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WG I – Agenda item 8(a): Resource mobilization

Proposal on options A to H and operational paragraph 5 in CBD/COP/17/WGI/CRP.16, prepared by the co-facilitators of the ministerial consultations on resource mobilization,

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and

H.E. Mr. Daniel Westlén, State Secretary for Climate and the Environment of Sweden, based on views expressed at the ministerial consultations on resource mobilization held on 28 October 2026 and subsequent informal consultations

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Additional Preambular paragraphs

Recalling all provisions of Article 20 [and Article 21] of the Convention,

Recalling also decision 16/34 and the strategy for resource mobilization for the period 2025–2030,

Recognizing the urgent need to close the biodiversity financing gap,

Recognizing the increased diversity of public and private actors and sources able to contribute to the financing of biodiversity since the adoption of the Convention,

Recognizing that public international biodiversity finance is currently provided and mobilized by a limited number of countries and sources, and that contributions from more Parties would improve the mobilization of biodiversity finance,

Recognizing that the fulfillment of existing financial commitments by developed country Parties together with contributions from more Parties would enhance the mobilization of biodiversity finance,

Operative paragraphs (the following paragraphs would replace options A-H in the CRP)

1. *Emphasizes* the importance of accelerating the implementation of the strategy for resource mobilization for the period 2025–2030;
2. *Invites* Parties not on the list of developed country Parties and other Parties that may voluntarily assume the obligations of the developed country Parties as adopted in Decision VIII/18, in accordance with paragraph 2 of Article 20 of the Convention, to indicate to the Secretariat their interest in being included in the corresponding list established in accordance with that Article and invites Parties to provide their views on improving the modalities and timing of such invitations;
3. *Recognizes* the importance to take into full account the specific needs and special conditions of least developed countries and small island developing States;
4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to issue a notification inviting Parties as referred to in paragraph 2 above before the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and thereafter before every other meeting, requesting Parties to signal interest in bilateral consultations, to compile the indications received, keeping them confidential

unless the Party concerned agrees otherwise, and to prepare an amended list, on the basis of indication of consent to be included, for adoption by the Conference of the Parties;

5. *Recognizes with appreciation* the financial resources that developing country Parties mobilize for biodiversity domestically, including through national budgets and co-financing, and those they provide on a voluntary basis to the financial mechanism, to other multilateral funds and through South-South cooperation, and *affirms* that such contributions do not entail inclusion in the list referred to in paragraph 2 of Article 20 or the assumption of the obligations of developed country Parties
6. *Encourages* further contributions from other countries and other sources on a voluntary basis, and *invites* Parties that so wish to inform the Executive Secretary of their contributions, for the information of the Conference of the Parties;
7. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of financial resources, to prepare for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at a meeting held before the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, without prejudice to the positions and interpretations of Parties:
 - (a) A factual compilation of how the Conference of the Parties has given effect to Article 20 as a whole;
 - (b) An analysis of the implications of inclusion in the list of Parties that voluntarily assume the obligations of the developed country Parties, including whether such inclusion has effects related to provisions of the Convention other than the financial provisions of Article 20;
 - (c) A compilation of the views received pursuant to paragraph 2 and a report on the consultations with Parties pursuant to paragraph 4;
 - (d) A report on approaches to mobilizing financial resources from private and other sources, including philanthropy and innovative financial instruments, in the context of the strategy for resource mobilization.
8. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, to consider the documents referred to in paragraph 8 above and develop recommendations, for consideration by the COP at its 18th meeting.
9. *Affirms* that nothing in the present decision shall be interpreted as altering the obligations of Parties under Article 20 of the Convention;

Criteria

5. [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 criteria listed in paragraph 21 of decision [16/34](#) [and [complementary criteria][and the criteria further developed pursuant to paragraph 22(a) of that decision], as set out in the annex to the present decision];]