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Annotated provisional agenda

Note by the Secretariat

Introduction

1. Following the invitation of the Government of Armenia, the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity will be held in Yerevan from 19 to 30 October 2026, concurrently with the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from Their Utilization. A high-level opening ceremony will be held on 18 October.
2. Preparatory meetings of regional groups may also be held on 18 October.
3. The Secretariat will prepare a compilation of the draft decisions recommended by the subsidiary bodies or developed in the light of earlier decisions and recommendations.¹

Item 1

Opening of the meeting

4. The opening of the present meeting will take place at 10 a.m. on 19 October, jointly with the opening of the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and of the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol.
5. The present meeting will be opened by the President of the sixteenth meeting, Irene Vélez Torres, or her representative. At the opening session, participants will hear a welcoming address by representatives of the presidency and of the host country.
6. The Executive Secretary, Astrid Schomaker, will address the participants and highlight the main issues before the Conference of the Parties to the Convention and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meetings of the Parties to the Protocols.
7. Representatives of regional groups, indigenous peoples and local communities, as well as of a limited number of other groups, may also make statements.

* [CBD/COP/17/1/Rev.1](#).

¹ CBD/COP/17/2.

Item 2

Organizational matters

Election of the President

8. At the opening session, the President of the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, or her representative, will call for the election of a representative of the host country as President of the seventeenth meeting. The term of office of the President of the seventeenth meeting will begin immediately following the election and end with the election of a successor at the eighteenth meeting. The President of the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention will also serve as President of the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol.

Officers other than the President

9. In accordance with rule 21 of the rules of procedure, in addition to the president, 10 vice-presidents, one of whom acts as Rapporteur, are to be elected from among the representatives of the Parties present at the meeting.

10. At its sixteenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties elected 10 members of the Bureau for a term of office commencing upon the closure of the sixteenth meeting and ending at the closure of the seventeenth meeting. The Bureau for the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties comprises the following members, in addition to the President:

Joséphine Thérèse Babette Beyala Epse Eloundou (Cameroon)

Jonas Komi Anthé (Togo)

Bilal Qtishat (Jordan)

Ilham Atho Mohamed (Maldives)

Adla Kahrić (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

To be confirmed (Uzbekistan)

Eliana Saissac (Argentina)

Gillian Guthrie (Jamaica)

Eric Schauls (Luxembourg)

Gaute Hanssen (Norway)

11. At its seventeenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention will elect Bureau members whose terms of office will commence upon the closure of the meeting, in accordance with rule 21 of the rules of procedure. The Conference of the Parties to the Convention is encouraged to elect members that are also Parties to the Protocols.

12. Regional groups are urged to submit their nominations at the opening of the meeting to make it possible for the elections to take place at an early stage of the meeting, thus enabling the newly elected members of the Bureau to attend, as observers, the Bureau meetings to be held during the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and ensuring a smooth transition between outgoing and incoming Bureau members.²

Election of officers of subsidiary bodies and other meetings

13. Rule 26 of the rules of procedure provides that the chairperson of any subsidiary body shall be elected by the Conference of the Parties. At the present meeting, the Conference of the Parties will therefore need to elect the Chairperson of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and

² Where necessary, substitute officers will be elected by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol.

Technological Advice and the Chairperson of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, to preside over the respective bodies for a term of office commencing at the closure of the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and ending at the closure of the eighteenth meeting. According to the established regional rotation, it is expected that the Chairperson of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice will be elected from the Western European and other States and that the Chairperson of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation will be elected from the Eastern European States.

14. Further information on the procedures for the election of officers will be provided in an information document.

Adoption of the agenda

15. The provisional agenda was prepared by the Secretariat in accordance with rules 8 and 9 of the rules of procedure, with guidance from the Bureau and taking relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties into account.

16. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to adopt the agenda for the present meeting, pursuant to the rules of procedure, on the basis of the provisional agenda.

Organization of work

17. In accordance with established practice, the Conference of the Parties may wish to establish two working groups to support the work conducted in plenary.

18. As decided by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention in paragraph 3 of decision [XII/27](#), by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol in paragraph 1 of decision [BS-VII/9](#) and by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol in paragraph 1 of decision [NP-1/12](#), ordinary meetings of the Conference of the Parties are held within a two-week period that also includes the meetings of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meetings of the Parties to the Protocols.

19. Accordingly, the proposed organization of work for the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol will be set out in a document common to all three meetings.³ The document will also include a division of responsibilities between the plenary and the two working groups. The scenario note, including the organization of work, will be prepared taking into account the experience gained since 2016 in the concurrent convening of the meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meetings of the Parties to the Protocols. It is thus envisaged that the two working groups will also address issues related to the Protocols.

20. Organizational matters, reports of intersessional and regional preparatory meetings and reports on administrative and budgetary matters, as well as draft decisions on substantive items, as prepared by the working groups, and final matters, are expected to be considered in plenary sessions.

21. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider and approve the proposed organization of work.

22. If the two working groups are established, the Conference of the Parties will need to elect a chair for each.

23. Interpretation will be available for plenary sessions and sessions of the working groups.

24. A list of working documents for the present meeting is provided in the annex.

³ CBD/COP/17/1/Rev.1/Add.2.

Item 3

Report on the credentials of representatives to the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties

25. Rule 18 of the rules of procedure states that:

The credentials of representatives and the names of alternate representatives and advisers shall be submitted to the Executive Secretary of the Conference of the Parties or the representative of the Executive Secretary if possible not later than 24 hours after the opening of the meeting. Any later change in the composition of the delegation shall also be submitted to the Executive Secretary or the representative of the Executive Secretary. The credentials shall be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or, in the case of a regional economic integration organization, by the competent authority of that organization.

26. Rule 19 provides that the Bureau of any meeting is to examine the credentials and submit its report to the Conference of the Parties for decision.

27. In order to assist Parties in fulfilling the requirements under rule 18, the Executive Secretary will issue a notification that includes information on requirements for credentials and a link to sample formats for appropriate credentials. Following previous practice, representatives of Parties to the Convention that are also Parties to the Cartagena and Nagoya Protocols may submit a single set of credentials for the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol.

28. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider and adopt the report on credentials⁴ submitted to it by the Bureau.

Item 4

Pending issues

29. At its first meeting, the Conference of the Parties adopted the rules of procedure for its meetings by its decision [I/1](#), with the exception of rule 40, paragraph 1, relating to the taking of substantive decisions, which was left in brackets. The Conference of the Parties has considered this outstanding matter at its subsequent meetings but without resolving it conclusively. At the third meeting, consensus was reached concerning some, but not all, of the text in brackets.

30. In its decision [I/6](#), the Conference of the Parties adopted the financial rules for the administration of the trust fund for the Convention. Paragraphs 4 and 16 of those rules contain bracketed text. Paragraph 4 deals with the scale of assessments for the apportionment of contributions by Parties to the trust fund, while paragraph 16 deals with the adoption of decisions regarding the trust fund. The paragraphs have been considered at subsequent meetings of the Conference of the Parties but without reaching any agreement. The text therefore remains bracketed.

31. Since it is not expected that the aforementioned matters can be resolved at the present meeting, it is suggested to postpone their consideration to a future meeting.

Item 5

Date and venue of future meetings of the Conference of the Parties

32. In accordance with paragraph 2 of rule 4 of its rules of procedure, the Conference of the Parties decides at each ordinary meeting on the date and duration of the next ordinary meeting. In accordance with paragraph 1 of rule 4, ordinary meetings are to be held every two years.

⁴ CBD/COP/17/INF/2.

33. In its decision [XIII/33](#), the Conference of the Parties agreed that, in line with paragraph 1 of rule 21 of the rules of procedure, with respect to the rotation of the office of the President among the five United Nations regional groups, starting from the seventeenth meeting, the President of the Conference of the Parties should be elected from among the five regional groups in the following order: Eastern European States; Latin American and the Caribbean States; African States; Asia-Pacific States; and Western European and other States.

34. In its decision [16/27](#), the Conference of the Parties invited interested Parties from among the Latin American and Caribbean States to notify the Executive Secretary of their offers to host the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol.

35. An update on the matter, including any offer made by one or more Parties, will be provided to the Conference of the Parties for its consideration.

36. Elements of a draft decision prepared by the Secretariat will also be provided in the compilation of draft decisions.

Item 6

Reports of intersessional and regional preparatory meetings

37. The President will inform the Conference of the Parties of the results of the meetings of the subsidiary bodies held during the intersessional period, on the understanding that the substantive issues arising therefrom will be considered under the appropriate agenda items.

38. The reports of the subsidiary bodies on their meetings that will be made available for the present meeting are:

(a) The reports of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice on its twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth meetings;⁵

(b) The reports of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation on its sixth and seventh meetings;⁶

(c) The report of the Subsidiary Body on Article 8(j) and Other Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity Related to Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities on its first meeting.⁷

Item 7

Administration of the Convention on Biological Diversity, budget for the trust funds and functional review of the Secretariat

39. At their sixteenth, eleventh and fifth meetings, respectively, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol adopted an integrated budget for the biennium 2025–2026.⁸ In its decision [16/28](#), the Conference of the Parties to the Convention also requested the Executive Secretary to prepare proposals for an integrated budget for the biennium 2027–2028.

40. At its sixth meeting, further to a request in paragraph 11 of decision [16/28](#), the Subsidiary Body on Implementation considered the functional review of the Secretariat and adopted recommendation [6/9](#), which contains a draft decision.

⁵ [CBD/SBSTTA/27/10](#) and [CBD/SBSTTA/28/8](#), respectively.

⁶ [CBD/SBI/6/11](#) and [CBD/SBI/7/15](#), respectively.

⁷ [CBD/SB8J/1/8](#).

⁸ See decisions [16/28](#), [CP-11/11](#) and [NP-5/12](#).

41. At its seventh meeting, the Subsidiary Body is to adopt a recommendation on administrative and budgetary matters in response to requests in paragraphs 13, 39 and 41 of decision [16/28](#), including a detailed and integrated programme of work for the period 2027–2028 and a draft decision for consideration by the Conference of the Parties.

42. The Conference of the Parties will have before it notes by the Secretariat on:

(a) The administration of the Convention and its Protocols for the biennium 2025–2026, which will reflect the income and budget performance, unspent balances and the status of surpluses and carry-overs, as well as any adjustments made to the budget for the biennium 2025–2026;⁹

(b) The proposed budget for the programme of work of the Convention and its Protocols for the biennium 2027–2028, which will contain a detailed and integrated programme of work for the period 2027–2028 with objectives, tasks to be completed by the Secretariat and results expected under each budget item, with three budget scenarios;¹⁰

(c) A report on the reappointment of the Executive Secretary;¹¹

(d) Further information on requirements for the trust fund for additional voluntary contributions in support of approved activities, including a summary of the financial implications of draft decisions, and other elements requested in decision [16/28](#);¹²

(e) A progress report on the implementation of the outstanding audit recommendations;¹³

(f) A progress report on the functional review.¹⁴

43. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to adopt an integrated budget, including the budget for the trust fund for the Convention, on the basis of the proposals of the Secretariat, and to consider the relevant draft decisions from the Subsidiary Body, as provided in the compilation of draft decisions, with a view to their adoption.

Item 8

Resource mobilization and financial mechanism

(a) Resource mobilization

44. By its decision [16/34](#), the Conference of the Parties adopted the strategy for resource mobilization for the period 2025–2030 and recalled its decision to keep the implementation of the strategy under review at each of its meetings, starting at the present meeting, through the global stocktake. It also decided to implement Articles 21 and 39 of the Convention and to address the global biodiversity finance gap by 2030 by: (a) establishing the permanent arrangement for the financial mechanism envisioned under Article 21; and (b) assessing and improving the mobilization of finance from all sources.

45. In the same decision, the Conference of the Parties established intersessional processes and road maps until its nineteenth meeting for the implementation of the two elements mentioned above. Several initial tasks, detailed below, were to be considered by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation before the seventeenth meeting. A number of requests, also detailed below, were made to the Secretariat to support consideration of said tasks. In addition, paragraph 26 of the decision contained other requests to the Secretariat related to resource mobilization.

