

Goal 4 Implement the two Departments' priority commitments Development: Johannesburg 2002

OBJECTIVES

TARGETS/ACTIONS

4:E

An international regime to promote and safeguard the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising out of the utilization of genetic resources

Negotiate within the framework of the Convention on Biological Diversity, bearing in mind the Bonn Guidelines, an international regime to promote and safeguard the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising out of the utilization of genetic resources.

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- (i) work with other countries to establish a realistic and focused framework for discussions at the Sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties in February 2004, based on clarification of the issues at the Dec/03 meeting of the Convention on Biological Diversity's Working Group on Access and Benefit Sharing. (At WSSD, Canada and other countries committed to achieving, by 2010, a significant reduction in the current rate of loss of biological diversity. The negotiations on access and benefit sharing are intended to assist countries in meeting this target)

The Department of Foreign Affairs is co-leading interdepartmental work on this issue with Environment Canada, including the development of Canadian positions and consultation with Canadian stakeholders. The Department will provide guidance on issues related to the negotiation of any new international agreements - including content, form, and timing

4:F

Integrated Framework for Trade-Related Technical Assistance to Least Developed Countries and Trust Fund for the Framework, in accordance with the Doha Ministerial Declaration

Fully support the implementation of the Integrated Framework for Trade-Related Technical Assistance to Least Developed Countries and urge development partners to significantly increase contributions to the Trust Fund for the Framework, in accordance with the Doha Ministerial Declaration

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- (i) ensure implementation of the Integrated Framework (IF) by contributing to the efficient and effective implementation of the IF as a donor, and implementing Window II financing so that the IF meets its objectives, and there is follow-up on the 2003 evaluation

Canada has contributed \$1.7 million to the Integrated Framework to date plus an additional \$1 million in 2003 for Window II follow-up activities.