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**NGO Statement on the Strategic Plan of the CBD,  
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**The role of the Strategic Plan is to give vision and overall guidance for effective implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity.**

**The Strategic Plan should be short, concise and forward-looking.**

**The target of the Strategic Plan should be to bringing biodiversity loss to a halt by 2010. Activities should be prioritised that contribute most to achieving this target.**

**The Strategic Plan should give focus and prioritisation to commitments already taken in the framework of the CBD, e.g. its many work programmes and elements.**

**The Strategic Plan should focus on the following elements:**

- 1. Integration of biodiversity into other sectors (cross-sectoral integration)**
- 2. Guidance on development, implementation and review of the National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs)**
- 3. Stakeholder participation in all activities which serve the implementation of the CBD**
- 4. Providing sufficient financial resources for the development and implementation of the CBD**

**The review of the Strategic Plan should assess how the above elements were implemented and identify areas and mechanisms for improvement.**

**In the light of the identified target above, and in order to implement the three objectives of the CBD (Article 1), priority should be given to:**

- 1. Develop of a comprehensive, adequate, representative, and effective system of protected areas.**
- 2. a. Identify and eliminate perverse incentives, such as subsidies, tax breaks, export credits.**

- b. Support for community-based management of biodiversity.**
- 3. Adopt and implement guidelines and legislation for benefit-sharing of genetic resources, with specific regards to the rights of indigenous peoples and local communities.**