 18 of the Convention.

14. Intellectual property rights:

    14.1 To consider the impact of intellectual property rights on the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity and the equitable sharing of benefits derived from its use with a view to better understand the implications of Article 16.5;
    14.2 To consider a possible input into the negotiations that are taking place in the Committee on Trade and Environment of the World Trade Organisation.

15. Incentive measures:

    15.1 To consider the compilation of information and experiences shared on the implementation of Article 11.

16. Special session of the General Assembly to review implementation of Agenda 21:

    16.1 To provide a report from the perspective of the Convention's three objectives.

17. Issues related to biosafety:

    17.1 To consider the first report of the Open-ended Ad Hoc Working Group on Biosafety.

18. Relationship of the Convention with the Commission on Sustainable Development and biodiversity-related conventions, other international agreements, institutions and processes of relevance.

19. Medium-term programme of work of the Conference of the Parties for 1996-1997.

20. Administrative matters:

    20.1 Report of the Executive Secretary on the administration of the Convention.
    20.2 Budget of the Trust Fund for the Convention on Biological Diversity

21. Report on the credentials of representatives to the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

22. Venue and date of the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

23. Other matters.

24. Adoption of the report.

25. Closure of the meeting.