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Fourteenth meeting  
Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt, 17-29 November 2018

### REVISED ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

#### INTRODUCTION

1. Following the invitation of the Government of Egypt and, as decided by the Conference of the Parties, in its [decision XIII/33](#), the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties will be held in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt, from 17 to 29 November 2018.
2. The Bureau considered the list of elements for the agenda of the meeting at its meeting, held in Mexico City, on 26 April 2017, and finalized the provisional agenda (CBD/COP/14/1), at its meeting held in Chexbres, Switzerland, on 6 March 2018, where it also reviewed the draft annotations. The annotations to the agenda (CBD/COP/14/1/Add.1) were subsequently finalized by the Executive Secretary, taking into account the comments of the Bureau at that meeting. The present annotations to the provisional agenda have been updated in the light of the outcomes of the twenty-second meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the second meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation.
3. The provisional agenda and the annotations have been prepared in line with the multi-year programme of work of the Conference of the Parties up to 2020, adopted in decision XII/31, in which the Conference of the Parties identified items for consideration at its fourteenth meeting, and with other decisions of the Conference of the Parties.
4. In accordance with rule 6 of the rules of procedure for meetings of the Conference of the Parties, the Secretariat has notified the United Nations, its specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, as well as any State not party to the Convention, of this meeting, so that they may be represented as observers.
5. In accordance with rule 7 of the rules of procedure, the Secretariat has issued notifications to those bodies and agencies, whether governmental or non-governmental, qualified in fields relating to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, which have informed the Secretariat of their wish to be represented at the meeting, so that they may be represented as observers. A list of such bodies will be made available to the Conference of the Parties for information.
6. A high-level ministerial segment will be organized by the host country in consultation with the Secretariat and the Bureau. The high-level segment will take place on 14 and 15 November 2018. It is expected that the high-level segment will be opened by Her Excellency, the Minister of Environment of Egypt, and will be attended by His Excellency, the President of Egypt. Other senior officials will also address the meeting.
7. In accordance with established practice, the Executive Secretary has prepared a compilation of the draft decisions proposed by subsidiary bodies at intersessional meetings or developed by the Executive Secretary in the light of earlier decisions and recommendations (CBD/COP/14/2), and will prepare a summary of the financial implications of draft decisions.

8. The fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties may be preceded, on 16 November, by regional preparatory meetings for Africa, Asia, and Latin America and the Caribbean.

### **Item 1. Opening of the meeting**

9. The opening ceremony will take place at 10 a.m. on Saturday, 17 November 2018. The opening of the meeting will continue immediately afterwards.

10. The meeting will be opened by the President of the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties or his representative. At the opening session, the Conference will hear addresses of welcome by representatives of the Government of Egypt and the local authorities.

11. The Executive Secretary will address the meeting and highlight the main issues before the Conference of the Parties.

12. Representatives of regional groups, indigenous peoples and local communities and a limited number of other groups may also make statements.

13. The opening session will include a celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the entry into force of the Convention.

14. The opening of the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol, and the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties, serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol, will be held in conjunction with the opening of the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.<sup>1</sup>

### **Item 2. Organizational matters**

#### *Election of the President*

15. It is expected that, at the opening session, the President of the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, or his representative, will call for the election of a representative of the host country as President of the fourteenth meeting. The term of office of the President will begin immediately following his or her election at the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and will end with the election of a successor at the fifteenth meeting.

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

16. In accordance with rule 21 of the rules of procedure (as adopted by [decision I/1](#) and amended by decision V/20), in addition to the President, 10 Vice-Presidents, one of whom acts as Rapporteur, are to be elected from among the representatives of the Parties present at the meeting. The term of office of the Vice-Presidents will commence upon the closure of the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and end at the closure of the fifteenth meeting. At its thirteenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties elected 10 Vice-Presidents from the following countries for a term of office commencing upon the closure of its thirteenth meeting and ending at the closure of its fourteenth meeting:

Mr. Mohamed Ali ben Temessek (Tunisia)  
Mr. Samuel Ndayiragije (Burundi)  
Ms. Elvana Ramaj (Albania)  
Mr. Sergei Melnov (Belarus)  
Mr. Randolph Edmead (Saint Kitts and Nevis)  
Ms. Clarissa Nina (Brazil)  
Mr. Hayo Haanstra (Netherlands)  
Mr. Basile van Havre (Canada)  
Ms. Gwendalyn K. Sisor (Palau)  
Mr. Monyrak Meng (Cambodia)

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<sup>1</sup> See CBD/COP/14/1/Add.2.

