



General Assembly

Distr.
GENERAL

A/52/441
9 September 1997

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

Fifty-second session
Agenda item 98 (e)

ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT:
CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

Report of the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties
to the Convention on Biological Diversity

Note by the Secretary-General

The Secretary-General has the honour to transmit to the members of the General Assembly the report of the third meeting of the Conferences of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, held at Buenos Aires from 4 to 15 November 1996, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 51/182 of 15 December 1996.

[Original: Arabic/Chinese/English/
French/Russian/Spanish]

ANNEX*

Report of the third meeting of the Conference of the
Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity,
held at Buenos Aires from 4 to 15 November 1996

CONTENTS

<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Paragraphs</u>
1. OPENING OF THE MEETING	1 - 28
2. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS	29 - 39
2.1 Election of officers	
2.2 Adoption of the agenda	
2.3 Organization of work	
MINISTERIAL SEGMENT	40
3. PENDING ISSUES ARISING FROM THE WORK OF THE SECOND MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES	41 - 42
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	43 - 48
5. REPORT ON ASSESSMENT AND REVIEW OF THE OPERATION OF THE CLEARING-HOUSE MECHANISM	49 - 52

* Originally issued under the symbol UNEP/CBD/COP/3/38 of 11 February 1997.

CONTENTS (continued)

<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Paragraphs</u>
6. FINANCIAL RESOURCES AND MECHANISM	53 - 60
6.1 Report on the activities of the Global Environment Facility as the interim institutional structure	
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 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 review by the Conference of the Parties of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism	
6.5 To consider and decide upon 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	61 - 62
7.1 Implementation of Articles 6 and 8 of the Convention	
8. IDENTIFICATION, MONITORING AND ASSESSMENT	63 - 65
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 assessment of biological diversity for the implementation of Article 25.2 (a) and advice on methodologies for future assessments	

CONTENTS (continued)

<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Paragraphs</u>
9. CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE USE OF AGRICULTURAL BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY	66 - 70
9.1 To consider agricultural biological diversity within the context of the Convention's three objectives and its provisions	
9.2 To consider the report on progress under the FAO Global System for the Conservation and Utilization 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	71 - 78
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	79 - 81
11.1 Implementation of Article 8 (j)	
12. ACCESS TO GENETIC RESOURCES	82 - 84
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	85 - 89
13.1 To consider ways to promote and facilitate access to and transfer and development of technology, as envisaged in articles 16 and 18 of the Convention	

/...

CONTENTS (continued)

<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Paragraphs</u>
14. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS	90 - 95
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 a better understanding of 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 Organization	
15. INCENTIVE MEASURES	96 - 99
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	100 - 103
16.1 To provide a report from the perspective of the Convention's three objectives	
17. ISSUES RELATED TO BIOSAFETY	104 - 108
17.1 To consider the first report of the Open-ended Ad Hoc Working Group on Biosafety	
17.2 UNEP International Technical Guidelines for Safety in Biotechnology	
18. RELATIONSHIP OF THE CONVENTION WITH THE COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND BIODIVERSITY-RELATED CONVENTIONS, OTHER INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS, INSTITUTIONS AND PROCESSES OF RELEVANCE	109 - 112
19. MEDIUM-TERM PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES FOR 1996-1997	113 - 117
20. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS	118 - 122
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	

/...

CONTENTS (continued)

<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Paragraphs</u>
21. REPORT ON THE CREDENTIALS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE THIRD MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES	123 - 126
22. VENUE AND DATE OF THE FOURTH MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES	127
23. OTHER MATTERS	128 - 131
24. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT	132
25. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING	133 - 134

Annexes

- I. REPORT OF THE MINISTERIAL SEGMENT OF THE MEETING
- II. DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE THIRD MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES