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**OPTIONS TO ENHANCE PLANNING, REPORTING, AND REVIEW MECHANISMS WITH A
VIEW TO STRENGTHENING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION**

Draft recommendation submitted by the Chair

The Subsidiary Body on Implementation, recommends that the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting adopt a decision that includes the following elements, taking into account also the conclusions of the twenty-fourth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific and Technical Advice and the third meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework:

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling Articles 6, 23, and 26 of the Convention,

Also recalling decisions IX/8, X/2, X/10, XI/10, XIII/27, 14/27 and 14/34,

Further recalling decision 14/29, in which it recognized that implementation by Parties and underlying commitments needed to be strengthened to bring the global community on a path towards achieving the 2050 Vision laid out in the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020,¹ emphasizes that national reports, provided for in Article 26 of the Convention, continue to be a core element for reviewing progress in implementation as part of the multidimensional review approach, and recognizes that elements of the multidimensional review approach under the Convention should be technically sound, objective, transparent, collaborative and constructive and aim to facilitate enhanced efforts by Parties;

Also recalling that national biodiversity strategies and action plans are the main instrument for implementing the Convention at the national level and that national reports are the main instrument for monitoring and reviewing the implementation of the Convention and the post-2020 global biodiversity framework,

Noting with concern the limited progress in implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, and *emphasizing* the need to enhance implementation at all levels and by all sectors of society to achieve the goals and targets of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework,

1. [Adopts an enhanced multidimensional approach to planning, monitoring, reporting and review with a view to enhancing implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, comprising:]

(a) Revised and updated national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs) [following][according to] the guidance in annex A, and [aligned][in line with] with the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, as the primary mechanism for national planning in accordance with Article 6 of the Convention; [to be communicated to the Executive Secretary [by COP 16];

(b) [Communication of national targets and actions [reflecting all the goals and targets of][related to] the post 2020 global biodiversity framework [in a standardized format] [and in line with the guidance in annex A], this should be a component of the NBSAP or a stand-alone submission in the event that the NBSAP is not to be updated before [COP16];]

¹ Decision [X/2](#), annex.

(b alt) [Reporting on national ambition through national commitments as contributions as a standardization of how national targets and actions in NBSAPs relate to the achievement of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework goals and targets; this could be a stand-alone submission in the event that the NBSAP is not updated in time and/or a component of an NBSAP communicated in accordance with a headline indicator-based guidance, and would feed into a global gap analysis of the level of ambition of Parties and other governments to the new framework;]

(c) [A mechanism for recording, in a standardized way, additional [voluntary] nonstate actor commitments that contribute to the global biodiversity framework to be included in the Sharm El-Sheikh to Kunming Action Agenda for Nature and People;]

(d) [Standardized] national reporting as per Article 26 of the Convention [on all national targets identified in NBSAPs] using, [subject to the provision of adequate financial resources provided by developed Parties in line with Article 20], the adopted set of headline indicators and complemented, as appropriate, by optional component and complementary indicators in the monitoring framework of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and other national indicators and aligned, where appropriate, with other reporting processes, including the Sustainable Development Goals and [biodiversity related] multilateral environment agreement reporting by using a modular data reporting tool [such as DART];

(e) [Analysis of [level of [collective] ambition as expressed in NBSAPs] [or national commitments as contributions] in relation to [each country's participation in historic loss of global biodiversity] the global goals and targets of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework in order to identify [option to further enhance ambition.][gaps in ambition and to support Parties in addressing and closing the identified gaps, including gaps in funding and other resources provided to developing countries.]

