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Draft recommendation submitted by the Chair

The Subsidiary Body on Implementation

Recommends that the Conference of the Parties, at its seventeenth meeting, adopt a decision along the following lines:

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decision [15/12](#) of 19 December 2022,

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 Diversity¹ and its Protocols and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework,²

1. *Welcomes* the executive summary 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 Framework³ 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)⁴ and the Framework;

2. *Encourages* Parties, other Governments, financial institutions and relevant organizations to continue to strengthen coordination mechanisms, dialogue, cooperation and engagement across all levels of government, and provide adequate, predictable, technical and financial support to enable capacity-building, peer learning, information- and knowledge-sharing activities, with the full and effective participation of indigenous peoples and local communities, women, youth and relevant stakeholders, for the further implementation of the

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

² Decision [15/4](#), annex.

³ [CBD/SBI/7/9](#), annex.

⁴ Decision [15/12](#), annex.

plan of action, the Convention and its Protocols and the Framework, taking into consideration relevant information in the seventh national reports, the submissions from actors other than 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 include in future planning and assessment activities aimed at strengthening coordination, cooperation and participation across all levels of government, examples of the governance systems, territorial planning, monitoring and knowledge systems of indigenous peoples and local communities and the contributions of indigenous peoples and local communities to the implementation of the Convention and its Protocols and the Framework, as appropriate;

4. *Invites* Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to facilitate the exchange of experiences, best practices and lessons learned, including through South-South and triangular cooperation, and to continue to support subnational governments, cities and other local authorities in strengthening their technical, institutional and financial capacities to enhance native biodiversity in urban and densely populated areas, including through biodiversity-inclusive spatial planning, urban biodiversity management, restoration of ecosystems and ecological connectivity, and environmental monitoring and reporting;

5. *Invites* Parties to continue efforts to mainstream the conservation and sustainable use of urban biodiversity through environmental education, citizen science, community engagement and public awareness;

6. *Also invites* Parties to engage with customary, traditional and community institutions, as well as subnational governments, cities and other local authorities, in support of the implementation of the plan of action, and to consider recognizing indigenous peoples and local communities as local authorities, in support of the implementation of the Framework;

7. *Encourages* Parties to integrate local and territorial 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 indigenous peoples and local communities, women, youth and relevant stakeholders and gender-responsive and human rights-based approaches, as appropriate and according to national circumstances and priorities;

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 monitoring, reporting and review processes, in order to improve the visibility of implementation efforts within and across levels of government;

9. *Encourages* subnational governments, cities and other local authorities to strengthen the collection and reporting of subnational biodiversity data, including, where appropriate, data and information on the contributions of women, youth and indigenous peoples and local communities to the implementation of the Framework;

10. *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;

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

(a) To continue to develop voluntary guidelines and capacity-building activities aimed at facilitating the integration of contributions of subnational governments, cities and other local authorities to the implementation of the Framework into national monitoring and reporting mechanisms;

(b) To compile information, as appropriate, on the extent to which biodiversity finance reaches the local and community levels, including information on access to funding by local authorities;

(c) To ensure that future reviews of the role of subnational governments, cities and local authorities include specific analysis of and case studies on the contributions of indigenous peoples and local communities in support of the implementation of the Convention and its Protocols and the Framework;

(d) To provide a progress report on the activities referred to in subparagraphs 11 (a) to (c) above as an information document for a meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation to be held before the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
