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### Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice

#### Twenty-fifth meeting

Nairobi, 15–19 October 2023

Agenda item 2

#### Organizational matters

### Draft report of the meeting

#### Introduction

##### A. Background

1. The twenty-fifth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice of the Convention on Biological Diversity was held at the United Nations Office at Nairobi.

##### B. Attendance

2. The meeting was attended by representatives of the Parties and other Governments and observers from United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, convention secretariats and other bodies and organizations (see annex).

#### Item 1

##### Opening of the meeting

3. The meeting was opened at 10.15 a.m. on 15 October 2023 by the Chair, Hesiquio Benítez Díaz (Mexico).

4. In his opening remarks, the Chair welcomed participants to the meeting, which, as the first meeting of the Subsidiary Body since the adoption of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework in December 2022, presented an opportunity to assist Parties in meeting their scientific, technical and technological needs as they moved from agreement to action aligned with their common vision of living in harmony with nature. Specifically, at the present meeting, the Subsidiary Body would respond to the requests of the Conference of the Parties, through its relevant decisions, by addressing the monitoring framework of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework; scientific and technical inputs to the mechanisms for planning, monitoring, reporting and review; plant conservation; rapid analysis of the programmes of work within the context of the Framework; recently completed assessments of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services; invasive alien species; sustainable wildlife management; and biodiversity and climate change. The Chair said that it was critical to focus strategically on the scientific and technical tools and options that could empower Parties, indigenous peoples and local communities, and stakeholders to implement the goals and targets of the Framework. In addition, the Subsidiary Body would focus on building on the outcomes of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Indicators at the present meeting, as well as at its twenty-sixth meeting. In conclusion, he thanked the Bureau and Secretariat for their work in preparing for the meeting and wished participants fruitful deliberations in arriving at valuable outcomes.

5. Opening statements were made by the Director of the Ecosystems Division of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Susan Gardner, on behalf of the Executive Director of UNEP, Inger Andersen; and by the Acting Executive Secretary of the Convention, David Cooper.

6. The Director of the Ecosystems Division, speaking on the theme of building a scientific foundation for action on biodiversity, said that it was a pleasure for UNEP to host the present meeting, not least because UNEP itself was a scientific and technical organization. She said that delivering on the commitments made by Parties in the Framework required a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach; flexible and innovative finance from many sources; shifts in domestic policy that dislodged harmful subsidies and practices; and the best available science, drawing on technical capacity and available technology. In that regard, the present meeting was an important milestone in ensuring the scientific, technical and technological foundation for action to halt and reverse biodiversity loss, while recognizing the interlinkages with the other two components of the triple planetary crisis, namely, climate change and pollution. Ensuring the best scientific approaches for transparency and accountability during the delivery of the Framework was also high on the meeting agenda.

7. At the present meeting, the Subsidiary Body would therefore take stock of progress in developing the Framework and consider scientific, technical and technological inputs to the global review that would be conducted at the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. That work was crucial for the development and implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans, as well as national monitoring frameworks, to inform action and progress at the national scale. Nations would need investment and scientific and technical capacity to develop those frameworks, which would in turn help to build an understanding of biodiversity change at the global level. In concluding, she said that the Framework was embedded in the UNEP medium-term strategy and programme of work. UNEP played a key role in supporting the entire United Nations system in delivering on biodiversity, as envisioned by the common approach to integrating biodiversity and nature-based solutions for sustainable development into the United Nations policy and programme planning and delivery. In that role, UNEP provided technical advice on solutions, supporting country teams with the integration of biodiversity into United Nations country cooperation frameworks and supporting regional ministerial processes and Parties as they took forward the commitments made at the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

8. The Acting Executive Secretary commenced his opening remarks by congratulating all Parties on adopting the Framework. The aim of the present meeting was to further strengthen collective efforts to implement the Framework with scientific, technical and technological inputs from the Subsidiary Body. He expressed appreciation for the strong commitment of UNEP and its Executive Director to support the implementation of the Framework directly and through its work in galvanizing the wider United Nations. The importance of the meeting was reflected in the high attendance and wide representation, and he thanked the Governments that had provided financial assistance to make that possible. He noted that, while the Framework was ambitious, great strides had been made in its implementation since its adoption, and he called upon donor countries to help to accelerate that progress by contributing to the new Global Biodiversity Framework Fund launched in August 2023 at the seventh Assembly of the Global Environment Facility. Furthermore, in September 2023, the Task Force on Nature-related Financial Disclosures had proposed its recommendations to enable business and finance to integrate nature into decision-making.

