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Thank you, Chair. *Regarding Agenda item 5*

Canada is pleased with the progress made by IPBES and the CBD Executive Secretary on the development of a work programme for IPBES that takes into consideration the guidance provided in decisions of the CBD Conference of the Parties.

Canada agrees to the prioritization given to

The objectives and deliverables of the new draft work programme for IPBES are clearly aligned with and adequately support the objectives and priorities of the CBD. The Convention's Initiative on Pollinators and the proposed IPBES fast tracked assessment on pollination and food production should be mutually supportive and avoid duplication.

As well, the CBD has much to contribute to IPBES and Canada supports submitting the conclusions of agenda items 3. and 4. to IPBES for their consideration. These conclusions should help IPBES when considering ways in which the activities of the Platform could build on GBO4, and possibly contribute to GBO5 and an assessment of the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020.

Furthermore, regarding the options presented in paragraph 37(b) of document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/17/4, Canada supports the option (2) that describes a global assessment to be undertaken by the IPBES and would cover *ex post* analysis of the changes to biodiversity and the effectiveness of the actions taken to conserve and sustainably use biodiversity. Option 2 aligns well with the proposed deliverable 2(c) of the draft IPBES work programme which describes a global assessment on biodiversity and ecosystem services including drivers and pressures, status and trends, impacts on human well-being and the effectiveness of responses, including the Aichi targets. This global assessment would ~~possibly~~ be a key source of information for GBO5 which would have as its main objective to identify the implications of the findings of the global assessment for the work of the Convention.

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Thank you, Chair

CANADA also reminds SBSTTA of the UN Regular Process for Global Marine Assessments, currently preparing the first world Ocean Assessment, and suggests that SBSTTA continue to encourage cooperation between IPBES & the Reg. Process