**Template for the review of the document on linkages between the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and the 2030 agenda for sustainable development**

**TEMPLATE FOR COMMENTS**

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| ***General comments*** | | | |
| Following to our official statement delivered in text format at the second meeting of the open-ended working group on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, as it is reflected under paragraph 8 of the “text suggestions” part of the page 41 of the report of that meeting (CBD/WG2020/2/4 and CBD/WG2020/REC/2/1), in line with many other Parties insisting on the inclusion of the measures to ensure the access of all Parties in particular developing countries and Parties with economies in transition to biotechnology and its benefits, we wish to reiterate that the target 16 of the zero draft of post-2020 global biodiversity framework should be deleted entirely. Our suggestion is the replacement of the following statement for target 16: “Establish and implement measures in all countries by 2030 to make necessary arrangements to ensure access to biotechnology and its benefits and to set out appropriate procedure to handle the impacts of biotechnology on biodiversity.”  Since the target 16 of the zero draft of post-2020 global biodiversity framework at its current form is obviously and clearly in contrast with articles 16 and 19 on the convention on biological diversity (CBD) text itself, we wish to officially object its maintenance and further elaboration and work conducted for preparation of the 3 annexes to the notification number 2020-053 (“draft [Monitoring framework for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework](https://www.cbd.int/sbstta/sbstta-24/post2020-monitoring-en.pdf)”, “draft [Linkages between the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and 2030 agenda for sustainable development](https://www.cbd.int/sbstta/sbstta-24/post-2020-sdg-linkages-en.pdf)” and “draft [Indicators for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework](https://www.cbd.int/sbstta/sbstta-24/post2020-indicators-en.pdf)”) without paying proper attention to the contributions and statements mentioned by Parties as is reflected in pages 40 to 42 of the report of that meeting (CBD/WG2020/2/4 and CBD/WG2020/REC/2/1). It is clear that the convention should not and cannot be contradicted by decisions made during meetings.  Finally, Iran is prepared to accept the following compromised text.  “Establish and implement measures in all Parties by 2030 to make necessary arrangements to ensure access to biotechnology and its benefits and to set out appropriate procedure to handle the impacts of biotechnology on biodiversity taking into account considering measures in the field of the safe transfer, handling and use of any living modified organism resulting from biotechnology.” | | | |
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