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*Annex III*

**CANARY ISLANDS DECLARATION**

***Protecting island biodiversity from the impact of alien species***

*WE, the experts on island biodiversity, gathered in Puerto de la Cruz (Tenerife), on the occasion of the meeting of the Ad-Hoc Technical Expert Group on Island Biodiversity, held from 13 to 17 December 2004,*

*Considering* that islands harbour an essential part of the global biodiversity, in particular a high proportion of endemic species which constitute an important world heritage,

*Noting* that at the global level islands contribute significantly to biodiversity in relation to their small land area, and that their biodiversity is under critical pressure from human activities,

*Recalling* that islands are special ecosystems with specific problems related to their ecological features and sustainable development requirements, as noted in Chapter 17 of Agenda 21 and the Barbados Programme of Action.

*Considering* that invasive alien species are a primary threat to native species and genetic resources due to the unique nature of island biotas and associated vulnerability,

*Noting* that the negative impact of invasive alien species on island ecosystems are significantly more detrimental than on mainland ecosystems,

*Recognizing* that preventive measures are more cost-effective and efficient than measures after invasive species have been established,

*Taking into account* the commitments made by the world community in the framework of the Convention on Biological Diversity for the prevention of introductions, control and eradication of invasive alien species,

*Recognizing*, however, that new invasions are still taking place in islands with great threats to island ecosystems,

*Being conscious* of the need to adopt strong measures to prevent further introductions of undesired species, and to control and eradicate invasive alien species in both terrestrial and marine habitats,

*Aware* of the Cooperative Initiative on Invasive Alien Species on Islands,

*Invite* all countries and, in particular, island governments, to:

(a) Develop and/or enforce adequate legal instruments for preventing of introduction of undesired alien species, and for the control and eradication of established invasive species, as appropriate;

(b) Develop effective partnerships and networking structures among islands and in collaboration with international organizations and agencies in order to share knowledge and experiences, and to facilitate mobilization of the required financial and human resources to address biodiversity issues, with particular emphasis on alien invasive species problems;

(c) Establish mechanisms (border control, quarantines, risk assessment, early detection, etc.), for preventing the introduction and establishment of potential invasive species, or of those alien species which may hybridize with local species and forms;

(d) Alert trade and tourist agents of their responsibility in the serious ecological and economic problems caused by introduced alien species on the islands;

(e) Develop innovative financial instruments and alliances –including the new business opportunities in the biodiversity sector– to allow for effective implementation of island biodiversity conservation programmes, such as the work programme being developed under the Convention of Biological Diversity.

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