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### Draft report of Working Group I

1. Working Group I, chaired by Charlotta Sörqvist (Sweden), met to consider items 9 to 15, 26 and 27 of the agenda for the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (see sect. I), items 7 and 10 of the agenda for the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (see sect. II) and agenda items 7, 12 and 14 of the agenda for the fifth 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 (see sect. III).
2. [to be completed].

## I. Sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention

### Item 9

#### Digital sequence information on genetic resources

3. Working Group I considered agenda item 9 at its 1st session, on 21 October, in conjunction with item 14 of the agenda for the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol. It had before it a draft decision (see CBD/COP/16/2/Rev.1, item 9) and the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Resource Mobilization regarding the adequate entity to receive and disburse the revenue generated by the mechanism established under decision 15/9.<sup>1</sup> The reports of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Benefit-sharing from the Use of Digital Sequence Information on Genetic Resources on its first<sup>2</sup> and second<sup>3</sup> meetings and the

<sup>1</sup> CBD/COP/16/5.

<sup>2</sup> CBD/WGDSI/1/3.

<sup>3</sup> CBD/WGDSI/2/3.

report of the Advisory Committee on Resource Mobilization on its third meeting<sup>4</sup> had also been made available as reference documents.

4. Working Group I agreed to establish a contact group, co-chaired by Lacticia Tshitwamulomoni (South Africa) and William Lockhart (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland), to prepare a revised draft decision on operationalizing the multilateral mechanism, using the draft decision in document CBD/COP/16/2/Rev.1 as the basis for its work and taking into account the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Resource Mobilization.

5. [to be completed]

## Item 10

### Mechanisms for planning, monitoring, reporting and review

6. Working Group I considered agenda item 10 at its 1st session. It had before it two draft decisions: one on the monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework; and another on mechanisms for planning, monitoring, reporting and review (see CBD/COP/16/2/Rev.1, item 10). It also had before it elements of a draft decision on the pilot open-ended forum for voluntary country review of implementation at the fifth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation (see CBD/COP/16/2/Rev.1/Add.1), to be taken into account when considering the second component of the agenda item. In addition, various information documents had been issued in relation to item 10, namely, revised guidance on using the indicators of the monitoring framework,<sup>5</sup> revised guidance on needs related to implementing the monitoring framework,<sup>6</sup> a summary of proposed changes to the list of component and complimentary indicators of the monitoring framework<sup>7</sup> and a background note on indicator D.3 on private funding: a report for the Technical Expert Group on Financial Reporting.<sup>8</sup>

7. Statements were made by representatives of the following Parties: Democratic Republic of the Congo and Russian Federation.

8. Working Group I agreed to establish a single contact group, co-chaired by Gillian Guthrie (Jamaica) and Carolina Caceres (Canada), to address both components of agenda item 10 and arrive at a compromise text to resolve the outstanding important elements and the bracketed text. It also agreed that the Co-chairs could establish a group of friends of the Co-chairs to support them on particular issues, as needed.

#### (i) *Monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework*

9. [to be completed]

#### (ii) *Mechanisms for planning, monitoring, reporting and review*

10. [to be completed]

## Item 11

### Resource mobilization and financial mechanism

11. Working Group I considered agenda item 11 at its 1st session. It had before it two draft decisions, one on resource mobilization and the other on the financial mechanism (see CBD/COP/16/2/Rev.1, item 11). It also had before it notes by the Secretariat on recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Resource Mobilization regarding the adequate entity to receive and disburse the revenue generated by the mechanism established under

<sup>4</sup> CBD/RM/AC/2024/2/2.

<sup>5</sup> CBD/COP/16/INF/3.

<sup>6</sup> CBD/COP/16/INF/4.

<sup>7</sup> CBD/COP/16/INF/5.

