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**Mainstreaming of biodiversity and engagement  
with subnational governments: engagement with  
subnational governments, cities and other local  
authorities to enhance the implementation of the  
Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework**  
Working Group I

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

#### **Draft decision submitted by the Chair of Working Group I**

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Recalling* its decisions [15/12](#) of 19 December 2022 and [16/13](#) of 1 November 2024,

*Recognizing* the importance of the role of subnational governments, cities and other local authorities in translating national biodiversity commitments into local action in support of the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity<sup>1</sup> and its Protocols and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework,<sup>2</sup>

1. *Welcomes* [the executive summary<sup>3</sup> of the report of] the review of the role of subnational governments, cities and other local authorities in the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Protocols and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework<sup>[4]</sup> and the contributions of subnational governments, cities and other local authorities to the global review of collective progress in the implementation of the Framework and to the implementation of the plan of action on subnational governments, cities and other local authorities for biodiversity (2023–2030)<sup>5</sup> and the Framework;

2. *Notes* the contributions of Parties, other Governments, financial institutions and relevant organizations, and encourages them to continue to strengthen coordination mechanisms, dialogue, cooperation and engagement within and across all levels of government[, including, where applicable, indigenous subnational governments, in accordance with their own governance systems,] and provide adequate and predictable financial resources and technical support to enable capacity-

<sup>1</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

<sup>2</sup> Decision [15/4](#), annex.

<sup>3</sup> [CBD/SBI/7/9](#), annex.

<sup>[4]</sup> [CBD/COP/17/INF/14](#), annex.]

<sup>5</sup> Decision [15/12](#), annex.

building and development, [in line with Articles 20 and 21 of the Convention on Biological Diversity,] peer learning and information- and knowledge-sharing activities, with the full and effective participation of indigenous peoples and local communities, women, youth and relevant stakeholders,[ in accordance with national legislation,] for the further implementation of the plan of action, the Convention and its Protocols and the Framework, taking into consideration relevant information in national reports[, submissions from actors other than national Governments] [that are validated by their respective national Governments] and the global review, including the related global report [and the findings of the Kunming dialogue on collective progress in the implementation of the Framework in support of the global review], as appropriate and in accordance with national circumstances and priorities;

3. *Encourages* Parties, and invites relevant organizations, to consider including in future planning and assessment activities aimed at strengthening coordination, cooperation and participation across all levels of government examples of governance systems, territorial planning and monitoring at the subnational, city and local levels, including those of indigenous peoples and local communities, as appropriate;

4. *Invites* Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to facilitate the exchange of experiences, best practices and lessons learned, including through North-South, South-South and triangular cooperation, and to continue to support subnational governments, cities and other local authorities, as well as customary, traditional and community institutions, as and where appropriate, [in improving the implementation of the Framework, including] by strengthening their technical, institutional and financial capacities to enhance native biodiversity in urban and densely populated rural areas through, inter alia, spatial planning, urban and rural biodiversity management, the restoration of ecosystems and ecological connectivity, and environmental monitoring and reporting;

5. *Invites* Parties to continue efforts to facilitate the development of awareness-raising programmes, in particular on the conservation and sustainable use of urban biodiversity, in line with the Convention and national communication, education and public awareness strategies;

6. *Also invites* Parties to engage with subnational governments, cities and other local authorities, as well as customary, traditional and community institutions, as appropriate and in accordance with national circumstances and legislation, in support of the implementation of the plan of action and the Framework[, and to recognize, as appropriate and in accordance with national circumstances and legislation, indigenous peoples and local communities as local authorities];

7. *Encourages* Parties, as appropriate and in [line][accordance] with national circumstances, legislation and priorities, to integrate [local priorities] arising from participatory processes into the development, implementation, monitoring and review of national biodiversity strategies and action plans, taking into consideration the contributions of [actors other than national Governments, in particular] [indigenous peoples and local communities, [women], youth][ and relevant stakeholders,] [and gender-responsive and human rights-based approaches];

8. *Also encourages* Parties to strengthen, as appropriate and in accordance with national circumstances and priorities, the integration of relevant contributions of subnational governments, cities and other local authorities into national planning, monitoring, reporting and review processes, in order to improve the visibility of implementation efforts within and across all levels of government;

9. *Further encourages* Parties, subject to national circumstances and priorities, to support subnational governments, cities and other local authorities in developing local biodiversity strategies and action plans in order to localize biodiversity commitments, strengthening coherence among global, national and local priorities;

10. *Encourages* subnational governments, cities and other local authorities to strengthen the collection and reporting of relevant biodiversity data and information on the implementation of the

Framework[, including, where appropriate, data and information on the contributions of indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth];

[11. *Also encourages* subnational governments, cities and other local authorities to engage in mechanisms and platforms supporting the implementation of the Framework and decision [15/12](#), including the Advisory Committee on Subnational Governments and Biodiversity, the Advisory Committee on Local Governments and Biodiversity and the Global Partnership on Subnational and Local Governments for Biodiversity, in accordance with decision [X/22](#) of 29 October 2010;]

12. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of resources:

(a) To continue to develop, in cooperation with partner organizations, guidance to facilitate capacity-building and development activities for facilitating the integration of contributions of subnational governments, cities and other local authorities to the implementation of the Framework into national planning, monitoring reporting and review mechanisms;

[(b) To compile information, as appropriate, on the extent to which biodiversity finance reaches subnational governments, cities and other local community levels, including information on access to funding by local authorities[, barriers to access to funding and opportunities to strengthen direct and equitable financing mechanisms] for local implementation;]

[(c) To undertake a review of the role of subnational governments, cities and other local authorities, including specific analysis of the case studies on the contributions of, in particular, least developed countries and small island developing States, [indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth][and actors other than national Governments];]

(d) To provide a progress report on the activities referred to in subparagraph[s] 12 (a) [to (c)] above as an information document for a meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation held before the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.