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REPORT

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1. Opening of the meeting by the Chair and adoption of the Agenda

For adoption:

– document STRA-CO (2005) 1 rev

The Chair of the PEBLDS Council, Mrs. Sylvi Ofstad Samstag (Norway), welcomed the participants (List of participants - Appendix I) and presented the draft Agenda.

The PEBLDS Council adopted the amended Agenda as it appears in Appendix II.

2. Implementation of the Kyiv Resolution on Biodiversity

a. Implementation of the Public Participation and Awareness Action Plan

i. Countdown 2010: Launch in Georgia – IUCN

The representative of IUCN presented the Countdown 2010 initiative and its launch in Georgia, and he recalled the main international biodiversity-related events. He pointed out that Countdown 2010 activities were being carried out at national level by Norway and Italy and other countries would start as well, such as Denmark, Austria, Germany, Spain and the Netherlands. This pan-European communication initiative was also inspiring the Meso-American region to develop a similar project so that it could become a global approach.

The Chair stressed the importance of launching Countdown 2010 in the Caucasus area in order to better integrate this region in the PEBLDS process. She appealed the States to be urgently engaged morally and also financially to support this important initiative.

The UNEP representative emphasised that Countdown 2010 should contribute to the PEBLDS monitoring system.

The representative of IUCN underlined that the Countdown 2010 Initiative was first of all a communication and awareness-raising tool supported financially by the European Commission and European donor countries. He also confirmed that Countdown 2010 was a monitoring system and they were developing a national reporting structure - in co-operation with EEA and ECNC - which would be a barometer to assess activities developed by countries for reaching the 2010 commitment.

The PEBLDS Council took note of the information.

ii. Communication Strategy for the Pan-European 2010 Biodiversity Implementation Plan

For adoption:

– document STRA CO (2005) 16 – Draft Communication Strategy for the Pan European 2010 Biodiversity Implementation Plan

The representative of ECNC presented the document. He recalled that at the Friends of the Chair meeting held in Oslo in December 2004, the need was recognised to develop a comprehensive communication approach, review the motivating aspects to increase the involvement of States and stakeholders in the PEBLDS process which should become less formal.

The representatives of the Netherlands, Hungary, Denmark, France and IUCN made several comments and they requested a revision of the document to better clarify the link between the PEBLDS process and the Pan-European 2010 Biodiversity Implementation Plan, to focus on the Kyiv targets, to explain what were the objectives and the tools of communication and to shorten the documents.

The representative of Switzerland stressed the importance of devoting more time to discussion of this document and the necessity of selecting the activities and he proposed the constitution of a small drafting group to revise the text at the end of the Council meeting for its re-examination the next day.

The Chair recognised the need to improve the document and she agreed to further revise the document within a small drafting group at the end of the day and amend it according to the comments made during the discussion as well as the comments of the drafting group.

The PEBLDS Council adopted the amended Internal Communication Strategy for the Pan-European 2010 Biodiversity Implementation Plan.

b. Implementation of the Biodiversity Monitoring and Indicators Action Plan

For adoption:

– document STRA CO (2005) 12 - List of pan-European biodiversity indicators

For information:

– document Conclusions of the joint meeting of EIONET, IWG Bio-Min and PEBLDS (Copenhagen, 21-23 April 2004)

– document Note of the first meeting of the Co-ordination team (Copenhagen, 7 July 2004)

– document Malahide/MP/indicators – EU Headline Biodiversity Indicators

– document Report of the SEBI2010 Kick-off meeting (Copenhagen, 6 January 2005)

The Joint Secretariat and the representative of ECNC presented the documents on behalf of the Streamlining European 2010 Biodiversity Coordination Team of EEA, ECNC and UNEP-WCMC, and pointed out that PEBLDS was working very closely with the Co-ordination Team of the EEA Streamlining European 2010 Biodiversity Indicators (SEBI2010) initiative, as well as with the Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe (MCPFE), to strengthen co-operation and synergies with these two processes. The link between the global, regional and EU process was emphasised as an added value. The Joint Secretariat informed the Council that the expert groups for the work on SEBI2010 were being formed and the first meetings would take place very soon.

The representatives of the Russian Federation, Switzerland, the Czech Republic and Ecoforum asked respectively if the list of indicators was finalised or if it would be expanded. There was a question about the category for funding sources, and the definition for the indicators for climate change and the ecological footprint.

The Joint Secretariat replied that the CBD had agreed upon an expanded list of indicators for further work at a later stage but not for immediate testing. Therefore, the PEBLDS Council was invited to adopt the list of indicators identified by the CBD for immediate testing and that in the future the Council would be presented with the additional or revised indicators for adoption at the pan-European level, depending on decisions in CBD framework. This point would be specified in the document STRACO (2005) 12. The representative of ECNC agreed to refer to public and private sources and it was agreed to amend the table in the document as regards this issue.

