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Resource mobilization and financial mechanism: resource mobilization

Resource mobilization

Draft recommendation submitted by the Chair

The Subsidiary Body on Implementation

1. Takes note of the report on progress in implementing decision [16/34](#) of 27 February 2025¹ prepared by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity;²
2. Requests the Secretariat to provide an updated progress report on the requests contained in decision [16/34](#);
3. Also requests the Secretariat to make available to the Conference of the Parties, at its seventeenth meeting, the non-exhaustive list of areas of convergence and divergence, identified by the friends of the co-chairs to the contact group on resource mobilization at the seventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation;
- [4. Recommends that, at its seventeenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties adopt a decision on resource mobilization that includes the following elements:³

The Conference of the Parties,

[Recalling Article 20 of the Convention on Biological Diversity⁴ as the basis for providing and mobilizing resources from all sources and the relevance of Articles 11 and 21 in this regard,⁵]

[Recalling also the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework,⁶ including its section C, Goals C and D and Targets 13 to 16 and 18 to 20, and emphasizing the importance of biodiversity mainstreaming for strengthening resource mobilization and the effective and efficient use of resources to support the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity,]

Recalling further its decision⁷ [16/34](#) of 27 February 2025 to implement Articles 21 and 39 of the Convention and to address the global biodiversity finance gap by 2030[, by

¹ [CBD/SBI/7/3](#).

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

³ In complement to recommendation [6/1](#) of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation.

⁴ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

⁵ Decision [16/34](#), preambular paragraph.

⁶ Decision [15/4](#), annex.

⁷ Decision [16/34](#), paragraph 19.

establishing the permanent arrangement for the financial mechanism envisioned under Article 21 of the Convention and by assessing and improving the mobilization of finance from all sources],

[*Recognizing* the need to broaden the contributor base for the implementation of the Convention and to review and amend the list of developed country Parties and other Parties that voluntarily assume the obligations of the developed country Parties, established pursuant to Article 20, paragraph 2, of the Convention,]

[1. *Takes note* of the review of implementation of the strategy⁸ for resource mobilization for the period 2025–2030, as conducted through the global review of collective progress in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework;

[Placeholder for cross-referencing relevant provisions from recommendation 28/1 of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and recommendation 7/- on planning, monitoring, reporting and review of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation]

[2. *Notes* that, despite reported increases in biodiversity-related financial flows, international public finance remains insufficient, unpredictable and unevenly accessible and that further efforts are required to achieve Target 19 of the Framework, in particular its subparagraph (a);]

[3. *Recognizes* the unprecedented failure to achieve Target 19 resulting from unfulfilled commitments by Parties;]

4. [*Adopts*][*Notes*] the criteria for the institutional structure to operate the financial mechanism envisaged under Article 21 of the Convention on Biological Diversity, which consist of the elements listed in paragraph 21 of decision [16/34](#) [and the amendments thereto, provided in the annex to the present decision];]

5. *Invites* the Global Environment Facility and other relevant existing financial entities, including international financial institutions and multilateral development banks, to take the criteria into account, as appropriate, in their ongoing efforts to reform or improve their operations;

6. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, in accordance with the road map established in paragraph 22 of decision [16/34](#), at a meeting held before the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties:

(a) To conduct a review of progress in the reform of relevant existing financial entities to meet the criteria, following the seventh quadrennial review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism referred to in paragraph 40 of decision [16/33](#) of 27 February 2025, while also taking into account the work undertaken further to paragraph 41 of the same decision;

(b) To prepare elements of a draft decision, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its eighteenth meeting, either to establish a new entity to operate the financial mechanism, whether by itself or alongside an existing entity or entities, or to confirm an existing entity or entities in that role;

(c) To include in the elements of a draft decision, if appropriate, the establishment of an intersessional process to develop the terms of reference and modalities of a new entity on the basis of the criteria;

(d) To undertake a stocktake review on the operations and performance of the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund, as mandated in decisions [15/7](#) and [15/15](#) of 19 December 2022, in paragraphs 39 and 29, respectively, on the basis of the reports referred to in paragraph 10

⁸ Decision [16/34](#), annex I.

below,⁹ relevant reports of the Global Environment Facility and other relevant information, as appropriate;