<sup>8</sup> CBD/COP/16/INF/31.

decision 15/9,<sup>9</sup> the financial mechanism,<sup>10</sup> consolidated previous guidance to the Global Environment Facility (GEF),<sup>11</sup> elements of advice on priorities of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals for consideration in the development of the four-year outcome-oriented framework of programme priorities for the ninth replenishment period of the GEF Trust Fund<sup>12</sup> and the report on the sixth review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism,<sup>13</sup> as well as the report of the GEF Council for the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention.<sup>14</sup> Various information documents had also been issued in relation to item 11, namely, a submission from the Plurinational State of Bolivia regarding Target 19, paragraph (f), of the Framework,<sup>15</sup> a report by the independent evaluator on the sixth quadrennial review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism,<sup>16</sup> a resolution of the Standing Committee of the Convention on Migratory Species with regard to elements of advice concerning the funding of national priorities for the Convention on Migratory Species for the development of the four-year outcome-oriented framework of programme priorities for the ninth replenishment period of the GEF Trust Fund<sup>17</sup> and a note on exploration of the biodiversity finance landscape.<sup>18</sup>

(i) *Resource mobilization*

12. Statements were made by representatives of the following Parties: Argentina, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Brazil, Colombia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Egypt, European Union and its member States, Jordan, Malawi, Nigeria, Russian Federation, Uganda and Zimbabwe (on behalf of the African States).

13. Working Group I agreed to establish a contact group, co-chaired by Patrick Luna (Brazil) and Ines Verleye (Belgium), to prepare a revised draft decision, using the draft decision on resource mobilization in document CBD/COP/16/2/Rev.1 as a basis for its work and taking into consideration the submission by the Plurinational State of Bolivia regarding Target 19, paragraph (f), of the Framework.

14. [to be completed]

(ii) *Financial mechanism*

15. A representative of GEF presented the report of the GEF Council for the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

16. The independent evaluator presented his report on the sixth review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism.

17. Statements were made by representatives of the following Parties: Brazil, Democratic Republic of the Congo, European Union and its member States, Guatemala, Japan and Seychelles.

18. Working Group I resumed its consideration of the matter at its 2nd session, on 22 October.

19. Statements were made by representatives of the following Parties: Australia, Bangladesh, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cameroon, Canada, China, Colombia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Fiji, India, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, Norway, Russian Federation, South Africa, Switzerland, Uganda, United Kingdom, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay and Viet Nam.

<sup>9</sup> CBD/COP/16/5.

<sup>10</sup> CBD/COP/16/6/Rev.1.

<sup>11</sup> CBD/COP/16/6/Add.1.

<sup>12</sup> CBD/COP/16/6/Add.2.

<sup>13</sup> CBD/COP/16/7.

<sup>14</sup> CBD/COP/16/8/Rev.1.

<sup>15</sup> CBD/COP/16/INF/8.

<sup>16</sup> CBD/COP/16/INF/25.

<sup>17</sup> CBD/COP/16/INF/26.

<sup>18</sup> CBD/COP/16/INF/32.

20. Statements were also made by representatives of the Arab Organization for Agricultural Development and the Global Youth Biodiversity Network.

21. Working Group I established a contact group, co-chaired by Laura Bermúdez (Colombia) and Ladislav Miko (Czechia), to consider the draft decision on the financial mechanism in document CBD/COP/16/2/Rev.1 and new elements arising from the comments made during the session by Parties and observers. The contact group was also requested to coordinate its discussion with those of the contact group on resource mobilization, given the interlinkages between them.

22. [to be completed]

## Item 12

### **Capacity-building and development, technical and scientific cooperation, clearing-house mechanism and knowledge management**

23. Working Group I considered agenda item 12 at its 2nd session. It had before it two draft decisions: one on capacity-building and development, technical and scientific cooperation and technology transfer; and the other on the clearing-house mechanism and knowledge management (see CBD/COP/16/2/Rev.1, item 12). It also had before it a note by the Secretariat on further information relevant to the operationalization of the technical and scientific cooperation mechanism.<sup>19</sup> Various information documents had also been issued in relation to item 12, namely, guidance relevant to the subregional technical and scientific cooperation support centres in the development of their workplans,<sup>20</sup> a progress report on the clearing-house mechanism and knowledge management, in response to decision 15/16<sup>21</sup> and a progress report on technical and scientific cooperation.<sup>22</sup>

#### *(i) Capacity-building and development, and technical and scientific cooperation and technology transfer*

24. Working Group I agreed to establish a contact group, co-chaired by Mukondi Matshusa (South Africa) and Holly Kelley-Weil (United Kingdom), with the mandate to clean the draft decision, including annex II, focusing on resolving the bracketed text.