17. Regional groups are urged to submit their nominations at the opening of the meeting. This would allow the newly-elected members of the Bureau to attend, as observers, the Bureau meetings to be held during the meeting of the Conference of the Parties, in order to ensure a smooth transition between outgoing and incoming Bureau members.

18. Where necessary, substitute officers will be elected by the ninth meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and the third meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol.

#### *Election of officers of subsidiary bodies and other meetings*

19. Rule 26 of the rules of procedure provides that the chairperson of any subsidiary body shall be elected by the Conference of the Parties. At this meeting, the Conference of the Parties will therefore need to elect the Chair of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) and the Chair of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation (SBI), to officiate the respective meetings for a term of office that will extend until the end of the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. According to the established regional rotation, it is expected that the Chair of SBSTTA would be elected from the Latin American and Caribbean region, while the Chair of SBI would be elected from the Western European and Others Group.

#### *Adoption of the agenda*

20. The provisional agenda (CBD/COP/14/1) has been approved by the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties. It was prepared by the Executive Secretary, in accordance with rule 8 of the rules of procedure, with the guidance of the Bureau, and taking into account the multi-year programme of work of the Conference of the Parties up to 2020, contained in [decision XII/31](#), and other relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties.

#### *Organization of work*

21. In accordance with established practice, the Conference of the Parties may wish to establish two working groups to support the work of the plenary.

22. As decided by the Conference of the Parties in [decision XII/27](#), paragraph 3, and agreed by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol in [decision BS-VII/9](#), paragraph 1, as well as by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol in [decision NP-1/12](#), paragraph 1, ordinary meetings of the Conference of the Parties are held within a two-week period that also includes the meetings of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and the meetings of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol. Thus, it is envisaged that the two working groups will also address issues related to the Cartagena Protocol and the Nagoya Protocol, as may be referred to the working groups by the respective meetings of the Parties.

23. The plenary would address organizational matters, reports of intersessional and regional preparatory meetings and administrative and budgetary matters. It would also consider draft decisions and final matters.

24. If the two working groups are established, the Conference of the Parties would need to elect a Chairperson for each.

25. The proposed division of responsibilities between the plenary and the two working groups of the Conference of the Parties is contained in a timetable in CBD/COP/14/1/Add.2, showing also the proposed schedule for the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol, and the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol.

26. It is proposed that a dialogue session on the theme “Approaches to living in harmony with nature” will be held during a plenary or working group session the first week of the meeting, in conjunction with agenda item 17.

### **Item 3. Report on the credentials of representatives to the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties**

27. Rule 18 of the rules of procedure states that:

“The credentials of representatives and the names of alternate representatives and advisers shall be submitted to the Executive Secretary of the Conference of the Parties or the representative of the Executive Secretary not later than twenty-four hours after the opening of the meeting. Any later change in the composition of the delegation shall also be submitted to the Executive Secretary or his representative. The credentials shall be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or, in the case of a regional economic integration organization, by the competent authority of that organization.”

28. Rule 19 provides that “the Bureau of any meeting shall examine the credentials and submit its report to the Conference of the Parties for decision”.

29. In order to assist Parties in fulfilling the requirements of rule 18, the Executive Secretary will issue a notification and distribute to national focal points sample formats of appropriate credentials.

30. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider and adopt the report on credentials submitted to it by the Bureau.

### **Item 4. Pending issues**

31. At its first meeting, the Conference of the Parties adopted the rules of procedure for its meetings in [decision I/1](#), with the exception of paragraph 1 of rule 40, relating to the taking of substantive decisions. The Conference of the Parties has considered this outstanding matter at its subsequent meetings but without resolving it conclusively. At the third meeting, consensus was reached concerning some, but not all, of the text in brackets.

32. In [decision I/6](#), the Conference of the Parties adopted the financial rules for the administration of the Trust Fund for the Convention on Biological Diversity. Paragraphs 4 and 16 of these rules contain bracketed text. Paragraph 4 deals with scale of assessments for the apportionment of contributions by Parties to the Trust Fund. Paragraph 16 deals with adopting decisions regarding the Trust Fund. The paragraphs have been considered at subsequent meetings of the Conference of the Parties but without any agreement. The text therefore remains bracketed.

