Speaking points by Lithuania

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

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

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

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

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