(e) To make a recommendation on responding to the stocktake review of the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund and integrate it into elements of a draft decision for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its eighteenth meeting;]

7. *Takes note* of document [CBD/SBI/7/3/Add.4](#) on the impediments to the effectiveness of biodiversity finance and elements for its further enhancement, while recognizing that the list of impediments and elements for enhancement therein requires further elaboration;

8. *Invites* Parties and other Governments, consistent with national circumstances, priorities and capabilities, as well as relevant organizations and initiatives, multilateral development banks, the private sector and other stakeholders, to take voluntary action immediately, where possible and as appropriate, to address impediments to the effectiveness of biodiversity finance;

9. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, at a meeting held before the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and in accordance with the road map established in paragraph 23 of decision [16/34](#):

(a) To develop, on the basis of, inter alia, the elements provided in document [CBD/SBI/7/3/Add.4](#), with the understanding that they are voluntary, and taking into account submissions made [by Parties] at the seventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, measures that could be taken to enhance global biodiversity finance in order to mobilize new and additional resources from all sources;

[(b) To assess the performance of existing relevant financial instruments and entities with respect to the implementation of the Framework, in particular Target 19 (a), building on, inter alia, the work referred to in paragraph 6 above;]

10. [*Requests* the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of financial resources and in collaboration with relevant organizations, to support the work requested of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation before the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, including by preparing or commissioning reports to support the consideration by the Subsidiary Body of the items referred to in paragraphs 6 and 9 above;]

[11. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, at a meeting to be held before the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties:

(a) To develop a comprehensive glossary of financial and resource mobilization concepts to be integrated into the glossary of key terms in the monitoring framework set out in the annex to document [CBD/COP/16/INF/3/Rev.1](#);

(b) To undertake a study with the following two objectives:

(i) To evaluate the accuracy and consistency of the application of the Rio markers in accounting for and reporting biodiversity-related expenditures, in particular focusing on the conceptual scope of, and practical application in, accounting for expenditures marked as significant¹⁰ and considering the way in which the financing target under Target 19 of the Framework was estimated;

⁹ The Secretariat has suggested, in document [CBD/SBI/7/4](#), on the financial mechanism, that the preparatory work for the stocktake review be undertaken in conjunction with the seventh quadrennial review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism.

¹⁰ In accordance with the scoring system for the Rio markers of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.

- (ii) To propose a single coefficient for expenditures marked as significant, taking into account the results of the objective described in subparagraph 11 (b) (i);
- (c) To undertake a study to evaluate the conceptual and practical relevance of offsets as a financial biodiversity-related expenditure, considering whether offsets generate additionality in biodiversity conservation;]

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Option A

[12. *Invites* developed country Parties and other Parties that may voluntarily assume the obligations of the developed country Parties, in accordance with Article 20, paragraph 2, of the Convention, to indicate to the Secretariat their interest in being included in the corresponding list established in accordance with that Article;

13. *Requests* the Executive Secretary:

(a) To issue the invitations referred to in paragraph 12 at every other meeting of the Conference of the Parties, starting at its nineteenth meeting;

(b) To amend the list of developed country Parties and other Parties that voluntarily assume the obligations of the developed country Parties in accordance with indications of interest received and to submit the amended list for review and adoption at every other meeting of the Conference of the Parties, starting at its eighteenth meeting;

14. *Decides* to review the process described in paragraphs 12 and 13 above at its twenty-first meeting.]

Option B

[12. *Recognizes* that broadening the contributor base, in line with decision [16/34](#), is consistent with the evolution of national circumstances and capabilities over time;

13. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to review and amend the list of developed country Parties and other Parties that voluntarily assume the obligations of the developed country Parties using the country income groups of the World Bank as a proxy, to include therein high-income country Parties,¹¹ excluding Parties recognized by the United Nations as small island developing States, and submit the amended list for review and adoption at every meeting of the Conference of the Parties, starting at its eighteenth meeting;

14. *Decides* to review the process described in paragraph 13 above at its twenty-first meeting.]