25. [to be completed]

#### *(ii) Clearing-house mechanism and knowledge management*

26. Working Group I agreed that the contact group established to address capacity-building and development, and technical and scientific cooperation and technology transfer would also address the draft decision on the clearing-house mechanism and knowledge management, with the objective of submitting to the Working Group a clean text of the draft decision, agreed by consensus.

27. [to be completed]

## Item 13

### **Cooperation with international organizations and bodies established under other conventions**

28. Working Group I considered agenda item 13 at its 2nd session. It had before it a draft decision (see CBD/COP/16/2/Rev.1, item 13) and a note by the Secretariat on cooperation with other conventions and international organizations.<sup>23</sup> Various information documents had also been issued in relation to item 13, namely, a report of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United

<sup>19</sup> CBD/COP/16/9.

<sup>20</sup> CBD/COP/16/INF/24.

<sup>21</sup> CBD/COP/16/INF/33.

<sup>22</sup> CBD/COP/16/INF/38.

<sup>23</sup> CBD/COP/16/10/Rev.1.

Nations,<sup>24</sup> a note on the progress of the United Nations Decade on Ecosystem Restoration 2021–2030,<sup>25</sup> a progress report on the implementation of the International Initiative for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Pollinators,<sup>26</sup> a progress report of the Collaborative Partnership on Sustainable Wildlife Management for the period 2023–2024,<sup>27</sup> a report of the United Nations Environment Programme on its activities to support the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Protocols,<sup>28</sup> a progress report on rolling out the Data Reporting Tool for Multilateral Environmental Agreements,<sup>29</sup> a report by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat),<sup>30</sup> the sixth joint workplan (2024–2030) of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat,<sup>31</sup> a report on recent developments under the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture of relevance to the Convention and its Nagoya Protocol,<sup>32</sup> notes on mercury pollution and biodiversity: contributions of the Minamata Convention on Mercury to the Framework<sup>33</sup> and a note by the Secretariat on the Carpathian Biodiversity Framework.<sup>34</sup>

29. Presentations were made by representatives of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the Intergovernmental Science-policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, the Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions, the Secretariat of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, the Secretariat of the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat, the Secretariat of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture and the Zoo and Aquarium Association Australasia (also on behalf of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums, Association Française des Parcs Zoologiques, San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance, the Wilder Institute–Calgary Zoo Foundation, the World Association of Zoos and Aquariums and the Zoological Society of London).

30. Statements were made by representatives of the following Parties: Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Canada, Colombia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, European Union and its member States, Guatemala, India, Japan, Kenya, Mexico, Russian Federation, Switzerland, Togo, Uganda, United Arab Emirates and United Kingdom.

31. Working Group I resumed its consideration of agenda item 13 at its 3rd session, on 28 October.

32. Statements were made by representatives of the following Parties: Argentina, Brazil, Cameroon, Guatemala, Kenya (on behalf of the African States), Kyrgyzstan, South Africa, Uganda and United Kingdom.

33. Statements were also made by representatives of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea of the United Nations Secretariat, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Secretariat of the Minamata Convention on Mercury, the United Nations Environment Programme and the World Intellectual Property Organization.

34. Further statements were made by representatives of Alliance Bioversity International and the International Centre for Tropical Agriculture, the Arab Organization for Agricultural Development, the International Whaling Commission, the International Union for Conservation of Nature and the Nordic Genetic Resource Center.

<sup>24</sup> CBD/COP/16/INF/12.

<sup>25</sup> CBD/COP/16/INF/13.

<sup>26</sup> CBD/COP/16/INF/14.

<sup>27</sup> CBD/COP/16/INF/15.

<sup>28</sup> CBD/COP/16/INF/16.