⁹ CBD/COP/17/3.

¹⁰ CBD/COP/17/4.

¹¹ CBD/COP/17/4/Add.1.

¹² CBD/COP/17/4/Add.2.

¹³ CBD/COP/17/4/Add.3.

¹⁴ CBD/COP/17/4/Add.4.

46. At its sixth meeting, the Subsidiary Body considered the preliminary findings from the three studies requested in paragraph 26 (b) of decision [16/34](#)¹⁵ and adopted recommendation [6/1](#), which contains elements of a draft decision. In paragraph 3 of the same recommendation, the Subsidiary Body requested the Executive Secretary to extend the deadline for a peer review of the draft studies to 20 May 2026; finalize the studies and submit them to the Conference of the Parties for consideration at its seventeenth meeting; and include in its progress report for the seventeenth meeting any suggested amendment to the draft decision below that would result from insights contained in the final versions of the studies.

47. Further to those request, the deadline for peer review was extended accordingly and the finalized studies were made available as information documents. Document CBD/COP/17/5 will include a progress report on the requests to the Executive Secretary contained in paragraph 26 of decision [16/34](#), as well as, as necessary, any suggested amendments to the draft decision contained in recommendation [6/1](#) that would result from insights contained in the final versions of the studies.

48. A study on how to strengthen the tracking and reporting of the various sources of biodiversity finance has also been prepared further to subparagraph 25 (b) of decision [16/34](#) and is to be made available as an information document for the seventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, while relevant conclusions from the study are to be reflected in a working document for that meeting.¹⁶ Given its relevance to the monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, the study has also been considered when updating the metadata for the headline indicators and is to be made available as a reference document for the twenty-eighth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice.

49. At its seventh meeting, the Subsidiary Body on Implementation will have before it notes by the Secretariat¹⁷ covering the remaining tasks listed in decision [16/34](#) that will include:

(a) A summary of the main insights arising from the review of the strategy for resource mobilization (further to paras. 7 and 25 (a));

(b) Draft elements for further developing the criteria for the institutional structure to operate the financial mechanism, taking into consideration the compilation of views contained in annex II to the decision (further to paras. 22 (a) and 24 of the decision);

(c) Identified impediments to the effectiveness of global biodiversity finance and elements for its further enhancement (further to paras. 23 (a) and 24);

(d) Proposals for the best periodicity for the issuance of notifications for updating the list of developed country Parties and other Parties in a position to voluntarily assume the obligations of developed country Parties in accordance with Article 20, paragraph (2), of the Convention, and opportunities for broadening the contributor base (further to paras. 18 and 24).

(e) Elements of a draft decision covering the topics mentioned above.

50. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider a consolidated draft decision, comprising the elements developed by the Subsidiary Body at its sixth and seventh meetings, as reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions, with a view to its adoption.

¹⁵ The studies were on: (a) the relationship between debt sustainability and the implementation of the Convention ([CBD/SBI/6/INF/15](#)); (b) the relationship between biodiversity and climate finance ([CBD/SBI/6/INF/16](#)); and (c) how the guidance on safeguards in biodiversity finance mechanisms adopted in decisions [XII/3](#) and [14/15](#) has been implemented, identifying good practices and lessons learned, as well as opportunities for improving implementation of the guidance ([CBD/SBI/6/INF/18](#)).

¹⁶ CBD/SBI/7/3/Add.4.

¹⁷ CBD/SBI/7/3 and its addenda.

(b) Financial mechanism

51. At its sixth meeting, pursuant to decision [16/33](#), the Subsidiary Body on Implementation considered information on the funding needs received from eligible developing country Parties, draft terms of reference for conducting the fifth determination of funding needs for the tenth replenishment period of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) Trust Fund (July 2030–June 2034), draft terms of reference for the seventh quadrennial review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism and draft elements for further guidance to GEF, which led to the adoption of recommendation [6/2](#), which contains a draft decision addressing those issues.

52. At its seventh meeting, the Subsidiary Body is to address the topic of the relationship with GEF. It will have before it the preliminary report of the GEF Council and will be invited to adopt a recommendation containing additional elements for the draft decision on the financial mechanism.

53. At the present meeting, the Conference of the Parties will have before it a note by the Secretariat¹⁸ and the report of the GEF Council to the Conference of the Parties.¹⁹

54. The elements of a draft decision contained in recommendation [6/2](#) and the related recommendation to be adopted at the seventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body will be consolidated into one draft decision in the compilation of draft decisions. On the basis of its review of the consolidated draft decision and of the decisions on the financial mechanism of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol at its twelfth meeting and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol at its sixth meeting, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention will be invited to adopt a decision on the financial mechanism related to: (a) guidance for the GEF trust fund and the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund; (b) a funding needs assessment; and (c) the review of effectiveness of the financial mechanism.

Item 9**Planning, monitoring, reporting and review****(a) Global review of collective progress in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework**

55. At its fifteenth meeting, by its decision [15/4](#), the Conference of the Parties adopted the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and decided that a key element of section J of the Framework, on responsibility and transparency, was a global review of collective progress in the implementation of the Framework. It decided in its decision [15/6](#) to consider the global review at its seventeenth and nineteenth meetings and agreed in its decision [16/32](#) on the concrete procedures for such a review.

56. Also in decision [16/32](#), the Conference of the Parties decided that the global review would be primarily based on national reports and a global report on collective progress in the implementation of the Framework and would draw upon relevant recommendations of the subsidiary bodies and working groups and, as relevant, the outcomes of an informal technical dialogue, subregional, regional and interregional dialogues and the global analysis of information in national biodiversity strategies and action plans described in subparagraph 1 (c) of decision [15/6](#).

57. In the same decision, the Conference of the Parties also decided that the global review would be a Party-led process guided by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, with scientific, technical and technological inputs, in particular inputs to the global report, from the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and with advice on traditional knowledge inputs from the Subsidiary Body on Article 8(j) and Other Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity Related to Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities. The Conference of the Parties

¹⁸ CBD/COP/17/5.

¹⁹ CBD/COP/17/5/Add.1.

established an ad hoc scientific and technical advisory group to support the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice in the provision of its inputs.

