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CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION  
ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY SERVING AS THE  
MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE NAGOYA  
PROTOCOL ON ACCESS TO GENETIC RESOURCES  
AND THE FAIR AND EQUITABLE SHARING OF  
BENEFITS ARISING FROM THEIR UTILIZATION

Fourth meeting

Kunming, China, 11-15 October 2021  
and 25 April to 8 May 2022

### DRAFT REPORT

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### INTRODUCTION

1. Following the invitation of the Government of China and as decided by the Conference of the Parties in its decision XIII/33, the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from Their Utilization was scheduled to be held in Kunming, Yunnan Province, China, from 15 to 28 October 2020, concurrently with the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity and the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. Owing to the ongoing coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, however, the meetings were postponed, initially until late May 2021 and then again as the pandemic persisted.

2. After extensive consultations and considering the challenges that the pandemic still posed for in-person meetings, the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, which also served as the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol, had decided, at its meeting held on 14 July 2021, to hold the fourth meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol in two parts: the first part (part I) to be held online from 11 to 15 October 2021 and the second part (part II) to be held in person in Kunming, China, from 25 April to 8 May 2022. Part I of the meeting was held online.

### Attendance

3. [to be completed]

### Organizational matters

#### Item 1. Opening of the meeting

4. Following the opening of the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties by Ms. Yasmine Fouad, Minister of Environment of Egypt and President of the Conference of the Parties at its fourteenth meeting, and the election of Mr. Runqiu Huang, Minister of Ecology and Environment of China, as President of the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting, the first part of the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol was opened at

3.30 p.m.<sup>1</sup> on 11 October 2021 by Mr. Huang, as President of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol at its fourth meeting.

5. Opening statements were made by Mr. Zheng Han, Vice-Premier of the Council of State of China; Ms. Inger Andersen, Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme, on behalf of Ms. Amina Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations (via video); Mr. Chengfa Ruan, Communist Party Secretary of Yunnan Province; and Ms. Elizabeth Maruma Mrema, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity. Their statements are summarized in the report of the Conference of the Parties on part I of its meeting (CBD/COP/15/Part-I/xx).

6. General statements were made by representatives of Argentina (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean Group), the Democratic Republic of the Congo (on behalf of the African Group), Georgia (on behalf of the countries of Central and Eastern Europe), Kuwait (on behalf of the Asia-Pacific region), New Zealand (on behalf of Australia, Canada, Iceland, Israel, Monaco, Norway, the Republic of Korea, Switzerland, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America) and Slovenia (on behalf of the European Union and its member States).

7. A statement was also made by the representative of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization.

8. Further statements were made by representatives of the CBD Women's Caucus, the Global Youth Biodiversity Network (GYBN), International Indigenous Forum for Biodiversity (IIFB), the Hani People of Yunnan, the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) (also on behalf of the Advisory Committee on Subnational Governments and Biodiversity (coordinated by Regions4 and the Government of Quebec) the Group of Leading Subnational Governments towards the Aichi Biodiversity Targets (coordinated by the Aichi Prefecture), the European Committee of the Regions and the Edinburgh Process partners) and the True Nature Conservation Association (also on behalf of Youth of China).<sup>2</sup>

## **Item 2. Organizational matters**

### *Adoption of the agenda*

9. At the first plenary session of part I of the meeting, on 11 October 2021, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol adopted the following agenda based on the provisional agenda prepared by the Executive Secretary in consultation with the Bureau (CBD/NP/MOP/4/1/Rev.1):

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Organizational matters.
3. Report on the credentials of representatives to the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol.
4. Reports of subsidiary bodies.
5. Report of the Compliance Committee (Article 30).
6. Administration of the Protocol and budget for the trust funds.
7. Financial mechanism and resources (Article 25).
8. Measures to assist in capacity-building and capacity development (Article 22) and measures to raise awareness of the importance of genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge (Article 21).
9. The Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House and information-sharing (Article 14).
10. Monitoring and reporting (Article 29).
11. Cooperation with other international organizations, conventions and initiatives.

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<sup>1</sup> All times shown in the present report are China Standard time (UTC+8).

<sup>2</sup> Statements made by representatives, where provided to the Secretariat, can be found at <https://www.cbd.int/conferences/2021-2022/cop-15/documents>, as received from the Party or observer concerned.

12. Review of the effectiveness of structures and processes.
13. Post-2020 global biodiversity framework.
14. Digital sequence information on genetic resources.
15. Specialized international access and benefit-sharing instruments in the context of Article 4, paragraph 4, of the Nagoya Protocol.
16. Global multilateral benefit-sharing mechanism (Article 10).
17. Other matters.
18. Adoption of the report.
19. Closure of the meeting.

### **Organization of work**

10. At the first plenary session of part I of the meeting, on 11 October 2021, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol decided to address items 1 to 6 and 17 to 19 during part I of the meeting, according to the schedule set out in annex I to the proposed organization of work (CBD/NP/MOP/4/1/Add.2). It was understood that all those items would be addressed in plenary and that some would need to be further considered during part II of the meeting, at which time agenda items 7 to 16 would also be addressed.

#### *Election of the President*

11. Pursuant to article 26, paragraph 3, of the Nagoya Protocol, the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties also serves as the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol. Accordingly, Mr. Runqiu Huang, Minister of Ecology and Environment of China, who had been elected President of the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, also served as the President of the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol.

