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**Sixty-sixth session** Agenda item 19 (*f*)

## **Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 22 December 2011**

[on the report of the Second Committee (A/66/440/Add.6)]

## 66/202. Convention on Biological Diversity

The General Assembly,

*Recalling* its resolutions 64/203 of 21 December 2009 and 65/161 of 20 December 2010 and previous resolutions relating to the Convention on Biological Diversity,<sup>1</sup>

*Acknowledging* the importance of the upcoming United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity on the progress of work of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention;<sup>2</sup>

2. *Notes* the ongoing preparatory process for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, to be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012;

3. *Stresses* the importance of the continued substantive consideration of the issue of biological diversity;

4. *Notes with appreciation* the offer of the Government of India to host the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention from 8 to 19 October 2012, and the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety from 1 to 5 October 2012;

5. *Invites* the secretariat of the Convention to report, through the Secretary-General, to the General Assembly at its sixty-seventh session on the work of the Conference of the Parties;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> A/66/291, sect. III.

6. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-seventh session, under the item entitled "Sustainable development", the sub-item entitled "Convention on Biological Diversity".

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