The PEBLDS Council adopted the list of pan-European biodiversity indicators with some small amendments, while agreeing this was a list for “immediate testing” which could be refined in the future.

c. Implementation of the Protected Areas and Ecological Networks Action Plan

To take note:

– document STRA-REP (2004) 16 - Final Declaration of the 5th International Symposium of the Pan-European Ecological Network in forest: conservation of biodiversity and sustainable management (Krakow, Poland, 7-8 October 2004)

For information:

– document Proceedings of the 5th International Symposium of the Pan-European Ecological Network in forest: conservation of biodiversity and sustainable management (Krakow, Poland, 7-8 October 2004)

– document STRA-REP (2004) 17 rev. - Report of the 8th meeting of the Committee of Experts for the development of the Pan-European Ecological Network (Krakow, Poland, 6-7 October 2004)

The Joint Secretariat presented the Final Declaration of the 5th International Symposium of the Pan-European Ecological Network in forests: conservation of biodiversity and sustainable management, held in Krakow on 78 October 2004, as well as the conclusions of the committee meetings for the ecological networks. The Symposium represented a follow-up to the Kyiv Resolution on Biodiversity, in particular the targets on pan-European ecological network and on forest and biodiversity, as well as a contribution to the activities of the Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe (MCPFE). In fact, as a matter of consistency, the four topics selected for discussion at the Symposium were the same priority themes identified in the Framework of Co-operation between the MCPFE and the Environment for Europe/PEBLDS process for the period 2003-2005.

The Joint Secretariat suggested that the Council could take note of the Final Declaration, which was not a legally binding instrument, with a view to its communication to the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe for examination and possible transmission to the governments of its member States, so that they may apply it as appropriate in their national policies and practice.

The representatives of the United Kingdom and Switzerland supported the proposal.

Concerning the development of the Pan-European Ecological Network (PEEN), the Joint Secretariat informed the participants that the setting-up of the PEEN was progressing and, at the meeting of the Committee of Experts, Switzerland and Croatia had presented significant work carried out at national level. The PEEN Committee of Experts had decided to prepare an Assessment Report on the implementation of the PEEN by 2006 in addition to indicative maps, which would be a contribution to the next Ministerial Conference “An Environment for Europe” (Belgrade, 2007). A questionnaire/model report had been conceived by the Secretariat and sent to all the national delegations of the Committee of Experts in order to gather, on a voluntary basis, national technical data for the preparation of the Report on the PEEN’s progress. The Joint Secretariat emphasised that such a reporting procedure should not represent an additional burden for the national authorities and should make use as much as possible of existing data gathered in the framework of other reporting exercises. The information collected through the reports must be simple and easily evaluated, as well as give indications whether the objectives set down in Kyiv would be reached. Next to the Council of Europe and ECNC which were leading on the coordination of the implementation of the Kyiv PEEN target on developing indicative maps for the Pan-European Ecological Network, the European Commission, the European Environment Agency and its European Topic Centre for the protection of nature and biodiversity would be partners directly involved in the process of preparing the maps and the Report. The Joint Secretariat expressed gratitude for the financial support to this activity received from Belgium, Switzerland, France and the European Commission.

As far as the Emerald Network was concerned, the Joint Secretariat informed the Council that at the end of 2004, 25 pilot projects have been launched, which meant that 40 States were involved in the Network, 25 of which through Natura 2000. In particular, in 2004 the Emerald Network was started in Burkina Faso and Norway. Contacts had been made by the Joint Secretariat with representatives of the

national authorities of Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia and Montenegro in order to initiate pilot projects in these countries in 2005.

The Chair of the PEEN Committee of Experts underlined the efforts made to strengthen the co-operation and synergies for the setting-up of PEEN with other international organisations, such as the European Commission, the European Environment Agency and its European Topic Centre for the protection of nature and biodiversity, the European Centre for Nature Conservation and the UNESCO.

The representative of ECNC emphasised the importance of the work carried out by the PEEN Committee of Experts, recalled the importance of the Kyiv PEEN targets and made an appeal to the States to support its work, *inter alia*, by replying to the questionnaire for the preparation of the Assessment Report before 30 April 2005.

The PEBLDS Council:

- took note of the Final Declaration of the 5th International Symposium of the Pan-European Ecological Network in forests: conservation of biodiversity and sustainable management;
- instructed the Secretariat to transmit it to the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe for examination and possible transmission to governments of its member States, so that they may apply it as appropriate in their national policies and practice

d. Implementation of the Agriculture and Biodiversity Action Plan

i. Follow-up of the High-Level Pan-European Conference on Agriculture and Biodiversity (Paris, June 2002)

For information:

- document STRA-CO (2005) 4 - Guide for the implementation of the Final Declaration of the High Level Pan-European Conference on Agriculture and Biodiversity (Paris, June 2002)

The Joint Secretariat presented the Guide for the implementation of the Paris Declaration on agriculture and biodiversity: examples and contacts, which represented a follow-up to the High-Level Conference on Agriculture and Biodiversity (Paris, June 2002) and examples of concrete measures for the countries to implement the recommendations of the Declaration.