<sup>29</sup> CBD/COP/16/INF/17.

<sup>30</sup> CBD/COP/16/INF/18.

<sup>31</sup> CBD/COP/16/INF/19.

<sup>32</sup> CBD/COP/16/INF/20.

<sup>33</sup> CBD/COP/16/INF/21.

<sup>34</sup> CBD/COP/16/INF/23.

35. A statement was also made by the representative of the International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity.

36. Working Group I agreed that the Chair would prepare a revised draft decision for its consideration.

37. [to be completed]

## Item 14

### Implementation of Article 8(j) and related provisions

38. Working Group I considered agenda item 13 at its 1st session. It had before it four draft decisions: one on the in-depth dialogue on Article 8(j) and related provisions of the Convention; two on the development of a new programme of work and institutional arrangements on Article 8(j) and related provisions; and a fourth on recommendations from the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues pertaining to the Convention (see CBD/COP/16/2/Rev.1, item 14). Various information documents had also been issued in relation to item 14, namely, a summary report on the informal dialogue on the new programme of work and institutional arrangements on Article 8(j) and other provisions,<sup>35</sup> a submission from Brazil and Colombia in relation to item 14,<sup>36</sup> budget estimates for possible scenarios concerning institutional arrangements on Article 8(j) and other provisions of the Convention related to indigenous peoples and local communities<sup>37</sup> and a note by the Secretariat on preparatory events of relevance to the proposed new programme of work and institutional arrangements for Article 8(j) and other provisions.<sup>38</sup>

39. A statement was made by a representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

#### (i) *In-depth dialogue on Article 8(j) and related provisions of the Convention*

40. Working Group I agreed that the Chair would prepare a revised draft decision for the group's consideration.

41. [to be completed]

#### (ii) *Development of a new programme of work and institutional arrangements on Article 8(j) and related provisions of the Convention*

42. Statements were made by representatives of the following Parties: Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Democratic Republic of the Congo (on behalf of the African States), European Union and its member States, Guatemala, Indonesia, Japan, Kiribati, Russian Federation, Togo, Uganda and Zimbabwe.

43. Working Group I established a contact group, co-chaired by Pernilla Malmer (Sweden) and Lucy Mullenkei (Indigenous Information Network), to continue to discuss the new programme of work and institutional arrangements, with a view to finalizing it.

44. At its 4th session, on 30 October, Working Group I considered three draft recommendations submitted by the Chair following discussions in the contact group: one on a new programme of work, another on institutional arrangements and a third on the role of people of African descent in the implementation of the Framework.

*Programme of work on Article 8(j) and other provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity related to indigenous peoples and local communities to 2030*

45. Statements were made by representatives of the following Parties: Chile, Colombia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, European Union and its member States, Gabon,

<sup>35</sup> CBD/COP/16/INF/30.

<sup>36</sup> CBD/COP/16/INF/35.

<sup>37</sup> CBD/COP/16/INF/36.

<sup>38</sup> CBD/COP/16/INF/37.

Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Jordan, Mexico, Norway, Panama, Russian Federation, South Africa, Togo, Uganda and Uruguay.

46. A statement was also made by a representative of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

47. A further statement was made by a representative of the International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity.

48. Following the exchange of views, the Working Group approved the draft decision, as orally amended, for transmission to the plenary session as draft decision CBD/COP/16/L.5.

*Institutional arrangements for the full and effective participation of indigenous peoples and local communities in the work undertaken under the Convention on Biological Diversity*

49. Statements were made by representatives of the following Parties: Canada, Egypt, Guatemala, Jordan, Mexico and Russian Federation.

50. Working Group I approved the draft decision, as orally amended, for transmission to the plenary session as draft decision CBD/COP/16/L.6.

*Role of people of African descent, comprising [collectives] embodying traditional lifestyles, in the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity*

51. Statements were made by representatives of the following Parties: Chile, Colombia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, European Union and its member States, Gabon, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Jordan, Mexico, Norway, Panama, Russian Federation, South Africa, Togo, Uganda and Uruguay.