Option C

[12. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to provide, after consultation with Parties, an update of the list that was adopted in decision [VIII/18](#) of 31 March 2006 of developed country Parties and other Parties that voluntarily assume the obligations of developed country Parties, for adoption at every meeting of the Conference of the Parties, starting at its eighteenth meeting;

13. *Decides* to review the process described in paragraph 12 above at its twenty-first meeting.]

¹¹ As referred to [CBD/SBI/7/3/Add.1](#).

Option D

[12. *Recalls* that any review or amendment of the list established pursuant to Article 20, paragraph 2, of the Convention is a matter for the Conference of the Parties to decide on, in accordance with its rules of procedure;

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

(a) To undertake an analysis of:

- (i) Past practice in reviewing and amending the list of Parties established in accordance with Article 20, paragraph 2, of the Convention;
- (ii) The implications of inclusion in that list, including whether such inclusion has effects related to provisions of the Convention other than the financial provisions of Article 20;
- (iii) The relationship between that list and the arrangements for contributions to the financial mechanism;

(b) To carry out consultations with Parties and relevant organizations on opportunities for broadening the contributor base for the implementation of the Convention and to prepare a report on those consultations;

14. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, at a meeting held before the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, to consider the report and analysis referred to in paragraph 13^{alt3} above, develop options for broadening the contributor base for the implementation of the Convention, including options for a process to review the list of developed country Parties and other Parties that voluntarily assume the obligations of the developed country Parties, established pursuant to Article 20, paragraph 2, of the Convention and prepare elements of a draft decision for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its eighteenth meeting.]

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Annex**Criteria for the institutional structure operating the financial mechanism envisaged under Article 21 of the Convention on Biological Diversity**

The operation of the financial mechanism envisaged under Article 21 of the Convention on Biological Diversity¹² can be entrusted to one or more entities, be they new, reformed or existing, which would form an institutional structure fulfilling at least the following criteria:[¹³]

- (a) It functions for the purpose of implementing the Convention and its Protocols;
- (b) It is under the authority and guidance of, and accountable to, the Conference of the Parties;
- (c) It operates within a democratic and transparent system of governance, ensuring a structure that is fair, equitable, inclusive, efficient and representative;

¹² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

[¹³ The criteria listed [are non-exhaustive and non-prescriptive and] do not pre-judge the entity or entities to which the operation of the financial mechanism may be entrusted, the modalities of their operation or the outcome of the review referred to in paragraph 6 above.]

(d) It is accessible by all eligible Parties to the Convention in a fair, timely, simplified, equitable, inclusive and non-discriminatory manner;

[(e) Its policy, strategy, programme priorities and eligibility criteria related to the access to, and utilization of, financial resources are determined by the Conference of the Parties;]

[(f) It provides access to new, additional, predictable and adequate financing that responds to the needs and priorities of all eligible Parties, consisting of developing country Parties, and in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States, and countries with economies in transition;]

[(g) It ensures the full and effective participation of [all stakeholders, including] indigenous peoples and local communities[, and relevant stakeholders]];

[(h) It is accessible by all developing country Parties, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States, and countries with economies in transition;]

[(i) It adds value to and complements the current biodiversity finance landscape;]

[(j) It has a contributor base aimed at the mobilization of resources from all sources;]

[(k) It is able to capitalize on synergies between support for biodiversity action and support for actions to address other related environmental challenges;]

[(l) It [ensures country ownership by all eligible Parties, including by means of direct access modalities through national implementing entities and the effective participation of relevant recipient country authorities in all phases of the programme and project cycle][relies on national executing agencies, ensuring the participation and involvement of relevant recipient country authorities in all steps of the funding allocation process, including project development and execution;]]

[(m) It recognizes the role of indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth[, including by] [ensuring their full and effective participation in decision-making and] [providing direct access to finance [, based on a letter of support from the national focal point for the Convention]]];]

[(n) It [includes robust accountability, transparency, monitoring, reporting and evaluation of disbursement and utilization of resources, as well as grievance and redress arrangements] [provides for a grievance and redress mechanism];]

[(o) It provides direct allocation, project-based disbursement, or both, to all eligible Parties;]

[(p) It ensures accountability of the trustee and compliance with decisions of the [Conference of the Parties][governing body];]

[(q) It provides financial resources on a grant and concessional basis to all eligible Parties and takes full account of the specific needs and special circumstances of least developed countries and small island developing states]].]