The representative of IUCN made the following comments:

- no indication was made to which dates were referred to the examples;
- absence of clear time perspective;
- use of EU technical language instead of pan-European language;
- how would the document be distributed to reach stakeholders?

The representative of the Czech Republic recognised the usefulness of the document, however, he stressed the need to correct some information with regard to his country.

The representative of Switzerland recommended changing the title of the document to “Examples of concrete measures for the implementation of the Final Declaration of the High-level Pan-European Conference on Agriculture and Biodiversity” and he asked if there was any news on the possibility to organising the joint ministerial conference between the agriculture and environment sectors.

The representative of France suggested improving the document considering the recent developments of the agricultural policies and institutions. She replied to the Swiss question by expressing the French interest on this important matter, but also drew attention to the necessity of holding an in-depth discussion on the final aim of a joint ministerial conference. Therefore, she suggested a meeting with other interested countries to identify the concrete objectives and needs for its organisation.

The representatives of Switzerland and the Netherlands supported the proposal for a strategic discussion to take further the Kyiv targets on agriculture and biodiversity.

The representative of ECNC asked which activity of the Kyiv Action Plan for Agriculture and Biodiversity was being implemented via the Guide, and how the agricultural sector, the vital stakeholder group, was being involved.

The representative of the Council of Europe proposed to organise a meeting of a small working group (about 8-10 countries) to discuss the aim of a joint ministerial conference involving the agriculture and the environment sectors, in Strasbourg in autumn 2005. As usual, the Council of Europe would cover the expenses for the participation of some representatives from Eastern European countries. He also pointed out that the Guide was a Council of Europe contribution to the Paris Conference and it would be published and distributed following the Organisation's standard procedures. The PEBLDS members were invited to send their possible comments on the document in writing with a view to its revision.

The representative of the European Commission expressed her interest in participating in this working group meeting to assess the need to organise a joint ministerial conference on agriculture and environment.

The Chair thanked the Council of Europe for offering the possibility of organising a small working group meeting to discuss the feasibility of a joint ministerial conference and invited the countries to express their possible interest in participating in this meeting to the Joint Secretariat.

The PEBLDS Council instructed the Joint Secretariat to:

- revise the document with the PEBLDS members' comments to be sent in writing to the Joint Secretariat;
- organise a small working group meeting on agriculture and environment in autumn 2005.

ii. Identification of High Nature Value Farmland

For information:

- document STRA CO (2005) 15 – UNEP/EEA/EC Joint Research Centre (Ispra) Cooperation on Identification of High Nature Value Farmland

The Joint Secretariat presented the document and the conclusions of the EEA expert meeting held in November 2004.

The representative of the United Kingdom stated that it was not optimistic that the Kyiv targets on high nature value areas in agricultural ecosystems would be achieved in the pan-European region including the implementation of priorities. The Joint Secretariat stated again that it was always up to the PEBLDS Council to provide the support needed for each of the action plans but that no country had yet offered to support the one on agriculture and biodiversity. As several other action plans were also without a lead government, the Joint Secretariat was asking the Council to decide which action plans should be dropped because of lack of interest on behalf of the governments.

The representative of Ecoforum pointed out that the document was referring only to the EU geographical area and not to the pan-European region. The Joint Secretariat stressed that it was the EEA's task to include the EEA member countries and that it was UNEP's task to include the non-EEA countries in the initiative.

The representative of ECNC and the Netherlands were supportive of the EEA and UNEP initiative on identification of High Nature Value Farmland as an activity that encouraged the implementation of the Action Plan on agriculture and biodiversity.

The PEBLDS Council took note of the information.

e. Implementation of the Forests and Biodiversity Action Plan

For adoption:

– document STRA CO (2005) 13 – The Pan-European Understanding of the Linkage between the Ecosystem Approach and Sustainable Forest Management – Draft Joint Position of the MCPFE and the Efe/PEBLDS

For information:

– document Report of the meeting between MCPFE and PEBLDS Council representatives

The Joint Secretariat presented the document and recalled that the Council members had suggested changing the text in the *Joint Position* of the MCPFE and the Efe/PEBLDS in order to agree with the CBD (Decision VII/11), as follows: “Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) can be considered as a means of applying the ecosystem approach to forests”. This change would affect the work programme of the MCPFE, which was more in favour of the following sentence: “the SFM is the concrete means of applying the Ecosystem Approach to forest ecosystems in the pan-European region”.

