

COMPILATION OF ALL COP-9 DECISIONS THAT REFERENCE AND/OR SPECIFICALLY ADDRESS THE COP BUREAU

Decision IX/12. Access and benefit-sharing

[paragraph 7]

Further decides that, subject to the availability of funds, each of these Working Group meetings will be held over the duration of seven consecutive days and that the purpose of these Working Group meetings will be as follows unless otherwise proposed by the Parties at the meeting and decided by the Bureau in consultation with the Co-Chairs:

- (a) *Seventh meeting.* Negotiation of operational text on the objective, scope, compliance, fair and equitable benefit-sharing, access;
- (b) *Eighth meeting.* Negotiation of operational text on nature, traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources, capacity-building, compliance, fair and equitable benefit-sharing, access;
- (c) *Ninth meeting.* Consolidation of all operational text developed at the seventh and eighth meetings of the Working Group;

[paragraph 12]

Requests the Executive Secretary to recommend the list of selected experts and observers for the approval of the Bureau;

Decision IX/13. Article 8(j) and related provisions

Section I. Recommendations of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

[paragraph 3]

Requests the Executive Secretary to draw attention to the important role of indigenous and local communities in activities related to 2010 as the International Year of Biodiversity, and to cooperate closely with the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, to explore opportunities for common activities as related to information exchange and awareness-raising under the guidance of the Bureau.

IX/29. Operations of the Convention

Section I. The Conference of the Parties

[paragraph 1]

Requests the Executive Secretary, in consultation with the Bureau, to further refine the tentative schedule for meetings of the Convention up to 2010

(UNEP/CBD/COP/9/INF/35), taking into consideration the decisions taken at its ninth meeting.

[paragraph 5]

Reminds Parties, the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, Bureau members, working groups, ad hoc technical expert groups and the Executive Secretary, to take into full account the provisions of previous decisions of the Conference of the Parties and other relevant documents of the Convention when recommending any decision to the Conference of the Parties for adoption in future meetings, so as to avoid any duplication of decisions;

Section II. The Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice

[paragraph 6]

Requests the Executive Secretary to facilitate increased information exchange between the Bureaus of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific Technical and Technological Advice and the Conference of the Parties by *inter alia* inviting the Chair of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific Technical and Technological Advice to attend relevant meetings of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties;

Section V. Other Matters

[Paragraph 18]

Takes note of the ongoing review and revision of the administrative arrangements between the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the Secretariat of the Convention and *urges* the Executive Director of UNEP and the Executive Secretary to finalize the revision for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its tenth meeting, taking into consideration decisions IV/17, VII/33, and VIII/10, and *requests* the Executive Secretary to report to the President and the Bureau between the ninth and tenth meetings of the Conference of the Parties on progress on this matter;

Annex

Steps for Admitting Qualified Bodies and Agencies, whether Governmental or Non-governmental, as Observers to Meetings of the Conference of the Parties and its Subsidiary Bodies

[Paragraph 3]

The Executive Secretary will prepare a list of bodies and agencies which have informed the Secretariat of their wish to be represented, and have provided the information referred to in paragraph 2 above. The Executive Secretary will submit

that list to each meeting of the Conference of the Parties for its information. The list will also be provided, in advance of the meeting, to the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties for information;

IX/34. Administration of the Convention and budget for the programme of work for the biennium 2009-2010

[*paragraph 11*]

Decides that with regard to contributions due from 1 January 2005 onwards, Parties whose contributions are in arrears for two (2) or more years will not be eligible to become a member of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties; this will only apply in the case of Parties that are not least developed countries or small island developing States;

[*paragraph 12*]

Authorizes the Executive Secretary to enter into arrangements with any Party whose contributions are in arrears for two or more years to mutually agree on a “schedule of payments” for such a Party, to clear all outstanding arrears, within six years depending on the financial circumstances of the Party in arrears, and pay future contributions by the due date, and report on the implementation of any such arrangement to the next meeting of the Bureau and to the Conference of the Parties;

[*paragraph 19*]

Authorizes the Executive Secretary, subject to the agreement of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties and providing that reimbursements are made to the BY Trust Fund as soon as pledges materialize, to draw up to an amount of US\$150,000 from surplus and savings from the BY Trust Fund to facilitate participation of developing country Parties, in particular the least developed countries and the small Island developing States, as well as Parties with economies in transition, for the biennium 2009-2010, in priority meetings identified in the core budget (BY) Trust Fund. This authority can only be used in respect of temporary shortfalls in the special voluntary Trust Fund (BZ), for which written pledges have been made but for which resources have not yet been received by the Executive Secretary;

[*paragraph 20*]

Further authorizes the Executive Secretary to consult and subject to the agreement of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties, to make any adjustments that may be necessary in the servicing of the programme of the work as foreseen in the core budget (BY Trust Fund) for the biennium 2009-2010, including the postponement of meetings, in the event that sufficient resources are not available to the Secretariat in a timely fashion from the approved budget (BY Trust Fund), including available cash resources, unspent balances, contributions from previous financial periods and miscellaneous income.