9. In the meantime, Parties had been busy developing national targets aligned with the Framework, updating national biodiversity strategies and action plans and putting in place measures for action. Indigenous peoples, civil society, local governments, business and the financial sector had all been engaged in implementation as the process moved from agreement to action. Much, however, remained to be done, and decisions adopted at the present meeting would flesh out the scientific and technical details of many of the actions agreed upon by the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting, including through further refinement of the Framework. The recent work of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, including its *Global Assessment*

*Report on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services*, had also contributed greatly to the collective knowledge base on how to address the drivers of biodiversity loss and provided the scientific foundation upon which the Framework was built. The work of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change had also helped to build understanding and recognition of the interdependence of climate, ecosystems and biodiversity, and human societies. In conclusion, he highlighted the scope and urgency of the challenge, with only six years remaining to undertake the actions necessary to achieve the 23 targets of the Framework.

## **Item 2**

### **Organizational matters**

#### **(a) Election of officers**

10. In accordance with the elections held at the twenty-fourth meeting of the Subsidiary Body, and further replacements from two Parties, the Bureau of the Subsidiary Body at its twenty-fifth meeting comprised the following members:

Chair:	Hesiquio Benítez Díaz (Mexico)
Vice-Chairs:	Tia Stevens (Australia)
	Senka Barudanović (Bosnia and Herzegovina)
	Jan Plesnik (Czechia)
	Marina von Weissenberg (Finland)
	Jean Bruno Mikissa (Gabon)
	Bilal Qtishat (Jordan)
	Gwen Sisor (Palau)
	Mariela Canepa Montalvo (Peru)
	Adams Toussaint (Saint Lucia)
	Marie-May Muzungaile (Seychelles)

Substitute Vice-Chair for the Nagoya Protocol:

Tatsiana Lipinskaya (Belarus) for Bosnia and Herzegovina

Substitute Vice-Chair for the Cartagena Protocol and the Nagoya Protocol:

Gaute Voigt-Hanssen (Norway) for Australia

11. At its 2nd plenary session, the Subsidiary Body elected the following officers to serve for a term commencing at the end of its twenty-fifth meeting and ending at the end of its twenty-seventh meeting, to replace the members from Australia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Palau, Saint Lucia and Seychelles: Taulant Bino (Albania), Jahidul Kabire (Bangladesh), Aria St. Louis (Grenada), Kenneth Uiseb (Namibia) and Scott Wilson (Canada).

12. It was agreed that Mr. Qtishat would act as Rapporteur for the meeting.

13. The Rapporteur made a statement on behalf of all participants, thanking the Chair and members of the Bureau for their work in preparing for the meeting, the Acting Executive Secretary of the Secretariat and his team for the meeting documents and logistical arrangements, the United Nations Office at Nairobi for its hospitality and the relevant Parties for providing funding to facilitate the participation of developing country representatives.

**(b) Adoption of the agenda and organization of work**

14. At its 1st plenary session, the Subsidiary Body adopted the following agenda on the basis of the provisional agenda prepared by the Secretariat:<sup>1</sup>

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Organizational matters: election of officers and adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
3. Facilitating the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and the monitoring of its progress:
  - (a) Monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework;
  - (b) Mechanisms for planning, monitoring, reporting and review;
  - (c) Approaches to identifying scientific and technical needs to support the implementation of the Framework, including its implications for the programmes of work of the Convention;
  - (d) Plant conservation.
4. Findings from the assessments by the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and their implications for the work undertaken under the Convention.
5. Invasive alien species.
6. Sustainable wildlife management.
7. Biodiversity and climate change.
8. Other matters.
9. Adoption of the report.
10. Closure of the meeting.