58. At its twenty-seventh meeting, the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice approved the annotated outline for the global report in its recommendation [27/1](#). At its first meeting, the Subsidiary Body on Article 8(j) and Other Provisions of the Convention Related to Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities provided advice on traditional knowledge for the global report in its recommendation [1/5](#). Issues related to the submission and global analysis of national biodiversity strategies and action plans were considered by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its sixth meeting and led to the adoption of recommendation [6/3](#), while issues related to the global report and the scientific, technical and technological inputs for the global review are to be considered by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at its twenty-eighth meeting. The preparatory process for the report will culminate at the seventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, at which time the Subsidiary Body will consider the recommendations from the other subsidiary bodies and prepare a single draft decision on the present agenda item, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties.

59. In its decision [16/32](#), the Conference of the Parties decided that the global review would culminate in a decision or decisions by the Conference of the Parties, including, as necessary, any recommendations to identify and address challenges in collective progress in implementation, including on the means of implementation, in particular for developing country Parties, with a view to achieving the goals and targets of the Framework.

60. At its twenty-eighth meeting, the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice is to consider a draft recommendation containing elements of a decision related to the global review falling under its mandate, as well as the Monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (see sub-item (b) below). Similarly, at its seventh meeting, the Subsidiary Body on Implementation is to consider a draft recommendation containing elements of a decision related to the global review falling under its mandate.

61. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider a consolidated draft decision comprising the elements from the two subsidiary bodies mentioned above, as well as elements described in sub-item (b) below, as reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions, with a view to its adoption.

(b) Monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

62. By its decision [15/5](#), the Conference of the Parties adopted the monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework. In the same decision, it decided to consider a review of the monitoring framework in order to finish its development at its sixteenth meeting, and thereafter keep the monitoring framework under review, as appropriate. By its decision [16/31](#), the Conference of the Parties endorsed the technical updates to the headline and binary indicators in the monitoring framework, took note of optional disaggregations of the headline indicators and voluntary component and complementary indicators and adopted a list of binary indicator questions. It also welcomed guidance on the monitoring framework provided by the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Indicators for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.

63. At its twenty-eighth meeting, pursuant to the request by the Conference of the Parties in paragraph 9 of decision [16/31](#), the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice is to review updated metadata for headline indicators, as well as the list of component and complementary indicators in decision [15/5](#) that have met the criteria for inclusion in the monitoring framework since the adoption of that decision, for use by Parties in their eighth national reports. Pursuant to the request in paragraph 24 of the same decision, it is also to review the needs of Parties in the implementation of the monitoring framework and to consider how to address any technical or capacity gaps. At the same meeting, the Subsidiary Body is to consider a draft recommendation

containing elements of a decision related to the monitoring framework, as well as the global review falling under its mandate (see sub-item (a) above).

64. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider a consolidated draft decision comprising those elements and those described in sub-item (a) above, as reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions, with a view to its adoption.

Item 10

Implementation of Article 8(j) and other provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity related to indigenous peoples and local communities

(a) Modus operandi of the Subsidiary Body on Article 8(j) and Other Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity Related to Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities

65. In its decision [16/5](#), the Conference of the Parties established the Subsidiary Body on Article 8(j) and Other Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity related to Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities, with a mandate to provide advice to the Conference of the Parties, other subsidiary bodies and, subject to their request, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on matters of relevance to indigenous peoples and local communities that are within the scope of the Convention and its Protocols.

66. In the same decision, the Conference of the Parties requested the Subsidiary Body on Article 8(j) and Other Provisions of the Convention related to Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities, at its first meeting, to further elaborate and finalize its modus operandi on the basis of the draft contained in recommendation [12/2](#) of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Intersessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention, taking into consideration the consolidated modus operandi of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the modus operandi of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, as well as established procedures of the Intersessional Working Group, and to submit it for consideration at the present meeting.

67. In response to that request, the Subsidiary Body on Article 8(j) and Other Provisions of the Convention Related to Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities adopted recommendation [1/2](#) on its modus operandi at its first meeting.

68. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider the draft decision contained in the recommendation of the Subsidiary Body, as reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions, with a view to its adoption.

(b) Implementation of the programme of work on Article 8(j) and other provisions of the Convention related to indigenous peoples and local communities to 2030

(i) Guidelines to strengthen the legal and policy framework for the implementation of Targets 2 and 3 of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, including on indigenous and traditional territories, to support the protection and restoration practices led by indigenous peoples and local communities (Task 1.1); and guidelines for the inclusion and consideration of traditional lands and of resource use in spatial planning processes and environmental impact assessments (Task 1.2)

69. By its decision [16/4](#), the Conference of the Parties adopted a programme of work on Article 8(j) and other provisions of the Convention related to indigenous peoples and local communities to 2030, prioritizing those tasks that contribute directly to the timely, full and effective implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework. Tasks 1.1 and 1.2 of the programme of work are among the tasks assigned to the Subsidiary Body on Article 8(j) and Other Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity Related to Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities.

70. To assist the Subsidiary Body in its work, the Executive Secretary invited Parties, other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities and relevant stakeholders to provide their views and information on Tasks 1.1 and 1.2.²⁰ The Secretariat also held an expert workshop to support the implementation of Tasks 1.1 and 1.2, from 22 to 24 July 2025.

71. At its first meeting, the Subsidiary Body considered elements to be included in the proposed guidelines and adopted recommendation [1/3](#).

72. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider the draft decision and proposed guidelines contained in the recommendation of the Subsidiary Body, as included in the compilation of draft decisions, with a view to their adoption.

(ii) Process to review and update the Voluntary Glossary of Key Terms and Concepts Within the Context of Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention (Task 5.4)

73. Under Task 5.4 of the programme of work on Article 8(j) and other provisions of the Convention related to indigenous peoples and local communities to 2030, the Subsidiary Body on Article 8(j) and Other Provisions of the Convention Related to Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities is tasked with reviewing and updating, as needed, the Voluntary Glossary of Key Terms and Concepts within the Context of Article 8(j) and Related Provisions in the light of the adoption of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework. At its first meeting, the Subsidiary Body considered a possible process and steps for the review and update of the Glossary and adopted recommendation [1/4](#).

74. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider the draft decision contained in the recommendation of the Subsidiary Body, as reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions, with a view to its adoption.

(c) In-depth dialogue on Article 8(j) and related provisions of the Convention

75. Pursuant to decision [16/7](#), the Subsidiary Body on Article 8(j) and Other Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity Related to Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities conducted at its first meeting an in-depth dialogue on “Strategies for mobilizing resources to ensure the availability of and access to financial resources and funding, as well as other means of implementation, including capacity-building, development and technical support for indigenous peoples and local communities, including women and youth, to support the full implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework”.

76. Further to that dialogue, the Subsidiary Body adopted recommendation [1/1](#), which included a proposed theme for the next iteration of the in-depth dialogue.

77. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider the draft decision contained in the recommendation of the Subsidiary Body, as reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions, with a view to its adoption.

(d) Recommendations of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

78. At its first meeting, in its recommendation [1/6](#), the Subsidiary Body on Article 8(j) and Other Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity Related to Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities took note of the recommendations emanating from the twenty-third and twenty-fourth sessions of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in the context of the Convention.

79. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider the draft decision contained in the recommendation of the Subsidiary Body, as reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions, with a view to its adoption.

²⁰ See notification No. [2025-061](#).

Item 11**Digital sequence information on genetic resources**

80. In its decision [15/9](#), the Conference of the Parties established, as part of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, a multilateral mechanism for benefit-sharing from the use of digital sequence information on genetic resources, including a global fund. By its decision [16/2](#), it adopted the modalities for operationalizing the Multilateral Mechanism, including a global fund, which was named the Cali Fund for the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits from the Use of Digital Sequence Information on Genetic Resources.

81. In the same decision, the Conference of the Parties called for a submission of views on possible new tools and models, such as databases, for making digital sequence information on genetic resources publicly available and accessible in a transparent and accountable manner to all Parties, and it requested the Executive Secretary to synthesize those views and to commission a study on options for making such information publicly available and accessible in a transparent and accountable manner. At its seventh meeting, the Subsidiary Body on Implementation is to consider the synthesis and the study, with a view to submitting a draft decision to the Conference of the Parties.

82. Also in the same decision, the Conference of the Parties solicited views on the modalities of the Multilateral Mechanism, including, in the context of paragraph 7 of decision [15/9](#) and the annex to decision [16/2](#), possible additional modalities that took products and services into account, and it requested the Executive Secretary to synthesize the views for consideration by the Subsidiary Body and adoption of a recommendation containing a draft decision for consideration by the Conference of the Parties.

83. In its decision [16/2](#), the Conference of the Parties established a steering committee tasked with developing a methodology for the review of effectiveness of the Multilateral Mechanism, including the Cali Fund. The Subsidiary Body is to review the draft methodology at its seventh meeting, with a view to submitting a recommendation to the Conference of the Parties.

84. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider a consolidated draft decision that will include the elements contained in the recommendation of the Subsidiary Body and the elements contained in a note by the Secretariat on the work carried out pursuant to decision [16/2](#),²¹ as reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions, with a view to its adoption.

85. The Steering Committee was also mandated to provide oversight of the operations of the Cali Fund host, guide the operations of the newly established secretariat of the Multilateral Mechanism and report and provide advice in a report for the Conference of the Parties to consider at each of its meetings.

86. In its decision [16/2](#), the Conference of the Parties established the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Allocation Methodology with the mandate to provide technical advice and guidance on remaining and unresolved issues relating to the disbursement of funds on the basis of paragraph 20 of the annex to the decision. In particular, the Group is to develop an allocation methodology for such disbursement. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider the outcomes of the work of the Group to determine the formula for allocating funds, as included in the note by the Secretariat.

87. In the same decision, the Executive Secretary was requested to carry out two further studies, one on contribution rates, including implications for revenue generation and economic competitiveness, and another on national and international standards for the identification of small, medium and large entities using digital sequence information on genetic resources and meeting certain criteria, for the Conference of the Parties to consider and establish thresholds and contribution rates for private sector entities. Owing to limited resources, and given that the standards for small,

²¹ CBD/COP/17/6.

medium and large entities are relevant for the modelling of the flow of contributions to the Cali Fund, the topics of the two studies were taken up under one study addressing both elements.

88. The Conference of the Parties will have before it:

(a) A note by the Secretariat on the work carried out pursuant to decision [16/2](#), which will contain elements of a draft decision;

(b) A consolidated draft decision comprising the elements adopted by the Subsidiary Body at its seventh meeting and those in the note by the Secretariat mentioned above, as reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions;

(c) The report and advice of the Steering Committee;²²

(d) The outcomes of the work of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Allocation Methodology on the disbursement of funds from the Cali Fund;²³

(e) The executive summary of the study mentioned in paragraph 87 above.²⁴

89. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider the consolidated draft decision, with a view to its adoption.

Item 12

Matters relating to support mechanisms for the implementation and awareness of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

(a) Capacity-building and development and technical and scientific cooperation

90. In its decision [15/8](#), the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to undertake, in collaboration with other biodiversity-related conventions and partners, a review of the long-term strategic framework for capacity-building and development, in conjunction with the global review of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, including the means of implementation, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth meeting, to assess its use by Parties, indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth organizations, and other relevant stakeholders and, if necessary, propose updates to ensure its effectiveness to assist Parties in implementing the Framework.

91. In its decision [16/3](#), the Conference of the Parties requested the Informal Advisory Group on Technical and Scientific Cooperation to identify suitable options to further address the technological, technical and institutional capability gaps identified, in particular by developing country Parties, and to prepare terms of reference for the independent evaluation of the relevance and effectiveness of the long-term strategic framework for capacity-building and development and the technical and scientific cooperation mechanism. It also requested the regional and subregional technical and scientific cooperation support centres to submit to the global coordination entity their activity reports for the period 2025–2026, for review by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, so that it may identify possible gaps and solutions for improving the delivery of technical and scientific cooperation and adopt a recommendation containing a draft decision for consideration by the Conference of the Parties.

92. In the same decision, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to prepare a progress report on the technical and scientific cooperation mechanism, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body and by the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth meeting.

