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ACCESS TO GENETIC  
RESOURCES AND FAIR AND  
EQUITABLE SHARING OF  
BENEFITS ARISING FROM  
THEIR UTILIZATION

Fourth meeting

Montreal, Canada, 7–19 December 2022

## DRAFT REPORT OF WORKING GROUP I

1. Working Group I, chaired by Ms. Rosemary Paterson (New Zealand), met to consider items 8–14, 15B and 16 of the agenda for the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and items 13 and 14 of the agenda for 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.
2. Working group I held [XX] meetings, from 7 to [XX] December, and adopted the present report at its [XX] meeting on [XX] December 2022.

### **COP-Item 8. Review of progress in the implementation of the Convention and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011–2020 and the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets**

#### *8A. Informing the scientific and technical evidence base for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework*

3. Working group I took up sub-item COP-8 A at its first meeting, on 7 December. In considering the item, the working group had before it a draft decision on the scientific and technical evidence base for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, based on recommendations 23/1 and 24/1 of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and set out in the compilation of draft decisions (CBD/COP/15/2).
4. The working group agreed that the Chair would hold informal consultations on the few remaining issues and prepare a revised draft decision for the working group's consideration.
5. At its second meeting, on 9 December 2022, the working group considered the revised draft decision submitted by the Chair and approved it for transmission to plenary as draft decision CBD/COP/15/L.3.

**8B. Review of progress in the implementation of the Convention and the strategic plan for biodiversity 2011–2020**

6. Working group I took up sub-item COP-8 B at its first meeting, on 7 December. In considering the item, the working group had before it a draft decision on review of progress in the implementation of the Convention and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011–2020, prepared on the basis of recommendation 3/1 by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation and set out in the compilation of draft decisions (CBD/COP/15/2); and a note by the Executive Secretary on the review of progress in the implementation of the Convention and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011–2020 (CBD/COP/15/9 and addenda).

7. The working group agreed that the Chair would hold informal consultations on the few remaining issues and prepare a revised draft decision for the working group's consideration.

8. At its second meeting, on 9 December 2022, the working group considered the revised draft decision submitted by the Chair and approved it, as orally amended, for transmission to plenary as draft decision CBD/COP/15/L.4.

**V. Post-2020 global biodiversity framework, related matters and mechanisms for enhancing implementation**

**COP-Item 9. Post-2020 global biodiversity framework**

*COP-Item 9 A. Post-2020 global biodiversity framework*

9. Working group I took up sub-item COP-9 A at its first meeting, on 7 December, in conjunction with item 13 of the agenda for the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol. In considering the matter, the working group had before it a draft decision on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, drawn from recommendation 4/1 of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, and the draft post-2020 global biodiversity framework itself, which would be adopted through the draft decision and annexed to it. The text of the draft framework was set out in the annex to recommendation 5/1 of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework.

10. The working group agreed to establish a contact group, co-chaired by Francis Ogwal (Uganda) and Basile van Havre (Canada), to continue discussing the draft post-2020 global biodiversity framework, with a view to finalizing it.

11. *[to be completed]*

**NP-Item 13. Post-2020 global biodiversity framework**

12. Working group I took up item NP-13 at its first meeting, on 7 December, in conjunction with item 9 A of the agenda for the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity. In considering the matter, the working group had before it a note by the Executive Secretary on enhancing implementation of the Nagoya Protocol in the context of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework (CBD/NP/MOP/4/9).

13. The working group agreed to resume its consideration of the item at a later stage of the meeting, once discussion of the matter under item 9 A of the agenda for the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties had progressed.

14. *[to be completed]*

*COP-Item 9 B. Monitoring frameworks for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework*

15. Working group I took up sub-item COP-9 B at its first meeting, on 7 December. In considering the item, the working group had before it a draft decision on monitoring, which included an assessment of headline indicators and proposals for additional indicators, as well as component and complementary

indicators for monitoring the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. The draft decision, which had been developed by the Executive Secretary on the basis of recommendation 24/2 of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, was set out in the compilation of draft decisions (CBD/COP/15/2). The working group also had before it the report of the expert workshop on the monitoring framework for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework (CBD/ID/OM/2022/1/2).

16. The working group agreed to request the contact group established under sub-item COP-9 A to consider the headline indicators. It further agreed to establish a group of friends of the chair, led by Hesiquio Benitez (Mexico) and open to all interested parties, to examine the draft decision under the sub-item and address any cross-cutting issues arising from the contact group's review of the headline indicators.

17. *[to be completed]*

#### *COP-Item 9 C. Communication strategy*

18. Working group I took up sub-item COP-9 (c) at its first meeting, on 7 December, in conjunction with sub-item COP-13 C on communication. The working group thus had before it one draft decision on the communication strategy for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and another on communication, which were based on recommendations 3/18 and 3/5 of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, respectively, and set out in the compilation of draft decisions (CBD/COP/15/2).

19. The working group agreed that the Chair would hold informal consultations on the few remaining issues and prepare revised draft decisions for the working group's consideration.

20. At its third meeting, on 17 December 2022, the working group considered a single combined revised draft decision submitted by the Chair on communication and approved it, as orally amended, for transmission to plenary as draft decision CBD/COP/15/L.23.