(f) [Periodic review] [periodic global [biodiversity] stocktake] of [collective] progress in implementation of [the three objectives of the Convention], towards the goals and targets of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, line with Article 23.4, [including [...the 30 by 30 target] the means of implementation/transformational funding and other resources provided to [developing countries] in accordance with Article 20] [in a comprehensive and facilitative manner, considering all goals and targets of the GBF], [in the light of the best available science including assessments undertaken by IPBES] [through future editions of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook*], [and local biodiversity outlooks] using the information from national reports, [and information from relevant MEAs] [and information on support provided, received and used] [the global analysis of level of [collective] ambition] and other relevant sources of information [, which would be followed by [and a high level political segment] [and a ratcheting up of ambition and/or implementation] [ratcheting up of efforts in updated and revised NBSAPs] [, as appropriate];

(g) [Voluntary] Country-by-country peer [or expert] reviews of implementation [through][followed by] an open-ended forum [to share experience and lessons learned] which will provide every Party with the opportunity to participate at least [once] [twice] during the period 2021-2030 [in accordance with guidance adopted by COP [15][16]] [as well as Voluntary Peer Review to promote the sharing of experiences by Parties];

2. [Decides to organize a high-level political segment as an element of the global [review][stocktake];

2. bis Decides as follows:

(a) At its sixteenth meeting [in 2023], to review the expected [collective] level of ambition of Parties and non-State actors towards achieving the goals and targets of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework;

(b) At its seventeenth meeting [in 2025], to undertake a first global [review] [stocktake] of progress and actions towards the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, on the basis of updated national biodiversity strategies and action plans, seventh national reports and other information, including lessons arising from [the voluntary country-by-country peer or expert reviews and] science-based information [including the sixth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook*,] [the third edition of the *Local Biodiversity*

Outlook] [an analysis of trends in headline and other relevant indicators] and [relevant assessments undertaken by the IPBES;]

(c) At its eighteenth meeting [in 2027/8], to undertake an updated review of progress towards the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, on the basis of updated information provided by Parties, including lessons arising from [the voluntary country-by-country peer or expert reviews] and additional science-based information;

(d) At its nineteenth meeting [in 2030], to undertake a second global [review][stocktake] of progress and actions towards the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, on the basis of updated national biodiversity strategies and action plans, seventh national reports and other information, including lessons arising from [the voluntary country-by-country peer or expert reviews and] science-based information [including the sixth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook*, the third edition of the *Local Biodiversity Outlook* [an analysis of trends in headline and other relevant indicators] and [relevant assessments undertaken by the IPBES;]

3. *Further decides* that the headline indicators will be used in [global assessments] to monitor progress towards the goals and targets of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, complemented, as appropriate, by the component and complementary indicators;

4. *Welcomes* the guidance for revised and updated national biodiversity strategies and action plans in annex A² [, including the elements related to the communication of national targets and actions related to the post-2020 global biodiversity framework in a standardized format][, including elements related to reporting on national ambition through national commitments as contributions as a standardization of how national targets and actions in national biodiversity strategies and action plans relate to the achievement of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework goals and targets];

5. *Welcomes* the template for additional [voluntary] non-State actor commitments that contribute to the global biodiversity framework to be included in the Sharm El-Sheikh to Kunming Action Agenda for Nature and People;] in annex B;³

6. *Requests* Parties to review and update their national biodiversity strategies and action plans, including the development or updating of national targets vis-à-vis each of the goals and targets of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, following the guidance provided in annex A,² with a view to contributing to the full achievement of the goals and targets of the framework, and taking into account national priorities and circumstances, and to submit them, through the clearing-house mechanism, no later than [within two years] of the adoption of the framework, [and to update these national targets and corresponding implementation efforts by COP-17];

7. *Encourages* all Parties to use the headline indicators, and to [adapt and] use the list of component and complementary indicators for use in national planning processes, including national biodiversity strategies and action plans [or programmes for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity] and other national planning processes [as appropriate and according to their national priorities and circumstances;]

² Annex A: Guidance on NBSAPs. The annex will be developed in the light of further discussions, including negotiations in the third meeting of the Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, and finalized by the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting.

³ Annex B: Non-State actor commitment guidance. The annex will be developed in the light of further discussions, including negotiations in the third meeting of the Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, and finalized by the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting.

