

marine and coastal programme of work of the Convention on Biological Diversity, with a view to harmonizing work plans, bearing in mind that one issue common to all regional seas programmes and the Convention on Biological Diversity is the application of the ecosystem approach to their programmes of work;

9. Requests the Executive Director to support cooperative initiatives aimed at the harmonization of work plans of the regional seas conventions and the Convention on Biological Diversity and, where appropriate, to support the development of harmonized national reporting consistent with the guidelines approved by the respective Conference of the Parties;

10. Requests the Executive Director to facilitate cooperative arrangements between the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora and the regional seas programmes, including regional dialogue on problematic issues of common concern and through the facilitation of information to regional seas programmes on activities to be undertaken by the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora within their respective regions;

11. Invites the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals to involve the relevant regional seas programmes at an early stage in developing and implementing regional agreements related to the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals affecting marine species such as sea turtles, albatrosses, sharks, whales and marine mammals;

12. Requests the Executive Director to continue with the restructuring of the United Nations Environment Programme Marine Mammal Action Plan through a greater coordinated effort among the regional seas programmes, the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals, the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, the Convention on Biological Diversity and relevant partner organizations, including the World Conservation Union.

(d) Partnerships with international organizations

Taking into account that the Seventh Session of the Commission for Sustainable Development in April 1999 proposed a United Nations consultative process on oceans to provide an integrated review of economic, social, environment and legal dimensions of developments affecting oceans and seas and that this consultative process was subsequently established by the United Nations General Assembly in its decision 54/33 of 24 November 1999,

— Bearing in mind that, following the first meeting of the consultative process from 30 May to 2 June 2000, the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session adopted resolution 55/7 of 30 October 2000 calling for strengthening regional cooperation in specific areas, including fisheries management organizations and arrangements, integrated management and sustainable