The representative of the MCPFE presented the outcome of the MCPFE/PEBLDS ad hoc Working Group on Development of the Pan-European Understanding of the Linkage between the Ecosystem Approach and Sustainable Forest Management, held in Krakow in April 2004. She requested that the outcome of this meeting be added to the document STRA CO (2005) 13 to provide more exhaustive information on the MCPFE position.

The majority of the Council members supported the text agreed at the CBD (Decision VII/11).

The representatives of Austria, Switzerland, Norway and the Netherlands were more in favour of the MCPFE proposal. They underlined that both proposals were dynamic approaches and stressed the need to start soon the implementation phase.

A lively debate started and, to reach a consensus, the Chair suggested discussing this issue in a small drafting group at the end of the day together with the representative of MCPFE. The outcome of the small drafting group was the following:

“The concept of Sustainable Forest Management as defined and further developed by the MCPFE process is consistent with the application of the ecosystem approach to forest ecosystems in the pan European region. Demonstration projects to implement the Ecosystem Approach through Sustainable Forest Management, as described above, should be carried out within the pan-European region.”

The Council members and observers agreed on this draft proposal.

The PEBLDS Council:

- adopted the amended Pan-European Understanding of the linkage between the Ecosystem Approach and Sustainable Forest Management: Draft Joint Position of the MCPFE and the Efe/PEBLDS;
- instructed the Joint Secretariat to transmit it to the Expert Level meeting of MCPFE.

The Joint Secretariat presented the minutes from the consultation meeting between the PEBLDS Chair and the Joint Secretariat and the GCC of the MCPFE and the MCPFE Liaison Unit-Vienna, held in Brussels on 3 March 2005, and reminded the Council of the proposals kept in brackets in the Forest Action Plan Proposal at the Madrid Conference. Presentation of the proposed PEBLDS amendments in the minutes was carried out item by item.

Concerning item 2.1, an agreement was reached on the following: “PEBLDS would join as a partner in the MCPFE work scheduled for 2006, rather than amend the MCPFE work programme and the PEBLDS Forest Biodiversity Action Plan”.

Concerning item 2.2, an agreement was reached on the following: “Prepare case studies with experiences on sustainable forest management and the ecosystem approach in forest protected areas”.

Concerning item 2.3, the representative of MCPFE, supported by the United Kingdom, did not accept the amendment that had been proposed by Ecoforum in Madrid.

Concerning item 2.4, the representative of Italy, in light of the explanation provided by MCPFE, withdrew his proposal.

Concerning item 2.5, the representative of Italy highlighted the importance of preparing guidelines for species selection for afforestation and reforestation in the context of the UNFCCC, to avoid problems with non-native species and GMOs threatening biodiversity.

The representatives of France, Ireland, Norway and Ecoforum supported the Italian proposal.

The representatives of Switzerland and Denmark asked whom would prepare these guidelines/case studies and with what financial resources.

The representative of the Council of Europe expressed the interest in developing such guidelines in cooperation with MCPFE, and the Council of Europe would make some financial resources available for this task.

The representative of the MCPFE requested the PEBLDS Council to present the above decisions on the proposals in brackets in the Forest Action Plan to the next MCPFE Expert Level meeting.

In order to reach consensus on the activities between the PEBLDS Council and MCPFE, the Chair encouraged the PEBLDS members to work out a better national understanding between the relevant sectors before the Council and MCPFE meetings.

The Joint Secretariat with representatives of the PEBLDS Council will present the above decisions on the brackets at the next MCPFE Expert Level Meeting. The PEBLDS Council also took note of the Chair’s recommendation.

f. Implementation of the Financing Biodiversity Action Plan

For information:

– document STRA CO (2005) 17 – Progress Report: Third Phase of the European Biodiversity Resourcing Initiative

The representative of Switzerland presented, also on behalf of ECNC, the progress of the European Biodiversity Resourcing Initiative (EBRI) and he informed the meeting that the EBRI Phase 3 concentrates on developing the entrepreneurial dimension and accelerating market activity in biodiversity investments. He appealed for more proactive role of the PEBPLDS Council in supporting this important initiative. He mentioned that the Swiss and Dutch Governments and the Rabobank Nederland are providing funds for the third phase, but that more funds are required to fully implement the activities under this phase.

The representative of ECNC pointed out the need to develop bankable biodiversity projects and the required PEBLDS support to incorporate biodiversity in the work programmes of the banks.

The representative of UNEP stressed the importance of this initiative which deserved more support. He promoted the idea of a meeting of the PEBLDS members with representatives of the European Investment Bank (EIB) and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) in order to give an opportunity to the countries to meet the donors.

The representative of Albania asked for the procedure to present national bankable projects.