#### *COP-Item 9 D. Gender plan of action*

21. Working group I took up sub-item COP-9 D at its first meeting, on 7 December. In considering the item, the working group had before it a draft decision on a gender plan of action, which was based on recommendation 3/3 of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation and set out in the compilation of draft decisions (CBD/COP/15/2).

22. The working group agreed that the Chair would hold informal consultations on the few remaining issues and prepare a revised draft decision for its consideration.

23. At its third meeting, on 17 December 2022, the working group considered the revised draft decision submitted by the Chair and approved it, as orally amended, for transmission to plenary as draft decision CBD/COP/15/L.24.

### **COP-Item 10. Enhancing integration with respect to provisions related to Article 8(j) and related provisions**

#### *Item 10 A. Development of a new programme of work and institutional arrangements on Article 8(j) and related provisions*

24. Working group I took up sub-item COP-10 A at its first meeting, on 7 December. In considering the item, the working group had before it a draft decision on the development of a new programme of work and institutional arrangements on Article 8(j) and other provisions of the Convention related to indigenous peoples and local communities, which was based on recommendation 11/2 of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions and set out in the compilation of draft decisions (CBD/COP/15/2).

25. The working group agreed that the Chair would hold informal consultations on the few remaining issues and prepare a revised draft decision for the working group's consideration, on the understanding that the brackets in annex II to the draft decision did not need to be resolved at the current meeting as the Ad

Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions would consider the new programme of work on Article 8(j) further at its twelfth meeting.

26. At its second meeting, on 9 December 2022, the working group considered the revised draft decision submitted by the Chair and approved it, as orally amended, for transmission to plenary as draft decision CBD/COP/15/L.8.

***COP-Item 10 B. In-depth dialogue on Article 8(j) and related provisions***

27. Working group I took up sub-item COP-10 B at its first meeting, on 7 December. In considering the item, the working group had before it a draft decision on the thematic areas and other cross-cutting issues, which was based on recommendation 11/1 of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions and set out in the compilation of draft decisions (CBD/COP/15/2).

28. The working group agreed that the Chair would submit the draft decision as a conference room paper for the working group's consideration.

29. At its second meeting, on 9 December 2022, the working group considered the draft decision as submitted by the Chair and approved it, as orally amended, for transmission to plenary as draft decision CBD/COP/15/L.6.

***Item 10 C. Recommendations from the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues***

30. Working group I took up sub-item COP-10 (c) at its first meeting, on 7 December. In considering the item, the working group had before it a draft decision on recommendations from the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues to the Convention on Biological Diversity, which was based on recommendation 11/4 of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions and set out in the compilation of draft decisions (CBD/COP/15/2).

31. The working group agreed that the Chair would submit the draft decision as a conference room paper for the working group's consideration.

32. At its second meeting, on 9 December 2022, the working group considered the draft decision as submitted by the Chair and approved it, as orally amended, for transmission to plenary as draft decision CBD/COP/15/L.7.

**COP-Item 11. Digital sequence information on genetic resources**

33. Working group I took up item COP-11 at its first meeting, on 7 December, in conjunction with item NP-14 of the agenda for the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol. In considering the item, the working group had before it a draft decision in the form of recommendation 5/2, prepared by the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework taking into account its recommendations 3/2 and 4/2 and the information provided in the note by the Executive Secretary on digital sequence information on genetic resources (CBD/WG2020/5/3).

34. The working group agreed to establish a contact group, co-chaired by Gaute Voigt-Hanssen (Norway) and Lacticia Tshitwamulomoni (South Africa), to prepare a revised draft decision for the working group's consideration.

35. *[to be completed]*

**NP-Item 14. Digital sequence information on genetic resources**

36. Working group I took up item NP-14 at its first meeting, on 7 December, in conjunction with item COP-11 of the agenda for the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity.

37. The working group agreed to resume its consideration of the item at a later stage of the meeting, once discussion of the matter under item 11 of the agenda for the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties had progressed.

38. [to be completed]

### **COP-Item 12. Resource mobilization and the financial mechanism**

#### *Item 12 A. Resource mobilization*

39. Working group I took up sub-item COP-12 A at its first meeting, on 7 December. In considering the sub-item, the working group had before a draft decision based on recommendation 3/6 of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, set out in the compilation of draft decisions (CBD/COP/15/2).

40. The working group agreed to establish a contact group, co-chaired by Ines Verleye (Belgium) and Shonisani Munzhedzi (South Africa), to prepare a revised draft decision for the working group's consideration.

41. [to be completed]

#### *Item 12 B. Financial mechanism*

42. Working group I took up sub-item COP-12 B at its first meeting, on 7 December. In considering the sub-item, the working group had before it a draft decision on the financial mechanism, based on recommendation 3/7 of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation and set out in the compilation of draft decisions (CBD/COP/15/2), as well as a note by the Executive Secretary on matters related to guidance to the Global Environment Facility (CBD/COP/15/10).

43. The representative of the Global Environment Facility presented the report of the Council of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting, set out in document CBD/COP/15/8.

