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DECISION ADOPTED BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

XII/4. Integrating biodiversity into the post-2015 United Nations development agenda and the sustainable development goals

The Conference of the Parties

1. *Stresses* the need for the post-2015 United Nations development agenda and sustainable development goals to support the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and to tackle the underlying drivers of biodiversity loss and *encourages* Parties and all relevant stakeholders, and indigenous and local communities, to fully engage in the discussions on the post-2015 United Nations development agenda and the sustainable development goals and to integrate and mainstream the objectives of the Convention and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and associated vision for 2050, in an appropriate way, in the overarching chapeau, and into all relevant sustainable development goals, targets and indicators, as well as the means of implementation, highlighting the crucial importance of biodiversity and ecosystems services and functions for sustainable development and to ensure that the post-2015 United Nations development agenda is a transformative agenda for the future of people and the planet;

2. *Welcomes* the integration of biodiversity and ecosystem aspects into the sustainable development goals developed by the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals;

3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of resources:

(a) To continue the work requested by the Conference of the Parties in decisions X/6 and XI/22, in the context of the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets – taking into account the outcomes of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development,¹ the final reports of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals and the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing to the United Nations General Assembly – and the negotiations towards a post-2015 United Nations development agenda, and to provide a report on this work for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its first meeting and by the Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth meeting;

(b) To continue the collaboration, with key partners, to actively contribute to the discussions on the post-2015 United Nations development agenda and the sustainable development goals, to follow

¹ General Assembly resolution 66/288, annex.

the relevant outcomes and to inform Parties of any major developments related to biodiversity, including potential positive and negative impacts of the proposed goals and targets on biodiversity and ecosystems;

(c) To support Parties by continuing to engage in the ongoing processes to ensure the appropriate integration of biodiversity and ecosystem functions and services in the post-2015 United Nations development agenda and sustainable development goals and related targets and indicators, and also by continuing to assist Parties in their efforts to integrate biodiversity and ecosystem functions and services into poverty eradication and development.