The representative of ECNC supported the UNEP proposal and he said that the idea of a meeting with the banks was already in Module 5 - Capacity Building: developing financial intermediary interest in promoting entrepreneurial activity related to biodiversity. He also informed the delegates that EBRD had prepared a scoping study for the structure of a Biodiversity Technical Assistance Facility (BTAF) that would most likely precede the establishment of a full-fledged European Biodiversity Financing Facility. The BTAF could be operational within a relatively short period of time, as soon as support from the financial institutions associated with EBRI would be confirmed, with EBRD as the central partner in the organisation of the BTAF. The European Task Force on Banking, Business and Biodiversity would review the development of the BTAF towards a Biodiversity Financing Facility, a principal contribution to carrying forward the Kyiv Resolution on Biodiversity.

The PEBLDS Council took note of the information.

g. Pan-European 2010 Biodiversity Implementation Plan

For adoption:

- document STRA-CO (2005) 2 - Pan-European 2010 Biodiversity Implementation Plan
- document STRA-CO (2005) 3 - Pan-European 2010 Biodiversity Implementation Plan – Stakeholder version
- document STRA-CO (2005) 7 - Synergies between the Pan-European 2010 Biodiversity Implementation Plan and the European Union Malahide Message
- document STRA-CO (2005) 14 - Proposals on the structure for reporting progress and the monitoring and implementation of the Action Plans of the Kyiv Resolution on Biodiversity

The Joint Secretariat presented the document STRA-CO (2005) 2 on the Pan-European 2010 Biodiversity Implementation Plan.

The representative of Albania expressed interest for the Action Plan on biodiversity monitoring and indicators and he announced that national financial resources were available to test this Action Plan in his country.

The representative of Italy supported the document on the Pan-European 2010 Biodiversity Implementation Plan and he confirmed the interest of his country to be a lead government for the Action Plan on Invasive Alien Species. He also stressed the need to be able to continuously review and amend the Action Plans adopted at the PEBLDS Bureau meeting last year as issues arose.

The representatives of the United Kingdom, the European Commission and MCPFE supported the Italian proposal of that the Action Plans should be 'living documents' in order to be consistent with the dynamic process of PEBLDS and to have the possibility of integrating their amendments.

The representative of the European Commission drew the attention of the participants to the letter sent by Mr. Nicholas Hanley, Head of Unit on Nature and Biodiversity (DG Environment) and the proposals to amend document STRA-CO (2005) 2 on the Pan-European 2010 Biodiversity Implementation Plan.

The PEBLDS Council adopted the document on the Pan-European 2010 Biodiversity Implementation Plan, with the amendments proposed by its members and the European Commission.

The Joint Secretariat presented document STRA-CO (2005) 3, the Stakeholder version of the Pan-European 2010 Biodiversity Implementation Plan.

The representative of Hungary highlighted the need to better explain several references which – for an outside reader – would be difficult to understand, such as the reference to the EU Malahide Conference.

The representative of Albania requested to add an appendix to this document identifying possible groups of stakeholders.

The PEBLDS Council:

- instructed the Joint Secretariat to integrate the proposed amendments in the text;
- adopted the amended stakeholder version of the Pan-European 2010 Biodiversity Implementation Plan.

The Joint Secretariat presented document STRA-CO (2005) 7 on Synergies between the Pan-European 2010 Biodiversity Implementation Plan and the European Union Malahide Message.

The Chair informed the participants that Mr. Nicholas Hanley was willing to co-operate with the PEBLDS process. In this context, the Commission had offered 50 000 Euro in support of the PEEN work and announced some possible financial contributions for the next Biodiversity in Europe Conference by the end of the current year.

The representative of the European Commission referred to the letter sent by Mr. Nicholas Hanley and pointed out that the document STRA-CO (2005) 7 on Synergies between the Pan-European 2010 Biodiversity Implementation Plan and the European Union Malahide Message was not reflecting the current situation and she asked for it to be withdrawn from the agenda of the meeting.

The representative of Ireland emphasised the importance of keeping this document in the agenda for interlinking and complementing the Kyiv and Malahide objectives, as well as the PEBLDS Action Plans. The document could be updated following the Commission proposals of amendment. He pointed out that never before had countries reached as wide a consensus as in Malahide but, unfortunately, since this event the momentum for biodiversity issues was decreasing. He therefore recommended the Chair to present the Pan-European 2010 Biodiversity Implementation Plan to the EU Commissioner and ask him when the EU Communication for the 2010 biodiversity targets would be finalised.

The representatives of the United Kingdom, Denmark, Switzerland, IUCN, ECNC and Ecoforum supported Ireland's intervention and the importance to seek for synergies between the two processes.

The representative of UNEP suggested the delegates representing EU countries supporting the PEBLDS process to promote synergy with the EU also at the Commission meetings in Brussels.