8. *Adopts* the guidelines for the seventh [and eighth] national report[s] contained in annex C,⁴ including the reporting template;

9. *Decides* that the headline indicators [should][will] be used by [all] Parties in their national reports for reporting on their implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, where technically feasible and as [appropriate][applicable][and in accordance with Article 20][and *encourages* the establishment of mechanisms to build capacity in developing countries to support filling monitoring and reporting gaps];

10. *Invites* Parties to [adapt and] use the list of component and complementary indicators in their national planning processes [as appropriate and according to their national priorities and circumstances] and in their national reports for reporting on their progress in implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework in line with Article 26 of the Convention, [as appropriate and according to their national priorities and circumstances;]

11. *Requests* Parties to submit their seventh national report by [30 June 2024] and their eighth report by [June 2029], including information on national progress towards national targets and using the agreed set of headline indicators set out in the monitoring framework⁵ for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework adopted in decision 15/--, and using the template provided in annex C;⁴

12. *Adopts* the modus operandi of the open-ended forum of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation contained in annex D,⁶ recognizing that it complements the voluntary peer review included in the multidimensional review approach under the Convention referred to in decision 14/29;

13. *Encourages* Parties:

(a) To facilitate, as appropriate, engagement with and coordination among focal points for other biodiversity-related conventions and the Rio conventions, indigenous peoples and local communities and all relevant stakeholders, including subnational and local governments, national statistical institutes and other data holders, non-governmental organizations, women's groups, youth groups, the business and finance community and representatives of sectors related to or dependent on biodiversity, in the preparation, revision and updating of national biodiversity strategies and action plans, the preparation of seventh and eighth national reports and in voluntary country-by-country peer or expert review processes, and to promote synergies with the biodiversity-related and Rio conventions as well as the national voluntary reviews of the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals;

(b) To consider the post-2020 gender plan of action in all aspects, and at all scales, of planning, implementation, reporting and review related to the post-2020 global biodiversity framework;

14. *Invites* indigenous peoples and local communities, subnational governments, cities and other local authorities, intergovernmental organizations, other multilateral environmental agreements, non-governmental organizations, women's groups, youth groups, research organizations, the business and finance community and representatives of sectors related to or dependent on biodiversity, to develop commitments in support of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, using the template provided in annex B,⁴ and to register them on the online platform for the Sharm El-Sheikh to Kunming Action Agenda for Nature and People, and to report on their implementation;

⁴ Annex C: National reporting guidance and template. The annex will be developed in the light of further discussions, including negotiations in the third meeting of the Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, and finalized by the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting.

⁵ The monitoring framework is being developed as part of the post-2020 process and will be finalized by the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting.

⁶ Annex D: Country-by-country review modalities. The annex will be developed in the light of further discussions, including negotiations in the third meeting of the Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, and finalized by the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting.

15. *Invites* relevant international, regional, subregional or national organizations to support countries in the updating and revision of national biodiversity strategies and action plans and the preparation of national reports, including through the provision of relevant data, support for implementation of the monitoring framework and information and capacity development activities;

16. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to support the operationalization of the enhanced multidimensional approach to planning, monitoring, reporting and review set out in paragraph 1, including, as appropriate, by:

- (a) Further developing and supporting the use of the guidelines in Annex A, B, C and D;^{2,3,4,6}
- (b) Further developing the online reporting tool for national reports on the clearing-house mechanism of the Convention, the online decision-tracking tool, and the Sharm El-Sheikh to Kunming Action Agenda for Nature and People;
- (c) Facilitating of the use of tools for data reporting, such as the Data Reporting Tool (DaRT);
- (d) Coordinating the preparation of [analyses of collective ambition and] global [reviews][stocktakes];
- (e) Coordinating and collaborating with relevant partners to provide necessary capacity [building][development] and other support to improve planning, monitoring, review and reporting;

17. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility and *invites* other funding entities to make funds available in a timely and expeditious manner to developing countries, in particular least developed countries and small island developing States as well as Parties with economies in transition, to support the updating or revision of national biodiversity strategies and action plans as per the guidelines in Annex A² and to support the preparation of national reports as per the guidelines in annex C,⁴ including for the development of national monitoring and information management systems which would facilitate monitoring of the headline indicators and, where relevant, the component and complementary indicators, so that Parties may begin these processes as soon as possible after the adoption of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework;]
