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3 **Speaking points by Lithuania**

4 **ITEM 5.**

5 **Contribution of the Convention to the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on**  
6 **Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) intersessional process**

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8 Lithuania has a short statement with regard to links of future editions of global biodiversity outlook  
9 to IPBES and communication of the outcome of this SBSTTA meeting to IPBES.

10 We are of opinion that, if, as it is proposed in COP decision XI/2 , IPBES includes within its work  
11 programme a commitment to undertake a global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystems to be  
12 completed by 2018, this would significantly change the potential needs of a future Global  
13 Biodiversity Outlook (GBO). In order to avoid duplication, a future GBO would need to focus on a  
14 specific review of implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity. In this regard consideration  
15 could be given to more appropriate name for the GBO. However the detailed requirements for work  
16 to be done by the CBD would depend on a decision to be taken by IPBES and further work on the  
17 scoping of a global assessment.

18 Therefore Lithuania suggests that SBSTTA considers the possibility to invite COP to request  
19 SBSTTA at its meeting to review the GBO process in light of GBO 4 and the on-going work of  
20 IPBES on a global assessment on biodiversity and ecosystem services.

21 We also would like to suggest that the SBSTTA Bureau, the Secretariat of the CBD invite IPBES to  
22 take into account further information on scientific and technical needs identified for the  
23 implementation of the Strategic Plan during current SBSTTA meeting.