The representative of ECNC expressed satisfaction and support for the presence at the meeting of a representative of the European Commission, Mrs Ilona Jepsen, and he proposed to invite the Commission to be involved in the drafting of a revised version of the document STRA-CO (2005) 7 in order to develop ownership and commitment. He stressed that a partnership approach would only work if the European Commission and the PEBLDS process aimed for a consultative and interactive approach, allowing full input from the European Commission in draft documents before they were presented to the Council.

The Chair supported the idea of involving the representative of the European Commission from the beginning of drafting relevant papers, such as the one under discussion, to avoid misunderstandings.

The representative of IUCN proposed to reply officially to the letter sent by the European Commission in order to clarify misinterpretations and to intensify the dialogue also at practical level.

The PEBLDS Council instructed the Joint Secretariat to prepare with the Chair an official reply to the letter received from the European Commission.

The Joint Secretariat presented the document STRA-CO (2005) 14 on Proposals on the structure for reporting progress and the monitoring and implementation of the Action Plans of the Kyiv Resolution on Biodiversity and highlighted the need for a barometer to measure the percentage of implementation of the Action Plans. The document was developed by the Joint Secretariat and ECNC.

The representative of Norway was sceptical about the aim of such a barometer and recommended working with the list of agreed indicators to assess the state of biodiversity and to present the results in a scientific manner. The Joint Secretariat explained to the representative of Norway that the monitoring proposed in this document was for the implementation of the action plans and not for the monitoring of the state of biodiversity in the pan European region. That would be the task of the indicators in development with the EEA. The Russian Federation proposed to devise indicators associated with the action plans in order to then monitor their implementation. The Joint Secretariat agreed with this proposal and would devise the indicators for adoption by the PEBLDS Bureau.

The representative of France supported the proposal of having a barometer to be used internally for reporting progress on the implementation of the Kyiv Action Plans.

The representative of Austria pointed out that it would not be necessary to have the progress report twice a year because of the burden for the countries to gather the information, consult with other colleagues, fill in the forms, etc. She therefore suggested having the progress report only once a year to be presented to the PEBLDS Council meetings.

The PEBLDS Council instructed the Joint Secretariat to prepare the indicators for the monitoring of the action plans as well as a progress report once a year presentation to its plenary meetings, based on the structure as proposed in STRA-CO (2005) 14.

3. Preparation of the 4th Biodiversity in Europe Conference in 2006 and Sixth Ministerial Conference “Environment for Europe in 2007

– CBD/COP-8 (Brazil, 2006)

– Sixth Ministerial Conference “Environment for Europe” (Belgrade, autumn 2007)

For adoption:

– document STRA CO (2005) 8 - Draft agenda for the Biodiversity in Europe Conference

For information:

– document CEP/2004/13 Establishment of the preparatory group for the sixth “Environment for Europe” Conference

The Joint Secretariat presented the draft agenda for the 10th PEBLDS Council meeting, the draft agenda for the next Biodiversity in Europe Conference and the themes for the 8th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the CBD.

For the next Biodiversity in Europe Conference, the representative of the Netherlands proposed a general discussion on all CBD themes, to focus in depth on only the priority topics for Europe such as “education and public awareness” and “progress in implementation toward the 2010 target”, for which background papers would be needed.

The representative of Italy supported the Dutch proposal and he added also the “global taxonomy initiative” as priority theme.

The representative of UNEP pointed out that the European position should be expressed at the COP on all CBD selected themes. Concerning the topic “progress in implementation toward the 2010 target” a report on pan-European initiatives should be presented to the COP (2006). In this context, the report currently in preparation with EEA for the next Ministerial Conference “Environment for Europe” (Belgrade, 2007) could be the one to be presented to the COP. However, a problem related to the time schedule for the preparation of the report should be solved.

The Joint Secretariat resumed the discussion as follows:

A background paper would be prepared for the following CBD priority themes for Europe:

- Island biodiversity;
- Global taxonomy initiative;
- Education and public awareness;
- Progress in implementation towards the 2010 target.

The other themes would be presented to the PEBLDS Council only for discussion:

- Dry and sub-humid lands biodiversity;
- Access and benefit-sharing;
- Article 8(j) and related provisions;
- Refining mechanisms to support implementation.

The Chair asked the country delegates to manifest their possible interest in hosting the Biodiversity in Europe Conference. In the absence of a proposal, the Chair stated that a suggestion would be made in two weeks’ time.

The PEBLDS Council adopted the draft Agenda for the Biodiversity in Europe Conference and decided to discuss the agenda of the 6th Ministerial Conference ‘Environment for Europe’ at the next Council meeting.

4. Budget of the PEBLDS

For adoption

– document STRA-CO (2005) 9 - 2005 PEBLDS Budget

The Joint Secretariat presented the 2005 PEBLDS Budget.

