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Convention on Biological Diversity

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 55/201 of 20 December 2000, 56/197 of 21 December 2001 and 57/253 and 57/260 of 20 December 2002 **and 58/212 of 23 December 2003. [PP1]**

Reiterating that the Convention on Biological Diversity is the key international instrument for the conservation and sustainable use of biological resources and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the use of genetic resources, **[PP2]**

Recalling the World Summit on Sustainable Development (**WSSD**) commitments to pursue a more efficient and coherent implementation of the three objectives of the Convention and the achievement by 2010 of a significant reduction in the current rate of loss of biological diversity, which will require action at all levels, including the implementation of national

biodiversity strategies and action plans and the provision of new and additional financial and technical resources to developing countries. [PP3]

Recalling the commitment made at the World Summit on Sustainable Development to negotiate within the framework of the Convention on Biological Diversity an International regime to promote and safeguard the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising out of the utilization of genetic resources.

Expressing its deep appreciation to the Government of Malaysia for hosting the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity and the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, held respectively from 9-20 and 27 February and 23-27 February 2004, in Kuala Lumpur.[SIMILAR TO PP5]

Also expressing its deep appreciation to the Government of Brazil for its offer to host the eighth meeting of the conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity and the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, to be held in the first half of 2006;

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, submitted by the Secretary General to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session; [OP1]

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

2. Also notes the outcome of the seventh meeting of the Conference of Parties to the Convention of Biological Diversity and the outcome of the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety,

4. Welcomes the decision of the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to elaborate and negotiate an international regime on access to genetic resources and benefit sharing,

6. Notes the progress made by the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety in establishing an operational framework for the implementation of the Protocol and reiterates that the effective implementation of the Protocol will require the full support of Parties and Governments, as well as of relevant international organisations, in particular with regard to assistance to developing countries in capacity-building for biosafety;

7. Invites the countries that have not yet done so to ratify or to accede the Convention on Biological Diversity,

8. Invites the parties to the Convention that have not yet ratified or acceded to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to consider doing so;

9. Encourages developed countries parties to the Convention to contribute to the relevant trust funds of the Convention, in particular so as to enhance the full participation of the developing countries parties in all its activities;
[OP10]

10. *Urges* parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity to facilitate the transfer of technology for the effective implementation of the Convention in accordance with its provisions; **[OP11]**

11. *Takes note* of the ongoing work of the liaison group of the secretariats and offices of the relevant subsidiary bodies of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa and Convention on Biological Diversity, and further encourages continuing cooperation in order to promote complementarities among the secretariats, while respecting their independent legal status; **[OP12]**

12. *Invites* the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity to continue reporting to the General Assembly on the ongoing work regarding the Convention, including its Cartagena Protocol; **[OP15]**

13. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its **sixtieth** session under the item entitled “Sustainable Development”, the sub-item entitled “Convention on Biological Diversity”. **[OP16]**
