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DECISION ADOPTED BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

***XII/31. Multi-year programme of work of the Conference of the Parties
up to 2020***

The Conference of the Parties,

*Taking into account the priorities defined in the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and findings from the fourth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook*,*

1. *Reaffirms* that the Conference of the Parties should review progress in the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 at each of its meetings to 2020, and that the development of further guidance for policy development and to support implementation should be based on this review as well as on information available in national reports and on other information that may become available, including through scientific assessments;

2. *Decides* to update the multi-year programme of work for the Conference of the Parties up to 2020 according to the list of issues in the annex to the present decision;

3. *Also decides* to address, at each of its meetings, standing items consistent with earlier decisions as well as other issues arising from decisions of the Conference of the Parties in relation to particular programmes of work and cross-cutting issues, and to maintain sufficient flexibility in the multi-year programme of work in order to accommodate urgent emerging issues and respond to emerging opportunities.

Annex

**LIST OF THE MAIN ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED BY THE
CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES DURING THE PERIOD UP TO 2020**

Meeting	Strategic issues
COP 13 (2016)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interim review of progress towards the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, and related means of implementation. • Further consideration of the implications of the findings of GBO-4 and fifth national reports. • Strategic actions to enhance national implementation, in particular through mainstreaming and the integration of biodiversity across relevant sectors, including agriculture, forests and fisheries. • Ways and means to enhance the implementation of Article 12 of the Convention, in particular training and capacity-building for developing countries to support implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020. • Integration among the Convention and its Protocols. • Guidelines for the sixth national reports and modalities for future editions of GBO. • Implications of the post-2015 United Nations development agenda and the sustainable development goals and of other relevant international processes for the future work of the Convention. • Determination of funding needs to inform the GEF-7 replenishment for the 2018-2022 cycle.
COP 14 (2018)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interim review of programmes towards the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, and achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and related means of implementation. • Long-term strategic directions to the 2050 Vision for biodiversity. • Approaches to living in harmony with nature. • Review of the effectiveness of processes under the Convention and its Protocols • Synergies among the biodiversity-related conventions.
COP 15 (2020)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final assessment of the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, including consideration of the implications of the IPBES global assessment on biodiversity and ecosystem services. • Follow up to the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and related means of implementation, including resource mobilization • Determination of funding needs to inform the GEF-8 replenishment for the 2022-2026 cycle.