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### PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL SCIENCE-POLICY PLATFORM ON BIODIVERSITY AND ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

#### Draft recommendation submitted by the Chair

The Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice *recommends* that the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting adopt a decision along the following lines, complementing the draft decision contained in recommendation 23/1:

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Recalling* decisions XII/25 and 14/36,

*Also recalling* that the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice has systematically considered the assessment reports prepared by the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, which represent best available knowledge on the matter, and has provided pertinent recommendations for the consideration of the Conference of the Parties, in line with the procedures established in decision XII/25;

1. *Welcomes* the rolling work programme of the Platform up to 2030, adopted by the Plenary of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services in its decision 7/1, noting with appreciation that the request of the Conference of the Parties set out in decision 14/36 has been met, and that work under the six objectives, including the three initial assessments set out in the work programme, are expected to contribute to and be essential for the implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework;

2. *Also welcomes* the ground-breaking efforts of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services to advance the inclusion of indigenous and local knowledge and diverse knowledge systems in all its assessments and other functions through the implementation of its approach to recognizing and working with indigenous and local knowledge in the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services set out in annex II to decision IPBES-5/1, as well as its engagement with self-organized networks and organizations of indigenous peoples and local communities and stakeholders through the implementation of its stakeholder engagement strategy set out in annex II to decision IPBES-3/4, and *invites* the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services to continue to strengthen these efforts in the implementation of the relevant objectives of the 2030 work programme;

3. *Further welcomes* the fact that the rolling work programme up to 2030 of the Platform includes objectives related to each of the four functions of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, as well as strengthening communication

and engagement of governments and stakeholders and improvement of the effectiveness of the Platform, implemented in a manner whereby the objectives are mutually supportive;

4. *[Takes note of][Welcomes]* the scoping reports<sup>1</sup> for the nexus and transformative change assessments and the important scientific contribution of these assessments for the implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, and *invites* Parties and relevant organizations to contribute to the nomination of experts and to participate in the assessment through the formal review processes [to ensure that relevant information on concepts such as “nature-based solutions” and “One Health” is made available to assessment authors];

5. *Also takes note* of the progress made in the preparation of the methodological assessment regarding the diverse conceptualization of multiple values of nature and its benefits, including biodiversity and ecosystem functions and services, the thematic assessment of the sustainable use of wild species and the thematic assessment of invasive alien species and their control, and *requests* the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice to review the findings of those assessments when they become available and provide recommendations relating to the implementation of the Convention and, in particular, the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its respective meetings;

6. *[Further takes note of] [Welcomes]* the report of the expert workshop<sup>2</sup> convened by the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services on biodiversity and pandemics,<sup>3</sup> [and notes its relevance for the work of the Convention, including the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, as well as the work carried out under the Convention on the interlinkages between biodiversity and health];

7. *[[Welcomes] [Takes note of]* the cooperation between the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, *[takes note with appreciation of the report<sup>4</sup> of the co-sponsored workshop on biodiversity and climate change, noting the conclusions therein,]* and, recalling decision 14/36, *encourages* the two bodies to continue and further strengthen their collaboration in a transparent and participatory manner, with a view to increasing coherence while avoiding duplication of work, and *requests* Parties to coordinate their work with the national focal points for the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change in relation to [with a view to supporting an integrated approach to] assessments on biodiversity and climate change;]

8. *Notes* that the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services at its ninth session will reconsider the requests, inputs and suggestions received in time for consideration at that session, including for a second global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services and for an assessment on ecological connectivity, and *invites* the Platform to prepare a second global assessment before 2030 and to consider a request to prepare an assessment on ecological connectivity;

9. *[Requests* the Executive Secretary and *invites* the Executive Secretary of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services to explore options for further strengthening cooperation, to identify deliverables for the work under the

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<sup>1</sup> Pending the approval of the scoping reports by the Plenary of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services at its eighth session.

<sup>2</sup> This workshop report and any recommendations or conclusions contained therein have not been reviewed, endorsed or approved by the Plenary of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services.

<sup>3</sup> IPBES (2020). Workshop report on biodiversity and pandemics of the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services. IPBES secretariat, Bonn. <https://ipbes.net/pandemics>.

<sup>4</sup> This workshop report and any recommendations or conclusions contained therein have not been reviewed, endorsed or approved by the Plenary of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services or the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

Convention on Biological Diversity and of elements to be included in a second global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services, in consultation with Parties, and to report on the deliverables identified to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice for consideration, and *also requests* the Executive Secretary to compile the views of the Parties, indigenous peoples and local communities, and relevant stakeholders, on elements to be covered by a second global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services, [in particular to ensure, among other things, that it complements and contributes to the monitoring and review of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, [incorporates examples of the different challenges faced by developed and developing countries for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and that considers the expansion of the time frame of analysis of the assessment to include degradation of biodiversity since the first industrial revolution and colonial periods, as appropriate,]] to be undertaken under the Convention before 2030, and, after peer review, submit the final report for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, prior to the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;]

10. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to regularly and systematically assess and report to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice on how to consider deliverables from all functions and processes of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services for the implementation of the Convention, including a forward schedule and regular agenda item in meetings of the Subsidiary Body;

11. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary to identify views from Parties on how the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services could, within its defined functions on producing further assessments, building capacity, strengthening knowledge and supporting policy, contribute to the review and monitoring process of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework;

12. [*Invites* the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services to contribute to the work of the ad hoc technical expert group on indicators for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework;]

13. *Notes* the information contained in the annex to the note by the Executive Secretary,<sup>5</sup> *also notes* the progress in a number of countries in elaborating national assessments of biodiversity and ecosystem services, *encourages* all Parties and other Governments as well as subnational governments to carry out such national or subnational assessments, with the full engagement of indigenous peoples and local communities, women, youth, civil society, academia and business, adapting the process of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services to the local contexts, and so that these national or subnational assessments can be used as potential input to the rolling work programme of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services and the implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, and *urges* Parties, and *invites* other Governments and organizations in a position to do so, to provide technical assistance, capacity-building and financial support, as appropriate.

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<sup>5</sup> CBD/SBSTTA/24/8.