33. Since it is not expected that this matter can be resolved at the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, it will be suggested that its consideration be postponed to a future meeting.

### **Item 5. Date and venue of future meetings of the Conference of the Parties**

34. In accordance with rule 4, paragraph 2, of its rules of procedure, the Conference of the Parties is to decide on the date and duration of its future meetings. In line with rule 4, as amended at the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, ordinary meetings are held every two years. In its [decision XIII/33](#), the Conference of the Parties decided that its fifteenth meeting (together with the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol) would be held in China in the fourth quarter of 2020, and that its sixteenth meeting (together with the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol) would be held in Turkey. The Conference of the Parties also established a regional rotation for its presidency. Accordingly, interested Parties are invited to notify the Executive Secretary of

their offers to host the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, as well as the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol.

35. A draft decision prepared by the Executive Secretary is provided in the compilation of draft decisions (CBD/COP/14/2).

#### **Item 6. Reports of intersessional and regional preparatory meetings**

36. Under this item, the President will inform the Conference of the Parties of the meetings of subsidiary bodies held during the intersessional period and the corresponding reports, on the understanding that the substantive issues arising therein will be taken up under the appropriate agenda item. These include the following reports:

(a) Tenth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Inter-Sessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD/WG8J/10/11);

(b) Twenty-first and twenty-second meetings of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (CBD/SBSTTA/21/10 and CBD/SBSTTA/22/12);

(c) Second meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation (CBD/SBI/2/22).

37. Under this item the Conference of the Parties may wish to take note of SBSTTA recommendation 21/7 and decide not to add to the agenda of the Subsidiary Body in the coming biennium any of the proposed new and emerging issues listed in the note by the Executive Secretary on new and emerging issues.<sup>2</sup>

38. The regional groups may wish to report to the Conference of the Parties on the results of any regional preparatory meetings to be held prior to the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

#### **Item 7. Administration of the Convention and budget for the trust funds**

39. The report of the Executive Secretary on the administration of the Convention, including the budget for the trust funds of the Convention (CBD/COP/14/3), will be before the Conference of the Parties for its consideration. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to take note of the report.

40. Under this item, the Conference of the Parties is also expected to adopt a programme budget for the biennium 2019-2020 on the basis of a proposed budget prepared by the Executive Secretary (CBD/COP/14/4), in accordance with [decision XIII/32](#). Further to decision XIII/32, the Conference of the Parties will also consider, under this agenda item, matters related to the funding of participants from developing countries, on the basis of SBI recommendation 2/20. Elements of a draft decision have been prepared by the Executive Secretary and are provided in the compilation of draft decisions (CBD/COP/14/2). This includes elements from SBI recommendation 2/20.

41. The plenary may wish to establish a contact group on the budget to address this agenda item, anticipating that the respective meetings of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meetings of the Parties to the Cartagena and Nagoya Protocols, at their first plenary sessions, would also refer consideration of the budgets for their programmes of work to this contact group.

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

*Assessment and review of progress towards the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and options to accelerate progress*

42. The Conference of the Parties, in [decision X/2](#), paragraph 14, recalling that the role of the Conference of the Parties is to keep the implementation of the Convention under review, decided that

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<sup>2</sup> CBD/SBSTTA/21/8.

future meetings of the Conference of the Parties shall review progress in the implementation of the [Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020](#), share experiences relevant for implementation and provide guidance on means to address obstacles encountered. Moreover, according to the multi-year programme of work for the Conference of the Parties up to 2020 ([decision XII/31](#)), the Conference of the Parties will conduct an interim review of progress at its fourteenth meeting.

43. Further to [decision XIII/30](#), the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, at its twenty-second meeting, considered an updated scientific assessment of progress towards the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, focusing in particular on those targets on which the least progress has been made, and on options to accelerate progress towards the achievement of those targets.

44. Further to [decision XIII/1](#), the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, at its second meeting, considered an updated synthesis of information provided by Parties, other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities, and relevant international organizations, concerning progress in the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020.

45. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider a draft decision reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions (CBD/COP/14/2), on the basis of SBSTTA recommendation 22/4 and SBI recommendation 2/1, taking into account also updated reports prepared by the Secretariat (CBD/COP/14/5).

#### *Gender Plan of Action*

46. Further to [decision XII/7](#), the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, at its second meeting, considered a synthesis of information concerning progress in the implementation of the [2015-2020 Gender Plan of Action](#).