#### *Election of officers other than the President*

12. Article 26, paragraph 3, of the Nagoya Protocol stipulated that any member of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties who was representing a Party to the Convention that was not a Party to the Protocol must be substituted by a member elected by and from among the Parties to the Protocol. At its fourteenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties had elected 10 members of the Bureau to serve until the closure of the fifteenth meeting. Two representatives had subsequently been replaced by the Party concerned. At its third meeting, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol had elected substitute Bureau members for those regions where the member of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties represented a Party to the Convention that was not a Party to the Nagoya Protocol. Accordingly, the Bureau for the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties comprised:

Mr. Eric Okoree (Ghana)  
 Mr. Melesse Maryo (Ethiopia)  
 Mr. Vinod Mathur (India) (replacing Ms. Sujata Arora)  
 Ms. Leina El-Awadhi (Kuwait)  
 Mr. Dilovarsho Dustov (Tajikistan)  
 Ms. Elvana Ramaj (Albania)  
 Mr. Joaquin Salzberg (Argentina)  
 Ms. Helena Jeffery Brown (Antigua and Barbuda)  
 Ms. Gabriele Obermayr (Austria)  
 Ms. Marie Haraldstad (Norway)

13. As some of the work mandated by the Conference of the Parties at its fourteenth meeting was to continue until the closure of part II of the meeting, Mr. Hamdallah Zedan (Egypt) was invited to remain a member of the Bureau, ex officio, as the representative of the Presidency of the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

14. It was agreed that the officers who would take office at the closure of the fourth meeting and serve until the end of the fifth meetings would be elected at part II of the meeting, at which time the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties would elect replacements, as necessary, for those members of the Bureau that represented a Party to the Convention but not a Party to the Nagoya Protocol.

15. At the opening plenary session of part I of the meeting, on 11 October 2021, it was agreed, on the proposal of the Bureau, that Ms. Elvana Ramaj (Albania) would serve as Rapporteur for the meeting.

#### *Election of officers of subsidiary bodies*

16. At its opening session on 11 October 2021, the Conference of the Parties decided to postpone the elections of the Chair of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and of the Chair of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation until the end of the second part of the meeting. The Conference of the Parties also decided to maintain the Co-Chairs of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework in office until the second part of the meeting.

### **Item 3. Report on the credentials of representatives to the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol**

17. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol took up agenda item 3 at the opening plenary session of part I of the meeting, on 11 October 2021. In accordance with rule 19 of the rules of procedure, the Bureau was to examine and report on the credentials of delegations. Accordingly, the President informed the body that the Bureau had designated Mr. Eric Okoree (Ghana), a Vice-President of the Bureau, to examine and report on credentials.

18. At the [*to be completed*] plenary session of part I of the meeting, on [*to be completed*], Mr. Okoree informed the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol that [*to be completed*] Parties were registered as attending the meeting. The Bureau had examined the credentials of the representatives of [*to be completed*] Parties that were attending the meeting. The credentials of [*to be completed*] delegations were in full compliance with rule 18 of the rules of procedure. Those of [*to be completed*] delegations did not fully comply with rule 18 and a further [*to be completed*] delegations had not presented their credentials to date.

### **Item 4. Reports of subsidiary bodies**

19. [*to be completed*]

### **Item 5. Report of the Compliance Committee**

20. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol took up agenda item 5 at the [*to be completed*] session of part I of the meeting, on [*to be completed*], and decided to defer the consideration of the recommendations of the Compliance Committee and the election of new members of the Compliance Committee until part II of the meeting.

### **Item 6. Administration of the Protocol and budget for the trust funds**

21. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol took up agenda item 6 at the opening session of part I of the meeting, on 11 October 2021. In considering the item, it had before it an interim report of the Executive Secretary on the administration of the Convention and its Protocols, including the budget for the respective trust funds (CBD/NP/MOP/4/3).

22. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol decided to establish a contact group on the budget, with a mandate to review the matter and prepare a draft budget for the programme of work for 2022, for the consideration of the Parties. The contact group would be chaired by Mr. Spencer Thomas (Grenada), would be open to all Parties and would meet informally at the invitation of its chair, with meetings advertised in advance in the daily calendar of meetings.

23. At the [*to be completed*] plenary session of part I of the meeting, on [*to be completed*], the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol heard an update on the work of the contact group on budget [*to be completed*].

**Item 17. Other matters**

24. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol took up agenda item 17 at the [to be completed] plenary session of part I of the meeting, on [to be completed].

25. [to be completed]

**Item 18. Adoption of the report**

26. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol adopted the present report at the [to be completed] plenary session of part I of the meeting, on [to be completed], on the basis of the draft report presented by the Rapporteur (CBD/NP/MOP/4/Part-1-L.1), on the understanding that it would be completed to reflect the full proceedings of the current meeting and that the full report would be considered and adopted at part II of the meeting.

**Item 19. Closure of the meeting**

27. At the [to be completed] plenary session of part I of the meeting, on [to be completed], the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol decided to suspend its fourth meeting and resume it from 25 April to 8 May 2022, in Kunming, China.

28. Following the customary exchange of courtesies, the first part of the meeting was formally closed at [to be completed], on [to be completed].

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