52. A statement was also made by a representative of the International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity.

53. Working Group I approved the draft decision, as orally amended, for transmission to the plenary session as draft decision CBD/COP/16/L.7.

(iii) *Recommendations from the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues*

54. Working Group I agreed that the Chair would consult informally with Parties and prepare a revised draft decision for the group's consideration.

55. [to be completed]

## Item 15

### Communication, education and public awareness

56. Working Group I considered agenda item 15 at its 3rd session. It had before it a draft decision (see CBD/COP/16/2/Rev.1, item 15).

57. Working Group I agreed to consider the draft decision, including its annex, at a later stage in the meeting.

58. [to be completed]

## Item 26

### Liability and redress (Article 14, paragraph 2)

59. Working Group I considered agenda item 26 at its 2nd session. It had before it a draft decision (see CBD/COP/16/2/Rev.1, item 26). An information document containing a compilation of

information submitted by Parties on recent developments relevant to liability and redress had also been issued in relation to item 26.<sup>39</sup>

60. Statements were made by representatives of the following Parties: Canada, European Union and its member States, Malawi and Uganda.

61. Working Group I agreed that the Chair would prepare a revised draft decision for its consideration.

62. At its 3rd session, Working Group I considered a revised draft recommendation submitted by the Chair.

63. Statements were made by representatives of the following Parties: Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Colombia and Uganda.

64. [to be completed]

## Item 27

### Review of the effectiveness of processes under the Convention and its Protocols

65. Working Group I considered agenda item 27 at its 3rd session, in conjunction with agenda item 10 of the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and agenda item 12 of the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol. It had before it three draft decisions: one on options to further improve the effectiveness of processes under the Convention and its Protocols; another on procedures for convening virtual and hybrid meetings; and a third on a procedure for avoiding or managing conflicts of interest in expert groups (see CBD/COP/16/2/Rev.1, item 27).

66. The Chair established a group of friends of the Chair, facilitated by Joaquín Salzberg (Argentina), with the mandate to discuss and reach agreement on the first two draft decisions.

67. With respect to the third draft decision, the Working Group I agreed that the Chair would prepare a revised draft decision for its consideration.

(i) *Options to further improve the effectiveness of processes under the Convention and its Protocols*

68. [to be completed]

(ii) *Procedures for convening virtual and hybrid meetings*

69. [to be completed]

(iii) *Procedure for avoiding or managing conflicts of interest in expert group*

70. [to be completed]

<sup>39</sup> CBD/COP/16/INF/10.

## II. Eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety

### Item 7

#### Matters related to the financial mechanism and resources

71. Working Group I considered agenda item 7 at its 2nd session. It had before it a draft decision (see CBD/CP/MOP/11/2, item 7) and a note by the Secretariat on the financial mechanism and resources.<sup>40</sup>

72. Statements were made by representatives of the following Parties: Brazil, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, European Union and its member States, Gabon, Guatemala, Japan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malawi, Norway, South Africa, Switzerland and Zimbabwe (on behalf of the African States).

73. Working Group I agreed that the Chair would prepare a revised draft decision for its consideration.

74. At its 3rd session, Working Group I considered a revised draft decision submitted by the Chair.

75. Statements were made by representatives of the following Parties: Brazil, Burkina Faso, China, European Union and its member States, Japan, Malawi, Norway, South Africa, Suriname, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United Republic of Tanzania and Zimbabwe.

76. Working Group I approved the revised draft decision, except for subparagraph 1 (d), and agreed that a small group, consisting of the representatives of the interested Parties and facilitated by [xx] (Switzerland), would attempt to resolve the outstanding issues in that paragraph, in particular with regard to ring-fenced funding.

77. [to be completed].

### Item 10

#### Review of the effectiveness of processes under the Convention and its Protocols

78. Working Group I considered agenda item 10 at its 3rd session, in conjunction with agenda item 27 of the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and agenda item 12 of the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol. It had before it three draft decisions: one on options to further improve the effectiveness of processes under the Convention and its Protocols; another on procedures for convening virtual and hybrid meetings; and a third on a procedure for avoiding or managing conflicts of interest in expert groups (see CBD/CP/MOP/11/2, item 10).