²² CBD/COP/17/6/Add.1.

²³ CBD/COP/17/6/Add.2.

²⁴ CBD/COP/17/6/Add.3.

93. Pursuant to the aforementioned requests, the Subsidiary Body considered capacity-building and development and technical and scientific cooperation at its sixth meeting and adopted recommendation [6/5](#), which contains elements of a draft decision, including proposed terms of reference for the independent evaluations of the relevance and effectiveness of the framework and of the technical and scientific cooperation mechanism. At its seventh meeting, the Subsidiary Body is to consider a report on progress made in the implementation of the long-term strategic framework and a progress report on the technical and scientific cooperation mechanism. It will be invited to adopt a recommendation containing additional elements of a draft decision on enhancing the uptake and use of the framework and on improving the delivery of technical and scientific cooperation, as identified in the activity reports of the support centres.

94. The draft decision contained in recommendation [6/5](#) and the additional elements of a draft decision contained in the recommendation on the long-term strategic framework and the technical and scientific cooperation mechanism to be adopted at the seventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body will be consolidated in the compilation of draft decisions, for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties.

(b) Clearing-house mechanism and knowledge management

95. By its decisions [16/9 A and B](#), the Conference of the Parties adopted the programme of work for the clearing-house mechanism for the period 2024–2030 and the knowledge management strategy to support the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, respectively.

96. Pursuant to the aforementioned requests, the Subsidiary Body, at its seventh meeting, is to consider a progress report on the implementation of activities conducted under the programme of work for the clearing-house mechanism and the knowledge management strategy and to prepare a recommendation that will include a draft decision for consideration and further guidance by the Conference of the Parties at the present meeting.

97. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to adopt a decision on the basis of the recommendation of the Subsidiary Body, as reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions, with a view to its adoption.

(c) Communication, education and public awareness

98. In paragraph 6 of decision [16/10](#), the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to: (a) develop, in collaboration with stakeholders and partners, a global plan of action for education on biodiversity, encompassing formal and informal education, and to submit such a plan for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at a meeting to be held before the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and by the Conference of the Parties at the present meeting; (b) implement, in consultation with the Informal Advisory Committee on Communication, Education and Public Awareness, the suggested actions to align the programme of work on communication, education and public awareness with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, as contained in the annex to the decision; (c) submit a progress report on the implementation of the suggested actions to align the programme of work with the Framework, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body; and (d) continue to implement the communication strategy to support the implementation of the Framework and facilitate the mobilization of the resources required.

99. At its seventh meeting, the Subsidiary Body is to consider the draft global plan of action for education on biodiversity and the progress report on the implementation of the suggested actions mentioned above, with a view to adopting a recommendation containing a draft decision.

100. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider the draft decision contained in the recommendation of the Subsidiary Body, as reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions, with a view to its adoption.

Item 13**Cooperation with international organizations
and bodies established under other conventions**

101. In its decision [16/35](#), the Conference of the Parties invited Parties, other Governments, the governing bodies of other conventions and other entities to conduct cooperation activities in support of the implementation of the Rio conventions and among biodiversity-related conventions and other relevant multilateral environmental agreements. At its sixth meeting, the Subsidiary Body on Implementation considered a progress report by the Secretariat on cooperation activities with other conventions and international organizations pertinent to decision [16/35](#) and adopted recommendation [6/6](#).

102. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider a brief update to the progress report mentioned above and to adopt a decision on the basis of recommendation [6/6](#) of the Subsidiary Body, as reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions, with a view to its adoption.

Item 14**Mainstreaming of biodiversity and engagement with subnational governments****(a) Mainstreaming of biodiversity within and across sectors**

103. In paragraph 6 of decision [16/13](#), the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to undertake the following activities in order to advance biodiversity mainstreaming in support of the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework: to provide a structured overview of available good practices, tools, mechanisms, guidance and relevant solutions to support biodiversity mainstreaming within and across sectors, under both the Convention and other processes; and to foster sector-specific communities of practice for the exchange of lessons learned, bringing together partners and experts from a variety of backgrounds to share best practices, existing tools, solutions, guidance and innovative practices that could support implementation within and across sectors. It also requested the Executive Secretary to prepare a progress report on those activities, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation.

104. The Subsidiary Body is to consider the progress report mentioned above at its seventh meeting, with a view to submitting a draft decision for consideration by the Conference of the Parties.

105. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider the draft decision contained in the recommendation of the Subsidiary Body, as reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions, with a view to its adoption.

(b) Engagement with subnational governments, cities and other local authorities to enhance the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

106. In its decision [15/12](#), the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to undertake a review of the role of subnational governments, cities and other local authorities in the implementation of the objectives of the Convention and its Protocols and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, and to submit a report to the Subsidiary Body on Implementation before the present meeting.

107. The Subsidiary Body is to consider the aforementioned review at its seventh meeting, with a view to adopting a recommendation containing a draft decision, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties.

108. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider the draft decision contained in the recommendation of the Subsidiary Body, as reproduced by the compilation of draft decisions, with a view to its adoption.

Item 15

Gender Plan of Action

109. By its decision [15/11](#), the Conference of the Parties adopted the Gender Plan of Action (2023-2030), the purpose of which is to support and promote the gender responsive implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework. In the same decision, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to undertake a midterm review of implementation of the Gender Plan of Action, identifying progress, lessons learned and further work to be undertaken for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at a meeting held before the present meeting.

110. At its sixth meeting, the Subsidiary on Implementation considered the midterm review and adopted recommendation [6/4](#).

111. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider the draft decision contained in recommendation [6/4](#), as reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions, with a view to its adoption.

Item 16

Synthetic biology

112. In its decision [16/21](#), the Conference of the Parties decided to develop a thematic action plan to support capacity-building and development, access to and transfer of technology and knowledge-sharing in the context of synthetic biology for the implementation of the three objectives of the Convention and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, in line with the long-term strategic framework for capacity-building and development.

