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Submission by the EU to CBD Notification 2020-045
Peer review of draft documents for the twenty-fourth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA 24)

I. Introduction

To facilitate the preparation of documents for SBSTTA 24, the EU supports the peer-review process, and in particular of the three documents related to Agenda Item 3 (Post-2020 global biodiversity framework) which are currently available: 1) a draft monitoring framework for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework; 2) an information document on the links between the Sustainable Development Goals and the post-2020 global biodiversity framework; 3) an information document on indicators for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, prepared by UNEP-WCMC, in collaboration with the Biodiversity Indicators Partnership

The present submission answers to this invitation, issued through the above notification, using the templates attached.

The EU notes that review comments are not being sought on the updated formulations of the proposed 2050 goals and the 2030 targets as well as proposed 2030 milestones, which are provided for context only and consideration of these will take place at the third meeting of the open-ended working group.

The EU strongly recommends that the monitoring framework is drastically restructured into an accounting framework, focusing on the key elements of the goals and targets, for which a small set of headline indicators (one headline indicator for each goal and target) would help prioritize national efforts, and more importantly allow for cumulative assessments of whether national commitments and implementation are on track to meet the post-2020 global biodiversity commitments.

Disclaimer

The comments provided by the European Commission on the draft monitoring framework and supporting information documents do neither represent nor prejudice the EU positions on goals, targets and indicators that will be expressed at the third meeting of the open-ended working group and by no means, indicate any agreement on what is currently included in the draft monitoring framework.”

II. Submission to CBD Notification

- See Templates for commenting the draft monitoring framework and indicators attached.
- See also the specific contribution from Eurostat – the statistical office of the European Union (also EU leading service on SDGs) – in response to the invitation letter that Stefan Schweinfest, Director of UNSD, sent on 7 July 2020 to all statistical organisations globally to participate in the consultation. The EU fully supports the comments provided by Eurostat - especially on the interlinkages with the SDGs - which are from a statistical perspective and complement the consolidated comments from the European Commission.