

WELCOMING decision III/21 of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, which endorsed the Memorandum of Understanding between the CITES Secretariat and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity;

EXPRESSING appreciation for the cooperation and cordial relationship that has been developed between the two Secretariats;

AWARE that decision III/21 of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity invites “the governing bodies of biological-diversity-related conventions to consider the possible contributions of those conventions to the implementation of the objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity, and to share experience with the Conference of the Parties on, inter alia, successful management practices”;

RECALLING that the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity has invited “contracting Parties to relevant biological-diversity-related conventions to explore opportunities for accessing funding through the Global Environment Facility for relevant projects involving a number of countries, which fulfil the eligibility criteria and guidance provided by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity to the Global Environment Facility”;

RECALLING also Chapter 38 of Agenda 21 and welcoming decision 19/9c of the Governing Council of UNEP which “recognizes the importance of the Programme’s role in promoting and supporting cooperation and coordination with and amongst environmental agreements and their secretariats” and “requests the Conference of the Parties of the relevant conventions to encourage their respective convention secretariats to engage and continue to participate actively in the coordination process”;

NOTING the proposal to explore the revival of the Ecosystem Conservation Group, which would meet within the context of UNEP’s meetings on coordination of Secretariats of environmental conventions;

RECOGNIZING that UNEP should undertake such tasks in full cooperation with the Conference of the Parties;

THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION

1. CALLS upon the CITES Secretariat and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity to coordinate their programme activities particularly through the UNEP coordination meetings;
2. SUGGESTS that Parties, as appropriate to their national circumstances and to encourage synergy, take measures to achieve coordination and reduce duplication of activities between their national authorities for each Convention;
3. CALLS upon Parties to explore opportunities for obtaining funding through the Global Environment Facility for relevant projects, including multilateral projects, which fulfil the eligibility criteria and guidance provided by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity to the Global Environment Facility;
4. RECOMMENDS that the Secretariat investigate opportunities whereby CITES can become a partner in the implementation of appropriate provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity; and
5. DIRECTS the Chairman of the Standing Committee to transmit to the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity this and other relevant Resolutions and Decisions adopted at the 10th and all future meetings of the Conference of the Parties.

* Amended at the 14th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.