113. In the same decision, the Conference of the Parties established a new ad hoc technical expert group tasked with, inter alia, identifying the current and potential benefits of synthetic biology and the potential positive and negative impacts of the most recent technological developments in synthetic biology, and providing advice on how capacity-building and development, access to and transfer of technology and knowledge-sharing in synthetic biology can be taken into account with respect to the draft thematic action plan, in the light of future developments of synthetic biology and the implementation of the objectives of the Conventions and the Framework.

114. At its twenty-eighth meeting, the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice is to review the outcomes of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Synthetic Biology and the draft thematic action plan, with a view to adopting a recommendation containing elements of a draft decision, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties.

115. At its seventh meeting, the Subsidiary Body on Implementation is to review the implementation aspects of the thematic action plan, with a view to adopting a recommendation containing elements of a draft decision, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties.

116. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider a draft decision containing the consolidated inputs from the two subsidiary bodies, as reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions, with a view to its adoption.

Item 17

Scientific and technical needs to support the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and matters related to the work programme of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services

(a) Strategic review and analysis of the programmes of work under the Convention on Biological Diversity in the context of the Framework

117. At its twenty-seventh meeting, the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice considered a strategic review and analysis of programmes of work in the

context of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, prepared by the Secretariat pursuant to decisions [15/4](#) and [16/12](#), and adopted recommendation [27/4](#), in which it requested the Executive Secretary to propose a systematic approach, timeline and schedule of review and potential updating for the programmes of work under the Convention, demonstrating their alignment with the Framework, identifying efficiencies and improving consistency in their implementation, using consistent evaluation methodology, to the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties for its consideration, with a view to addressing the issue at the seventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, in the context of the multi-year programme of work. Recommendation [27/4](#) also contains a draft decision for consideration by the Conference of the Parties.

118. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider the draft decision contained in recommendation [27/4](#), as reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions, as well as any outcomes on the matter that may arise from the deliberations in the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties.

(b) Strategic review of and updates to the expanded programme of work on forest biodiversity

119. At its twenty-seventh meeting, the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice considered a strategic review of and update to the expanded programme of work on forest biodiversity in the context of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, prepared by the Secretariat pursuant to decisions [15/4](#) and [16/12](#), and adopted recommendation [27/5](#), which contains a draft decision with a supplement to the expanded programme of work.

120. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider the draft decision contained in recommendation [27/5](#), as reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions, with a view to its adoption.

(c) Strategic review of and updates to the programme of work on protected areas

121. At its twenty-eighth meeting, the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice will consider an analysis, review and draft update of the programme of work on protected areas prepared by the Secretariat pursuant to decisions [15/4](#) and [16/12](#), with a view to submitting a draft decision for consideration by the Conference of the Parties.

122. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider the draft decision contained in the recommendation of the Subsidiary Body, as reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions, with a view to its adoption.

(d) Areas of potential further work in the context of the Framework

123. Pursuant to the request by the Conference of the Parties in its decision [16/12](#), the Secretariat prepared document [CBD/SBSTTA/27/5/Add.3](#), which contained proposals for potential further work related to: (a) biodiversity-inclusive spatial planning; (b) pollution and biodiversity; (c) sustainable biodiversity-based activities, products and services that enhance biodiversity; (d) equity, gender equality and the human rights-based approach relating to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the utilization of genetic resources; and (e) different value systems, as stated in paragraph 7 (b) of section C in of the Framework. The Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice considered the document at its twenty-seventh meeting and adopted recommendation [27/6](#), in which it requested the Executive Secretary to make information provided by a number of multilateral environmental agreements and entities on their activities on the interaction of chemicals and waste, including plastic waste, with biodiversity and ecosystem services, in line with Target 7 of the Framework, available to the Subsidiary Body at its twenty-eighth meeting and to the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth meeting. Recommendation [27/6](#) also contains a draft decision on areas of potential further work in the aforementioned five areas, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties.

124. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider the draft decision contained in recommendation [27/6](#), as reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions, with a view to its adoption.

(e) Matters related to the work programme of the Platform

125. In its decision [16/11](#), the Conference of the Parties suggested various topics for consideration by the Platform as potential additional assessments in its rolling work programme.

126. In the same decision, the Conference of the Parties took note of the information contained in the overview of previous and future assessments and, as appropriate, other deliverables of the Platform, and requested the Executive Secretary, inter alia, to update the overview of previous and future deliverables of the Platform and their relevance to decision-making under the Convention. At its eleventh session, held in December 2024, the Plenary of the Platform approved the summaries for policymakers of the thematic assessments on the interlinkages among biodiversity, water, food and health (“nexus assessment”) and of the underlying causes of biodiversity loss and the determinants of transformative change and options for achieving the 2050 vision for biodiversity (“transformative change assessment”), as well as the undertaking of a second global assessment on biodiversity and ecosystem services, as outlined in the scoping report for the assessment. At its twelfth session, held in February 2026, the Plenary of the Platform approved the summary for policymakers of the methodological assessment of the impact and dependence of business on biodiversity and nature’s contributions to people (“business and biodiversity assessment”).

127. Also in the same decision, the Conference of the Parties requested the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice to consider the outputs of the Platform according to the schedule contained in the annex to the decision. The Subsidiary Body considered the nexus and the transformative change assessments, as well as the scoping report for the second global assessment on biodiversity and ecosystem services, at its twenty-seventh meeting and adopted recommendation [27/2](#), which contains a draft decision.

128. The Subsidiary Body is to consider the business and biodiversity assessment at its twenty-eighth meeting, with a view to adopting a recommendation with additional elements of a draft decision for consideration by the Conference of the Parties.

129. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider a draft decision containing the consolidated inputs from both meetings of the Subsidiary Body, as reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions, with a view to its adoption.

Item 18

Other scientific and technical issues related to the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

(a) Biodiversity and climate change

130. At its twenty-seventh meeting, the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice considered a report prepared by the Secretariat on the activities undertaken pursuant to decision [16/22](#), in particular the development of a supplement to the Voluntary Guidelines for the Design and Effective Implementation of Ecosystem-based Approaches to Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction and options for enhancing policy coherence and cooperation across the Rio conventions, and adopted recommendation [27/3](#).

131. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider the draft decision contained in recommendation [27/3](#), as reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions, with a view to its adoption.