44. The working group agreed to establish a contact group to prepare a revised draft decision for the working group's consideration.

45. [to be completed]

### **COP-Item 13. Capacity-building and technical and scientific cooperation and knowledge management and communication**

#### *Item 13 A. Capacity-building and technical and scientific cooperation*

46. Working group I took up sub-item COP-13 A at its first meeting, on 7 December. In considering the sub-item, the working group had before it a draft decision on capacity-building and technical and scientific cooperation, which was based on recommendation 3/8 of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation and set out in the compilation of draft decisions (CBD/COP/15/2), as well as a note by the Executive Secretary setting out a summary report of the review of the technical and scientific cooperation programmes (CBD/COP/15/12).

47. The working group agreed to establish a contact group, co-chaired by Laura Bermúdez (Colombia) and Hayo Haanstra (Netherlands), to prepare a revised version of the draft decision, including the annexes thereto, for the working group's consideration.

48. [to be completed]

#### *Item 13 B. Knowledge management*

49. Working group I took up sub-item COP-13 B at its first meeting, on 7 December. In considering the sub-item, the working group had before it a draft decision on knowledge management, which was based on recommendation 3/10 of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation and set out in the compilation of draft

decisions (CBD/COP/15/2), as well as a note by the Executive Secretary setting out a progress report on knowledge management and the clearing-house mechanism (CBD/COP/15/INF/9).

50. The working group agreed to request the contact group established under sub-item COP-13 A to also address sub-item COP-13 B, including the proposed draft decision, focusing on determining a way forward, once it had finished its work on capacity-building.

51. *[to be completed]*

#### *Item 13 C. Communication*

52. Working group I took up sub-item COP-13 C at its first meeting, on 7 December, in conjunction with sub-item COP-9 C.

53. *[to be completed]*

#### **COP-Item 14. Mechanisms for planning, monitoring, reporting and review**

54. Working group I took up item COP-14 at its first meeting, on 7 December. In considering the item, the working group had before it a draft decision on mechanisms for planning, monitoring, reporting and review, which was based on recommendation 3/11 of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation and set out in the compilation of draft decisions (CBD/COP/15/2).

55. The working group agreed to establish a contact group, co-chaired by Gillian Guthrie (Jamaica) and Andrew Stott (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland), to prepare a revised draft decision for the working group's consideration.

56. *[to be completed]*

#### **COP-Item 15. Cooperation with other conventions and international organizations**

##### *Item 15 B. Cooperation with other conventions and international organizations*

57. Working group I took up item COP-15 at its first meeting, on 7 December. In considering the item, the working group had before it a draft decision based on recommendation 3/12 of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, set out in the compilation of draft decisions (CBD/COP/15/2), as well as a note by the Executive Secretary on information documents submitted by partner organizations (CBD/COP/15/14).

58. The working group heard brief presentations by the representatives of secretariats of conventions and organizations whose governing bodies had recently met and addressed matters relevant to their cooperation with the Convention and to the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, namely the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora; the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance Especially as Waterfowl Habitat; the Framework Convention on the Protection and Sustainable Development of the Carpathians; the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture; the International Whaling Commission; and the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa.

59. A statement was made by the representative of Japan.

60. The working group agreed that the Chair would hold informal consultations on the few remaining issues and prepare a revised draft decision for the working group's consideration.

61. At its third meeting, on 17 December 2022, the working group considered the revised draft decision submitted by the Chair and approved it, as orally amended, for transmission to plenary as draft decision CBD/COP/15/L.21.

## **COP-Item 16. Mainstreaming of biodiversity within and across sectors**

### *Item 16 A. Mainstreaming of biodiversity within and across sectors: Long-term strategic approach to mainstreaming biodiversity*

62. Working group I took up sub-item COP-16 A at its first meeting, on 7 December. In considering the sub-item, the working group had before it a draft decision on a long-term strategic approach to mainstreaming biodiversity, which was based on recommendation 3/15 of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation and set out in the compilation of draft decisions (CBD/COP/15/2), as well as three information documents with compilations of the submissions received from Parties and observers on the long-term strategic approach to mainstreaming and the voluntary action plan to complement the approach (CBD/COP/15/INF/10, CBD/COP/15/INF/11 and CBD/COP/15/INF/12).

63. The working group agreed to establish a contact group, co-chaired by Carlos Albuquerque (Portugal) and Stanislas Mouba (Gabon), with the mandate to discuss the issue and prepare a proposal on the way forward.

64. [to be completed]

### *Item 16 B. Engagement with subnational governments, cities and other local authorities to enhance implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework*

65. Working group I took up sub-item COP-16 B at its first meeting, on 7 December. In considering the sub-item, the working group had before it a draft decision on the matter, which was based on recommendation 3/14 of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation and set out in the compilation of draft decisions (CBD/COP/15/2).

66. The working group agreed that the Chair would hold informal consultations on the few remaining issues and prepare a revised draft decision for the working group's consideration.

67. At its third meeting, on 17 December 2022, the working group considered the revised draft decision submitted by the Chair and approved it, as orally amended, for transmission to plenary as draft decision CBD/COP/15/L.22.