The PEBLDS Council adopted the 2005 PEBLDS Budget.

5. Fundraising for PEBLDS Joint Secretariat and PEBLDS priority activities

For information

– document STRA-CO (2005) 10 - PEBLDS Fundraising

The Joint Secretariat presented the document on PEBLDS Fundraising.

The representative of Austria confirmed that 10 000 Euros had been transferred to the UNEP account for the next Biodiversity in Europe Conference.

The representative of Hungary stated that 5 000 US \$ would be devoted in support of the Action Plans in EECCA countries and 5 000 US \$ for the Biodiversity Service.

The representative of the United Kingdom confirmed the contribution of £15 000 sterling pounds.

The representative of the Netherlands stated that his government would be contributing to each of the action plans through their established mechanisms but it would also consider a contribution for the organisation of the next Biodiversity in Europe Conference. He also informed the participants that a Plan for nature conservation was in preparation in his country, in the framework of the bilateral co-operation activities with Eastern European countries, to assist them in achieving Kyiv targets. National funds would be available for this programme of assistance via tenders for international NGOs which must work in line with the Kyiv objectives.

The representative of UNEP stressed the need to have appropriate resources from the Governments to keep the PEBLDS process and the Joint Secretariat running efficiently.

The representative of ECNC suggested having a strong proactive attitude and start looking for financial resources in addition to the usual donors. If appropriate resources would not be available, he suggested that the Bureau should review the PEBLDS priorities and scale them down to a realistic level. This would mean that the Kyiv 2010 target would not be met, so in his views the issue of fundraising should receive top priority.

The PEBLDS Council took note of the information and decided to prioritise proactive fundraising for the implementation of the Kyiv biodiversity action plans.

6. Election of the new Chair and Bureau members

For decision

– document STRA-CO (2005) 5 - Election of the Chair and members of the Bureau

The Joint Secretariat listed the Chair and the Bureau members who had been elected at the 7th Meeting of the PEBLDS Council in Geneva in January 2003 and invited the Council members to express their proposals, starting with the election of the Chair.

The representative of the Czech Republic proposed that the present Chair, Mrs. Sylvi Ofstad Samstag (Norway), should continue her role as PEBLDS Chair.

The representatives of Slovenia and Hungary supported the Czech proposal.

The Joint Secretariat stated that, according to the terms of reference, the Vice-Chairs would be the representative of the State which would organise the next Ministerial Conference “Environment for Europe”: Serbia and Montenegro, and a representative of the State which had organised the previous Conference: Ukraine.

The Joint Secretariat invited delegates to propose Bureau members representing the “European Union”.

The representative of Ireland informed the delegates of his country’s wish to step down from the Bureau and proposed France as a new member.

The representative of France offered her post in the Bureau to the Czech Republic, as a new member of the European Union and she suggested amending the Bureau terms of reference to take into account the geographical representation of the countries in relation to the recent European Union enlargement.

The representative of Italy expressed his country’s wish to continue to be part of the Bureau, also in view its long absence in the PEBLDS process.

The Joint Secretariat invited delegates to propose Bureau members representing the “other Western European countries”. In the absence of the representative of Andorra and of other proposals, the Joint Secretariat suggested that Andorra be kept in the Bureau.

The representative of Switzerland expressed his country’s interest in continuing to be part of the Bureau.

The Joint Secretariat invited delegates to propose Bureau members representing the “Central and Eastern countries”.

The representative of Slovenia proposed Croatia.

The representative of Croatia proposed Romania.

The Joint Secretariat invited delegates to propose Bureau members representing the “Newly Independent States”.

The representative of the Russia Federation proposed keeping the present members: Moldova and Georgia.

The Chair informed the delegates that a letter had been addressed by CEEWEB to the Joint Secretariat requesting observer status to the Bureau.

The representative of the Czech Republic supported the CEEWEB proposal.

The representative of IUCN stated that his Organisation was a permanent member of the Bureau, therefore the three observer organisations at the Bureau were ECNC, Ecoforum and CEEWEB.

The PEBLDS Council:

- instructed the Joint Secretariat to propose an amendment to the Terms of reference of the Council and its Bureau to take into account the geographical representation of the countries in relation to the European Union enlargement;

- elected its Bureau as follows:

- Chair: Norway

- Vice-Chair: Serbia and Montenegro, Ukraine

- 2 representatives of 4 regions:

- European Union: Italy, Czech Republic

- other Western European countries: Andorra, Switzerland

- Central and Eastern Europe: Croatia, Romania

- the Newly Independent States: Moldova, Georgia

- European members of the Bureau of CBD/COP VI (ex-officio):

- Albania

- Ireland

- Russian Federation

- a representative of the European Community.

7. Date and venue of the next meetings of the PEBLDS Council and Bureau

The PEBLDS Council decided to hold its next Bureau meeting on 6 June 2005 in Geneva.

