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## PROGRESS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION AND THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR BIODIVERSITY 2011-2020 AND TOWARDS THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE AICHI BIODIVERSITY TARGETS

### Draft recommendation submitted by the Chair

#### A. Review of national biodiversity strategies and action plans and national reports

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Recalling* decision XIII/1, in particular paragraphs 12 and 19,

1. *Welcomes* the updated analysis of national biodiversity strategies and action plans and national reports, and the assessment of progress towards the implementation of the Convention and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020;<sup>1</sup>

2. *Recognizes* the efforts made by Parties to translate the Aichi Biodiversity Targets into national commitments and actions but *notes* with concern the findings of the updated assessment of progress towards the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, in particular:

(a) For most of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, there has been limited progress, and, for some Targets, no overall progress;

(b) Only a minority of Parties have adopted their national biodiversity strategies and action plans as whole-of-government policy instruments;

(c) Only a minority of national biodiversity strategies and action plans contain resource mobilization strategies, communication and public awareness strategies, or capacity development strategies, as the guidance for national biodiversity strategies and action plans suggests;

(d) Only a minority of national biodiversity strategies and action plans demonstrate that biodiversity is being mainstreamed significantly into cross-sectoral plans and policies, poverty eradication policies, and/or sustainable development plans;

3. *Notes* that some Parties have integrated their national biodiversity strategies and action plans into other national environmental and development strategies and that this can facilitate more effective resource mobilization and communication;

4. *Invites* Parties that have adopted their national biodiversity strategies and action plans as whole-of-government policy instruments to share, including through the clearing-house mechanism of the Convention, their experiences and best practices in doing so, including challenges encountered;

<sup>1</sup> CBD/SBI/2/2/Add.1. and Add.2.

5. *Urges* Parties to significantly accelerate their efforts to implement the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, in particular by addressing any gaps between the aspirations included in their national biodiversity strategies and action plans and the actions taken to implement them;

6. *Invites* Parties to collaborate with indigenous peoples and local communities, civil society organizations and women's groups and other stakeholders to accelerate progress in implementation;

7. *Invites* Parties and others to join and contribute to partnerships, coalitions and alliances established to support the achievement of the Strategic Plan and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets;

8. *Welcomes* the options to accelerate progress towards the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets contained in the annex to recommendation XXII/4 of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice;

9. *Urges* Parties and *invites* other Governments, in accordance with national circumstances, and *invites* relevant organizations, indigenous peoples and local communities and stakeholders to make use of the options referred to in paragraph 8 above, as appropriate;

10. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with Parties, to keep the analysis of national biodiversity strategies and action plans and national targets up-to-date and to make this information available through the clearing-house mechanism of the Convention;

11. *Encourages* Parties to submit the sixth national report in a timely manner, and *requests* the Executive Secretary to continue to update the analysis of progress towards the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity-2011-2020 on the basis of information contained in the sixth national reports, which should be submitted by 31 December 2018, and to make the updated analysis available for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its third meeting;

12. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary, in consultation with Parties, the Secretariat of the Global Environment Facility, the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Environment Programme, to analyse the status of adoption of national biodiversity strategies and action plans by eligible Parties and to continue to monitor the integration of biodiversity into sustainable development plans and poverty eradication strategies;

## **B. Gender Plan of Action**

*Recalling* decision XII/7, welcoming the 2015-2020 Gender Plan of Action under the Convention,

*Noting* that the 2015-2020 Gender Plan of Action is at its mid-way point, and *recognizing* the need for effective implementation of the Plan, including towards the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020,

1. *Welcomes* the updated assessment of progress in the implementation of the 2015-2020 Gender Plan of Action;<sup>2</sup>

2. *Emphasizes* the need to address gender considerations in the development of the post-2020 biodiversity framework and in line with the gender targets of the Sustainable Development Goals;<sup>3</sup>

3. *Encourages* Parties to develop and implement gender-responsive strategies and actions to support implementation of the Convention and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020;

4. *Encourages* Parties and *invites* other relevant stakeholders to support actions to strengthen knowledge on the linkages between gender and biodiversity, including through the provision of resources for capacity-building on gender and biodiversity issues, and the collection of sex-disaggregated data;

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<sup>2</sup> CBD/SBI/2/2/Add.3.

<sup>3</sup> See General Assembly resolution [70/1](#), annex.

5. *Encourages* Parties and *invites* other relevant stakeholders to support harmonized approaches to capacity-building and implementation of gender-responsive measures for biodiversity across the multilateral environmental agreements;

6. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, subject to availability of resources, to undertake a review of the implementation of the 2015-2020 Gender Plan of Action, in parallel to the development of the fifth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook* and the second edition of the *Local Biodiversity Outlook*, in order to identify gaps, best practices and lessons learned;

7. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of resources, to organize regional workshops on the linkages between gender and biodiversity, and the lessons learned from the implementation of the 2015-2020 Gender Plan of Action;

8. *Further requests* the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of resources, to include discussions on the linkages between gender and biodiversity, and the lessons learned from the implementation of the 2015-2020 Gender Plan of Action within the regional consultations on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

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