**(c) Organization of work**

15. At the 1st plenary session, the Subsidiary Body approved the proposed organization of work.<sup>2</sup>

16. It also agreed that Ms. von Weissenberg would assist the Chair by chairing the discussions under certain agenda items.

**Item 3**

**Facilitating the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and the monitoring of its progress**

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

17. The Subsidiary Body considered agenda item 3 (a) at its 1st plenary session. It had before it a note by the Secretariat on the monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework<sup>3</sup>, which included a draft recommendation. It also had before it, as an information document, an advance unedited version of the report of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Indicators for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework on its third meeting.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> CBD/SBSTTA/25/1/Rev.1.

<sup>2</sup> CBD/SBSTTA/25/1/Add.1/Rev.3, annex I.

<sup>3</sup> CBD/SBSTTA/25/2.

<sup>4</sup> CBD/IND/AHTEG/2023/3/2.

18. The Co-Chair of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group, James Williams (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland), made a presentation.

19. Statements were made by representatives of the following Parties: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Canada, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt (on behalf of the African States), European Union, Finland, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Japan, Kenya, Malawi, Mexico, Netherlands (Kingdom of the), New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Peru, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean States), Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Togo, Uganda, United Kingdom, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Yemen and Zimbabwe.

20. Statements were also made by representatives of the Aichi prefecture government, the CBD Women's Caucus, the Global Youth Biodiversity Network, the International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity and The Nature Conservancy.

21. Following the exchange of views, the Chair established a contact group, co-chaired by Mr. Plesnik and Mr. Toussaint and with the Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group, Maria Cecilia Londoño Murcia and Mr. Williams, serving as resource persons. The mandate of the contact group was to focus on the annex to document CBD/SBSTTA/25/2, which contained the list of binary indicator questions.

22. At its 7th plenary session, the Subsidiary Body considered a revised draft recommendation submitted by the Chair. The revised draft recommendation was approved, as orally amended by the representative of the Secretariat, for formal adoption by the Subsidiary Body as draft recommendation CBD/SBSTTA/25/L.7.

23. [to be completed]

**(b) Mechanisms for planning, monitoring, reporting and review**

24. The Subsidiary Body considered agenda item 3 (b) at its 2nd plenary session. It had before it a note by the Secretariat on the scientific, technical and technological inputs that should inform the global review of collective progress in the implementation of the Framework,<sup>5</sup> which included a draft recommendation with elements for the Subsidiary Body on Implementation to consider in developing a draft decision on the concrete procedures for the global review.

25. Statements were made by representatives of the following Parties: Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Cameroon (on behalf of the African States), Canada, China, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, European Union, France, Germany, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands (Kingdom of the), New Zealand, Norway, Russian Federation, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Türkiye and United Kingdom.

26. Statements were also made by representatives of the CBD Women's Caucus, the Global Youth Biodiversity Network, the International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity and the International Union for Conservation of Nature.

27. Following the exchange of views, the Chair established a contact group, co-chaired by Mr. Voigt-Hanssen and Mr. Qitshat, with the mandate to discuss annex II to document CBD/SBSTTA/25/3, which contained the terms of reference of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Group for the Preparation of the Global Report on Collective Progress in the Implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.

28. At its 7th plenary session, following a report back from the co-chair of the contact group, the Subsidiary Body considered a revised draft recommendation submitted by the Chair, on the scientific, technical and technological inputs that should inform the global review of collective progress in the implementation of the Framework. Following an exchange of views, the revised draft recommendation

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<sup>5</sup> CBD/SBSTTA/25/3.

was approved, as orally amended, for formal adoption by the Subsidiary Body as draft recommendation CBD/SBSTTA/25/L.8.

29. [to be completed]

**(c) Approaches to identifying scientific and technical needs to support the implementation of the Framework, including its implications for the programmes of work of the Convention**

30. The Subsidiary Body considered agenda item 3 (c) at its 2nd plenary session. It had before it a note by the Secretariat on approaches to identifying scientific and technical needs to support the implementation of the Framework, including the implications of the Framework for the programmes of work of the Convention,<sup>6</sup> which included a draft recommendation. It also had before it, as an information document, a note by the Secretariat on the rapid analysis of the programmes of work established under the Convention with respect to the targets of the Framework.<sup>7</sup>

31. Statements were made by representatives of the following Parties: Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, European Union, Finland, Germany, Iraq, Japan, Kenya, Malawi, Mexico, Namibia (on behalf of the African States), New Zealand, Russian Federation, South Africa, South Sudan, Spain, Switzerland, Türkiye and United Kingdom.