8. Other business

None.

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APPENDIX II

1. Opening of the meeting by the Chair and adoption of the agenda
For adoption:
 – document STRA-CO (2005) 1 rev

2. Implementation of the Kyiv Resolution on Biodiversity
 - a. Implementation of the Public Participation and Awareness Action Plan
 - i. Countdown 2010: Launch in Georgia – IUCN

 - ii. Communication Strategy for the Pan European 2010 Biodiversity Implementation Plan
For adoption:
 – document STRA CO (2005) 16 – Draft Communication Strategy for the Pan European 2010 Biodiversity Implementation Plan

 - b. Implementation of the Biodiversity Monitoring and Indicators Action Plan
For adoption:
 – document STRA CO (2005) 12 - List of pan-European biodiversity indicators
For information:
 – document Conclusions of the joint meeting of EIONET, IWG Bio-Min and PEBLDS (Copenhagen, 21-23 April 2004)
 – document Note of the first meeting of the Co-ordination team (Copenhagen, 7 July 2004)
 – document Malahide/MP/indicators – EU Headline Biodiversity Indicators
 – document Report of the SEBI2010 Kick-off meeting (Copenhagen, 6 January 2005)

 - c. Implementation of the Protected Areas and Ecological Networks Action Plan
To take note:
 – document STRA-REP (2004) 16 - Final Declaration of the 5th International Symposium of the Pan-European Ecological Network in forest: conservation of biodiversity and sustainable management (Krakow, Poland, 7-8 October 2004)
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 – document Proceedings of the 5th International Symposium of the Pan-European Ecological Network in forest: conservation of biodiversity and sustainable management (Krakow, Poland, 7-8 October 2004)
 – document STRA-REP (2004) 17 rev. - Report of the 8th meeting of the Committee of Experts for the development of the Pan-European Ecological Network (Krakow, Poland, 6-7 October 2004)

 - d. Implementation of the Agriculture and Biodiversity Action Plan
 - i. Follow-up of the High-Level Pan-European Conference on Agriculture and Biodiversity (Paris, June 2002)
For information:
 – document STRA-CO (2005) 4 - Guide for the implementation of the Final Declaration of the High Level Pan-European Conference on Agriculture and Biodiversity (Paris, June 2002)

 - ii. Identification of High Nature Value Farmland
For information:
 – document STRA CO (2005) 15 – UNEP/EEA/EC Joint Research Centre (Ispra) Cooperation on Identification of High Nature Value Farmland

- e. **Implementation of the Forests and Biodiversity Action Plan**
For adoption:
 – document STRA CO (2005) 13 –The Pan European Understanding Of The Linkage Between The Ecosystem Approach And Sustainable Forest Management – Draft Joint Position Of The MCPFE And The E/E/PEBLDS
For information:
 – document Report of the meeting between MCPFE and PEBLDS Council representatives
- f. **Implementation of the Financing Biodiversity Action Plan**
For information:
 – document STRA CO (2005) 17 – Progress Report: Third Phase of the European Biodiversity Resourcing Initiative
- g. **Pan-European 2010 Biodiversity Implementation Plan**
For adoption:
 – document STRA-CO (2005) 2 - Pan-European 2010 Biodiversity Implementation Plan
 – document STRA-CO (2005) 3 - Pan-European 2010 Biodiversity Implementation Plan – Stakeholder version
 – document STRA-CO (2005) 7 - Synergies between the Pan-European 2010 Biodiversity Implementation Plan and the European Union Malahide Message
 – document STRA-CO (2005) 14 - Proposals on the structure for reporting progress and the monitoring and implementation of the Action Plans of the Kyiv Resolution on Biodiversity
- 3. **Preparation of the 4th Biodiversity in Europe Conference in 2006 and Sixth Ministerial Conference “Environment for Europe in 2007**
 – CBD/COP-8 (Brazil, 2006)
 – Sixth Ministerial Conference “Environment for Europe” (Belgrade, autumn 2007)
For adoption:
 – document STRA CO (2005) 8 - Draft agenda for the Biodiversity in Europe Conference
For information:
 – document CEP/2004/13 Establishment Of The Preparatory Group For The Sixth “Environment For Europe” Conference
- 4. **Budget of the PEBLDS**
For adoption
 – document STRA-CO (2005) 9 - 2005 PEBLDS Budget
- 5. **Fundraising for PEBLDS Joint Secretariat and PEBLDS priority activities**
For information
 – document STRA-CO (2005) 10 - PEBLDS Fundraising
- 6. **Election of the new Chair and Bureau members**
For decision
 – document STRA-CO (2005) 5 - Election of the Chair and members of the Bureau
- 7. **Date and venue of the next meetings of the PEBLDS Council and Bureau**
- 8. **Other business**