79. The Chair established a group of friends of the Chair, facilitated by Joaquín Salzberg (Argentina), with the mandate to discuss and reach agreement on the first two draft decisions.

80. With respect to the third draft decision, the Working Group I agreed that the Chair would prepare a revised draft decision for its consideration.

(i) *Options to further improve the effectiveness of processes under the Convention and its Protocols*

81. [to be completed]

(ii) *Procedures for convening virtual and hybrid meetings*

82. [to be completed]

<sup>40</sup> CBD/CP/MOP/11/6.

(iii) *Procedure for avoiding or managing conflicts of interest in expert group*

83. [to be completed]

### **III. Fifth meeting of the 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**

#### **Item 7**

##### **Financial mechanism and resources**

84. Working Group I considered agenda item 7 at its 2nd session. It had before it a draft decision (see CBD/NP/MOP/5/2, item 7) and a note by the Secretariat on the financial mechanism and resources.<sup>41</sup>

85. Statements were made by representatives of the following Parties: Central African Republic, European Union and its member States Parties to the Protocol, Kenya, Switzerland and Togo.

86. Working Group I agreed that the Chair would prepare a revised draft decision for its consideration.

87. At its 3rd session, Working Group I considered a revised draft decision submitted by the Chair.

88. Statements were made by representatives of the following Parties: Brazil, European Union and its member States and Togo.

89. Working Group I approved the revised draft decision, except for subparagraph 3 (e), which it agreed to refer to the contact group on the financial mechanism established under item 11 of the agenda for the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

90. [to be completed]

#### **Item 12**

##### **Review of effectiveness of processes under the Convention and its Protocols**

91. Working Group I considered agenda item 12 at its 3rd session, in conjunction with agenda item 27 of the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and agenda item 10 of the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol. It had before it three draft decisions: one on options to further improve the effectiveness of processes under the Convention and its Protocols; another on procedures for convening virtual and hybrid meetings; and a third on a procedure for avoiding or managing conflicts of interest in expert groups (see CBD/NP/MOP/5/2, item 12).

92. The Chair established a group of friends of the Chair, facilitated by Joaquín Salzberg (Argentina), with the mandate to discuss and reach agreement on the first two draft decisions.

93. With respect to the third draft decision, the Working Group I agreed that the Chair would prepare a revised draft decision for its consideration.

(i) *Options to further improve the effectiveness of processes under the Convention and its Protocols*

94. [to be completed]

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<sup>41</sup> CBD/NP/MOP/5/6.

(ii) *Procedures for convening virtual and hybrid meetings*

95. [to be completed]

(iii) *Procedure for avoiding or managing conflicts of interest in expert group*

96. [to be completed]

## **Item 14**

### **Digital sequence information on genetic resources**

97. Working Group I considered agenda item 14 at its 1st session, in conjunction with item 9 of the agenda for the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention. It had before it a draft decision (see CBD/COP/16/2/Rev.1, item 9) and the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Resource Mobilization regarding the adequate entity to receive and disburse the revenue generated by the mechanism established under decision 15/9.<sup>42</sup> The reports of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Benefit-sharing from the Use of Digital Sequence Information on Genetic Resources on its first<sup>43</sup> and second<sup>44</sup> meetings and the report of the Advisory Committee on Resource Mobilization on its third meeting<sup>45</sup> had also been made available as reference documents.

98. Working Group I agreed to establish a contact group, co-chaired by Lacticia Tshitwamulomoni (South Africa) and William Lockhart (United Kingdom), to prepare a revised draft decision on operationalizing the multilateral mechanism, using the draft decision in document CBD/COP/16/2/Rev.1 as the basis for its work and taking into account the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Resource Mobilization.

99. [to be completed].

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<sup>42</sup> CBD/COP/16/5.

<sup>43</sup> CBD/WGDSI/1/3.

<sup>44</sup> CBD/WGDSI/2/3.

<sup>45</sup> CBD/RM/AC/2024/2/2.