32. Statements were also made by representatives of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the Secretariat of the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat.

33. Further statements were made by representatives of Birdlife International (also on behalf of the Wildlife Conservation Society and the Zoological Society of London), the CBD Women's Caucus, the International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity and the International Union for Conservation of Nature.

34. Following the exchange of views, the Chair said that he would prepare a revised draft recommendation, in consultation with the Secretariat, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body, taking into account the views expressed or supported by Parties.

35. At its 6th plenary session, the Subsidiary Body considered a revised draft recommendation submitted by the Chair. Following an exchange of views, the revised draft recommendation was approved, as orally amended, for formal adoption by the Subsidiary Body as draft recommendation CBD/SBSTTA/25/L.5.

36. [to be completed]

**(d) Plant conservation**

37. The Subsidiary Body considered agenda item 3 (d) at its 2nd plenary session. It had before it a note by the Secretariat on plant conservation,<sup>8</sup> which included a draft recommendation. It also had before it, as an information document, a note by the Secretariat on technical rationales for the implementation of the set of complementary actions related to plant conservation in support of the Framework.<sup>9</sup>

38. The Co-Chair of the Global Partnership on Plant Conservation, Maïté Delmas, made a presentation on the set of complementary actions related to plant conservation to support the implementation of the Framework.

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<sup>6</sup> CBD/SBSTTA/25/4.

<sup>7</sup> CBD/SBSTTA/25/INF/1.

<sup>8</sup> CBD/SBSTTA/25/5.

<sup>9</sup> CBD/SBSTTA/25/INF/4.

39. Statements were made by representatives of the following Parties: Canada, Colombia, Germany, Indonesia, Spain, Sweden and United Kingdom.
40. At its 3rd plenary session, the Subsidiary Body resumed its consideration of the sub-item.
41. Statements were made by the representatives of the following Parties: Argentina, Belgium, Brazil, China, Costa Rica, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, European Union, Japan, Kenya (on behalf of the African States), Mexico, Republic of Korea, South Africa, Switzerland, Türkiye and Uganda.
42. A statement was also made by the representative of the Secretariat of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora.
43. Further statements were made by the representatives of Botanic Gardens Conservation International and the CBD Women's Caucus.
44. Following the exchange of views, the Chair said that he would prepare a revised draft recommendation, in consultation with the Secretariat, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body, taking into account the views expressed or supported by Parties.
45. At its 5th plenary session, the Subsidiary Body considered a revised draft recommendation on plant conservation submitted by the Chair. Following an exchange of views, the revised draft recommendation was approved for formal adoption by the Subsidiary Body as draft recommendation CBD/SBSTTA/25/L.2.
46. [to be completed]

#### **Item 4**

#### **Findings from the assessments by the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and their implications for the work undertaken under the Convention**

47. At its 3rd plenary session, the Subsidiary Body considered agenda item 4, with Ms. von Weissenberg chairing the discussion.

#### *Findings from the assessments by the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services*

48. The Subsidiary Body began by considering the findings from the assessments by the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services. It had before it notes by the Secretariat, which included draft recommendations, on its reviews of findings from the *Methodological Assessment Report on the Diverse Values and Valuation of Nature of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services*, the *Thematic Assessment Report on the Sustainable Use of Wild Species of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services* and the *Thematic Assessment Report on Invasive Alien Species and Their Control of the Intergovernmental Science Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services* and their implications for the work undertaken under the Convention.<sup>10</sup>
49. The Executive Secretary of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, Anne Larigauderie, gave a presentation on the thematic assessment of invasive alien species. Supplementary presentations were made by the co-chair of the thematic assessment of invasive alien species and their control, Helen Roy, the co-chair of the methodological assessment of the diverse values and valuation of nature, Mike Christie, and co-chair of the thematic assessment of the sustainable use of wild species, Marla Emery.
50. Statements were made by the representatives of the following Parties: Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Benin, Brazil, Burundi, Canada, Central African Republic, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire,

<sup>10</sup> CBD/SBSTTA/25/6, CBD/SBSTTA/25/7 and CBD/SBSTTA/25/8/Rev.1, respectively.

Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, European Union, Finland, Gabon, Ghana (on behalf of the African States), India, Japan, Netherlands (Kingdom of the), Malawi, Mexico, New Zealand, Norway, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Spain, Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, Tonga, Türkiye and United Kingdom.

51. Statements were also made by the representatives of the Global Youth Biodiversity Network, the International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity and the International Union for Conservation of Nature.

52. Following the exchange of views, the Chair said that she would prepare revised draft recommendations, in consultation with the Secretariat, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body, taking into account the views expressed or supported by Parties.

53. At its 5th plenary session, the Subsidiary Body considered a revised draft recommendation submitted by the Chair on the review of findings from the *Methodological Assessment Report on the Diverse Values and Valuation of Nature of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services* and their implications for the work undertaken under the Convention. Following an exchange of views, the revised draft recommendation, as orally amended, was approved for formal adoption by the Subsidiary Body as draft recommendation CBD/SBSTTA/25/L.3.

54. At its 6th plenary session, the Subsidiary Body considered a revised draft recommendation on invasive alien species submitted by the Chair, covering agenda item 5 as well as the relevant aspects of agenda item 4 (see conclusion under agenda item 5).

55. At its 7th plenary session, the Subsidiary Body considered a revised draft recommendation on sustainable wildlife management submitted by the Chair, covering agenda item 6 as well as the relevant aspects of agenda item 4 (see conclusion under agenda item 6).

56. At its 7th plenary session, the Subsidiary Body considered a revised draft recommendation on biodiversity and climate change submitted by the Chair, covering agenda item 7 as well as the relevant aspects of agenda item 4 (see conclusion under agenda item 7).

57. [to be completed]

#### *Findings from the assessment by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change*

58. The Subsidiary Body then turned to the findings from an assessment by Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. It had before it a note by the Secretariat, including a draft recommendation, on the findings from the *Sixth Assessment Report* of the Intergovernmental Panel and their implications for the work undertaken under the Convention.<sup>11</sup>

59. Statements were made by the representatives of the following Parties: Belgium, Brazil, European Union, Mexico, South Africa, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland.

60. Following the exchange of views, the Chair said that she would prepare a revised draft recommendation, in consultation with the Secretariat, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body, taking into account the views expressed or supported by Parties.

61. [to be completed]

## **Item 5 Invasive alien species**

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<sup>11</sup> CBD/SBSTTA/25/9.



62. The Subsidiary Body considered agenda item 5 at its 4th plenary session. It had before it a note by the Secretariat on invasive alien species,<sup>12</sup> which included a draft recommendation and revised versions of the six annexes to decision 15/27 of the Conference of the Parties. It also had before it, as an information document, a note by the Secretariat on the report of the open-ended online forum on invasive alien species.<sup>13</sup>

63. Statements were made by the representatives of the following Parties: Argentina, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brazil, Burundi, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Egypt, European Union, Finland, France, Gabon, Germany, Indonesia, Iraq, Japan, Malawi, Mexico, Morocco, Netherlands (Kingdom of the), New Zealand, Norway, Seychelles, South Africa (on behalf of the African States), Spain, Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, Türkiye, United Kingdom and Vanuatu (also on behalf of Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Tonga and Tuvalu).

64. Statements were also made by the representatives of the CBD Women's Caucus, the International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity and the International Union for Conservation of Nature.

65. Following the exchange of views, the Chair established a contact group, co-chaired by Ms. Barudanović and Mr. Mikissa, to work on the proposed amendments to the annexes, and said that he would prepare a revised draft recommendation, in consultation with the Secretariat, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body, taking into account the views expressed or supported by Parties.

66. At its 6th plenary session, the Subsidiary Body considered a revised draft recommendation on invasive alien species submitted by the Chair, covering agenda item 5 as well as the relevant aspects of agenda item 4. Following an exchange of views, the revised draft recommendation was approved, as orally amended, for formal adoption by the Subsidiary Body as draft recommendation CBD/SBSTTA/25/L.4.