(b) Sustainable wildlife management

132. Pursuant to decision [16/15](#), the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice is to consider at its twenty-eighth meeting a synthesis of best practices for the sustainable wildlife management. At the same meeting, it will also consider draft global guidance on the sustainable management of wildlife applicable to multiple species and multiple practices, with a focus on: inclusive and participatory decision-making; the inclusion of multiple systems of knowledge and the recognition of rights; and the equitable distribution of costs and benefits. The Subsidiary Body will be invited to adopt a recommendation on sustainable wildlife management containing a draft decision.

133. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider the draft decision contained in the recommendation of the Subsidiary Body, as reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions, with a view to its adoption.

(c) Marine and coastal biodiversity and island biodiversity

134. Pursuant to decision [16/16](#), the Secretariat has been facilitating the implementation of the modalities for the modification of descriptions of ecologically or biologically significant marine areas and the description of new areas and has prepared draft voluntary guidelines on peer-review processes for the description of areas meeting the criteria for ecologically or biologically significant marine areas and other relevant compatible and complementary scientific criteria. At its twenty-eighth meeting, the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice is to consider the outcomes of this work, as well as a progress report on activities undertaken pursuant to decision [16/17](#), and to adopt a recommendation containing a draft decision.

135. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider the draft decision contained in the recommendation of the Subsidiary Body, as reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions, with a view to its adoption.

(d) Biodiversity and agriculture

136. At its twenty-seven meeting, further to its consideration of a report on the activities undertaken by the Secretariat pursuant to decision [15/28](#), in particular a review of progress in the implementation of the Plan of Action (2020–2030) for the International Initiative for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Soil Biodiversity, the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice adopted recommendation [27/9](#), in which it addressed issues related to the implementation of the Plan of Action; cooperation to implement coherent actions to address the conservation and restoration of soil biodiversity and soil health and their interlinkages with pollution control; harmonized methodologies and compatible indicators for the conservation and sustainable use of soil biodiversity; and the development of relevant tools and voluntary guidance and the promotion of capacity-building activities on reducing the impacts of pollution on soil biodiversity.

137. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider the draft decision contained in recommendation [27/9](#), as reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions, with a view to its adoption.

(e) Invasive alien species

138. At its twenty-seven meeting, further to its consideration of a report on the activities undertaken by the Secretariat pursuant to decision [16/18](#), in particular the holding of an open-ended online forum, and on activities of the Inter-Agency Liaison Group on Invasive Alien Species, the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice adopted recommendation [27/8](#), in which it addressed the compilation of information and lessons learned on how to improve cross-sectoral collaboration; the exploration and proposal of strategies to enable early detection and rapid response in relation to invasive alien species; the development of training materials on emerging detection tools; the enhancement of technical capacity to support data collection, monitoring and the

management of invasive alien species; and the organization of an online forum; and improvements to the invasive alien species portal on the website of the Convention.

139. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider the draft decision contained in recommendation [27/8](#), as reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions, with a view to its adoption.

(f) Biodiversity and health

140. At its twenty-seven meeting, further to its consideration of a report on the activities undertaken by the Secretariat pursuant to decision [16/19](#), namely, progress in the development of integrated science-based indicators, metrics and progress measurement tools on biodiversity and health, and activities related to awareness-raising, capacity-building and cooperation, the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice adopted recommendation [27/10](#), in which it addressed the compilation and synthesis of information relevant to the implementation of the Global Action Plan and the mainstreaming of biodiversity and health interlinkages; the continuation and strengthening of cooperation with relevant organizations and partners; the resumption of the activities of the Inter-Agency Liaison Group on Biodiversity and Health; and the continued facilitation of capacity-building activities.

141. In addition to the draft decision contained in recommendation [27/10](#), the Conference of the Parties will have before it a note by the Secretariat containing a progress report on the activities requested in paragraph 9 of decision [16/19](#), including work on the development of integrated science-based indicators.²⁵

142. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider the draft decision contained in recommendation [27/10](#), as reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions, with a view to its adoption.

Item 19

Review of the effectiveness of processes under the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Protocols

143. In its decision [16/25](#), the Conference of the Parties adopted several provisions on the effectiveness of meetings and requested the Executive Secretary to enable consultations with Parties, Bureau members, partners and stakeholders, with the support of qualified external experts in the field, as appropriate, to continue to develop options for further improving the effectiveness of meetings under the Convention, and to submit such proposals for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its sixth meeting.

144. At its sixth meeting, the Subsidiary Body considered a note by the Secretariat on options for further improving the effectiveness of meetings and adopted recommendation [6/8](#).

145. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider the draft decision directed to it in recommendation [6/8](#) (sect. II), as reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions, with a view to its adoption.

Item 20

Multi-year programme of work of the Conference of the Parties

146. In its decision [16/36](#), the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary, under the guidance of its Bureau, to prepare the list of issues in relation to the multi-year programme of work of the Conference of the Parties for consideration at the present meeting, with a view to reviewing and updating the multi-year programme of work up to 2030.

²⁵ CBD/COP/17/7.

147. The Conference of the Parties will have before it a note by the Secretariat that will contain a draft decision with a list of issues proposed for consideration at its eighteenth and nineteenth meetings, as prepared under the guidance of its Bureau.²⁶

148. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider the draft decision, as reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions, with a view to its adoption.

Item 21

Other matters

149. Under agenda item 21, the Conference of the Parties may wish to consider other matters raised and accepted for discussion in accordance with rule 12 of the rules of procedure and paragraph 7 of decision [IV/16](#).

150. Under agenda item 21, the President will be invited to inform the Conference of the Parties of the outcome of the high-level segment held on 27 and 28 October 2026.

Item 22

Adoption of the report

151. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider and adopt the report on its seventeenth meeting on the basis of the draft report prepared by the Rapporteur.

152. In accordance with established practice, the Conference of the Parties will be invited to authorize the Rapporteur to complete the final report after the meeting with the guidance of the President and the assistance of the Secretariat.

Item 23

Closure of the meeting

153. It is expected that the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties will be closed on 30 October, at 6 p.m.

²⁶ CBD/COP/17/8.

Annex

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