67. *[to be completed]*

## **Item 6**

### **Sustainable wildlife management**

68. The Subsidiary Body considered agenda item 6 at its 4th plenary session. It had before it a note by the Secretariat on sustainable wildlife management,<sup>14</sup> which included suggested elements of a recommendation.

69. Statements were made by the representatives of the following Parties: Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Burundi, Canada, Democratic Republic of the Congo, European Union, Finland, France, India, Iraq, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, Norway, Peru, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, South Africa (on behalf of the African States), Spain, Switzerland, Türkiye, Tuvalu (also on behalf of Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Tonga and Vanuatu), United Kingdom and Zimbabwe.

70. Statements were also made by the representatives of FAO and the Secretariat of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals.

71. Further statements were made by the representatives of the CBD Women's Caucus, the China Biodiversity Conservation and Green Development Foundation, the Collaborative Partnership on Sustainable Wildlife Management and the International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity.

72. Following the exchange of views, the Chair said that he would prepare a draft recommendation, in consultation with the Secretariat, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body, taking into account the views expressed or supported by Parties.

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<sup>12</sup> CBD/SBSTTA/25/10.

<sup>13</sup> CBD/SBSTTA/25/INF/3.

<sup>14</sup> CBD/SBSTTA/25/11.

73. At its 7th plenary session, the Subsidiary Body considered a revised draft recommendation on sustainable wildlife management submitted by the Chair, covering agenda item 6 as well as the relevant aspects of agenda item 4. Following an exchange of views, the revised draft recommendation was approved, as orally amended, for formal adoption by the Subsidiary Body as draft recommendation CBD/SBSTTA/25/L.6.

74. [to be completed]

## **Item 7**

### **Biodiversity and climate change**

75. The Subsidiary Body began its consideration of agenda item 7 at its 4th plenary session. It had before it a note by the Secretariat on biodiversity and climate change,<sup>15</sup> which included a draft recommendation. It also had before it, as an information document, a note by the Secretariat containing a synthesis of views and information on biodiversity and climate change.<sup>16</sup>

76. The Co-Chair of the intergovernmental consultations on nature-based solutions mandated by the United Nations Environment Assembly of UNEP, Sikeade Egbuwalo (Nigeria), made a presentation on the outcome of the consultations.

77. At its 5th plenary session, the Subsidiary Body resumed its consideration of the agenda item.

78. Statements were made by the representatives of the following Parties: Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Benin, Brazil, Canada, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia (also on behalf of Chile, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Mexico and Peru), Cook Islands (on behalf of Fiji, Kiribati, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu), Costa Rica, Cuba (on behalf of the small island developing States attending the present meeting), Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Eswatini (on behalf of the African States), Equatorial Guinea, European Union, Finland, France, Gabon, Germany, India, Italy, Japan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Mexico, Netherlands (Kingdom of the), New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Spain, Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).

79. Statements were also made by the representatives of the CBD Alliance, the CBD Women's Caucus, the Global Youth Biodiversity Network, the International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity, the International Union for Conservation of Nature, the Secretariat of the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat and the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction.

80. Following the exchange of views, the Chair established a contact group, co-chaired by Ms. Stevens and Ms. Canepa Montalvo, with the mandate to finalize the draft recommendations.

81. At its 7th plenary session, the Subsidiary Body considered a revised draft recommendation on biodiversity and climate change submitted by the Chair, covering agenda item 7 as well as the relevant aspects of agenda item 4.

82. Statements were made by representatives of the following Parties: Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, European Union, Germany, Malawi, Portugal and South Africa.

83. The Chair established a small informal group to discuss the issues further and arrive at a text proposal.

84. [to be completed]

## **Item 8**

### **Other matters**

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<sup>15</sup> CBD/SBSTTA/25/12.

<sup>16</sup> CBD/SBSTTA/25/INF/2.

85. [to be completed]

**Item 9**

**Adoption of the report**

86. [to be completed]

**Item 10**

**Closure of the meeting**

87. [to be completed]

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