47. The Conference of the Parties will also be invited to consider a draft decision on the Gender Plan of Action reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions (CBD/COP/14/2) on the basis of SBI recommendation 2/1, part B.

### **Item 9. Resource mobilization and the financial mechanism**

#### *Resource mobilization: updated analysis of financial reports including methodological approaches*

48. At its thirteenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties took note of the progress made towards the targets for resource mobilization adopted in [decision XII/3](#), but noted with concern that the information from the financial reporting frameworks submitted by Parties was insufficient, limiting the basis for a comprehensive assessment of progress. The Parties were urged to increase their efforts to achieve the targets, and Parties that had not yet done so were urged to provide the necessary baseline information and information on progress towards the targets.

49. The Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its second meeting considered a stocktaking and an updated report on progress towards the targets, as well as an analysis of differences across methodological approaches and prepared a draft decision on this matter for the consideration of the Conference of the Parties.

50. The Subsidiary Body also urged all Parties to increase their efforts to achieve the targets, urged Parties that have not yet done so to provide the necessary baseline information and report initial progress against the targets for resource mobilization up to 2015, and requested the Executive Secretary to prepare an updated analysis for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its fourteenth meeting;

51. Under this agenda item, the Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider the draft decision arising from SBI recommendation 2/6, reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions (CBD/COP/14/2), taking into account the updated information and analysis prepared by the Executive Secretary (CBD/COP/14/6).

*Safeguards in biodiversity financing mechanisms*

52. In [decision XII/3](#), the Conference of the Parties adopted voluntary guidelines on safeguards in biodiversity financing mechanisms and urged Parties, other Governments, business organizations and other stakeholders to take the voluntary guidelines into account when selecting, designing and implementing biodiversity financing mechanisms, and when developing instrument-specific safeguards for them, with a view to effectively harnessing their positive effects and avoiding or mitigating negative effects. Pursuant to both that decision and [decision XIII/20](#), the Executive Secretary issued a document analyzing the information on this matter provided by Parties and others for the consideration of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions at its tenth meeting and, as requested by the Working Group in its [recommendation 10/4](#), subsequently revised the document in the light of peer-review comments for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its second meeting.

53. Under this agenda item, the Conference of the Parties will also be invited to consider the draft decision arising from SBI recommendation 2/17, reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions (CBD/COP/14/2).

*Methodological guidance concerning the contributions of indigenous peoples and local communities*

54. In [decision XIII/20](#), the Conference of the Parties considered the role of collective action, including by indigenous and local communities, and non-market-based approaches for mobilizing resources for achieving the objectives of the Convention, and welcomed the guiding principles on assessing the contribution of collective action of indigenous peoples and local communities. The Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to compile and analyse the information from Parties on this matter and to develop elements of methodological guidance for identifying, monitoring and assessing the contribution of indigenous peoples and local communities to the achievement of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets. A document was issued for consideration by the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions at its tenth meeting and, as requested by the Working Group in its [recommendation 10/4](#), was subsequently revised in the light of peer-review comments for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its second meeting.

55. Under this agenda item, the Conference of the Parties will also be invited to consider the draft decision arising from SBI recommendation 2/18, reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions (CBD/COP/14/2).

*Financial mechanism*

56. At its thirteenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties, in [decision XIII/21](#), adopted the four-year framework of programme priorities (2018-2022) for the seventh replenishment of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund, and consolidated guidance to the financial mechanism, as well as the terms of reference for the fifth review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism. It also took note of the report on the full assessment of funds needed for the seventh replenishment. The Conference of the Parties requested the Global Environment Facility to include in its reports to the Conference of the Parties information regarding the individual elements of the guidance and framework and how it has responded to the needs assessment. The replenishment process was completed in June 2018.

57. The Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its second meeting considered the outcome of the replenishment and the relevant documents issued by the Executive Secretary, as well as a preliminary report from the Global Environment Facility.

58. The Subsidiary Body also invited Parties and others, by 15 September 2018, to submit views and other information on the sixth overall performance study of the Global Environment Facility carried out by the Independent Evaluation Office of the Global Environment Facility, and the summary of evaluation results of the Global Environment Facility Independent Evaluation Office, and requested the Executive Secretary to prepare a compilation of submissions received as well as the information derived from study

of the Independent Evaluation Office, which will be the basis for the fifth review of effectiveness of the financial mechanism to be performed by the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CBD/COP/14/8).

59. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider this matter on the basis of the draft decision arising from SBI recommendation 2/7, reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions (CBD/COP/14/2), and the final version of the report of the Global Environment Facility (CBD/COP/14/7), as well as the information prepared by the Executive Secretary (CBD/COP/14/8).

#### **Item 10. Capacity-building and technical and scientific cooperation**

60. At its thirteenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties, in [decision XIII/23](#), adopted a short-term action plan (2017-2020) to enhance and support capacity-building for the implementation of the Convention and its Protocols. It requested the Executive Secretary to undertake monitoring and evaluation of the outcomes and effectiveness of ongoing capacity-building activities supported and facilitated by the Secretariat, with a view to better targeting and improving future capacity-building activities. It also requested the Executive Secretary to initiate a process for preparing a long-term strategic framework for capacity-building beyond 2020, ensuring its alignment with the follow-up to the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the work of the Protocols, and to prepare the terms of reference for a study to provide the knowledge base for the preparation of that framework.

61. The Subsidiary Body on Implementation considered these matters at its second meeting.

62. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider this agenda item on the basis of the draft decision arising from SBI recommendation 2/8, reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions (CBD/COP/14/2).

#### **Item 11. Knowledge management and communication**

63. At its thirteenth meeting, in [decision XIII/23](#), the Conference of the Parties took note of the web strategy for the Convention and its Protocols, and requested the Executive Secretary to implement the web strategy, in line with the framework for a communications strategy and to update it with priority actions to be taken before 2018, based on decisions emanating from the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and concurrent meetings of the Protocols, and to further develop the clearing-house mechanism in line with the web strategy and the work programme for the clearing-house mechanism.

64. The Conference of the Parties is expected to consider this agenda item, taking into account a progress report by the Executive Secretary (CBD/COP/14/INF/4)

65. This item will be considered in conjunction with corresponding items under the Protocols concerning the clearing-houses of the Protocols.

66. Matters related to the role of the clearing-house mechanism in promoting technical and scientific cooperation will be considered under item 10.

#### **Item 12. Mechanisms for national reporting, assessment and review**

##### *Process for aligning national reporting, assessment and review*

67. Parties are due to submit their sixth national reports by 31 December 2018. As requested by the Conference of the Parties in [decision XIII/27](#), the Executive Secretary issued the guidelines, including the reporting templates and the resource manual for the sixth national report, by 31 March 2017, including through the clearing-house mechanism of the Convention and the voluntary online reporting tool.

68. Further to [decision XIII/27](#), the Executive Secretary has developed proposals for the alignment of national reporting under the Convention and its Protocols, and options for enhancing synergy on national



reporting among the biodiversity-related conventions and Rio Conventions. The Subsidiary Body on Implementation reviewed this information at its second meeting.

69. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider this matter on the basis of the draft decisions arising from SBI recommendation 2/11, reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions (CBD/COP/14/2).

*Tools to evaluate the effectiveness of policy instruments for the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020*

70. One of the functions of SBSTTA, as set out in Article 25 of the Convention, is to “prepare scientific and technical assessments of the effects of types of measures taken in accordance with the provisions of [the] Convention”. Further to [decision XIII/1](#) (paras. 29 and 30), SBSTTA, in [recommendation XXI/6](#), took note of the range of approaches for evaluating the effectiveness of policy instruments or measures for the implementation of the Convention and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and encouraged their use. SBSTTA also invited the Subsidiary Body on Implementation to take this into account in its agenda item on mechanisms for review of implementation.

71. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider this matter on the basis of the draft decisions arising from SBSTTA recommendation XXI/6, reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions (CBD/COP/14/2).

*Review mechanisms*

72. In [decision XIII/25](#), the Conference of the Parties invited Parties to develop, enhance and make use of national processes to review the measures that they had taken for the implementation of the Convention and related strategic plans, identify obstacles to such implementation that might exist, and to share this information through the clearing-house mechanism. The Executive Secretary was requested to prepare information on the obstacles identified, and to identify effective practices related to the implementation of national and global targets, including consideration of possible elements of mechanisms for review of implementation, such as the voluntary peer review mechanism for national biodiversity strategies and action plans, taking into account the views provided by Parties and observers. The Executive Secretary was also requested to facilitate the further testing of the voluntary peer review mechanism, as well as the development of the methodology. In addition, the Executive Secretary was requested to further develop and apply the decision-tracking tool.

73. The Subsidiary Body on Implementation addressed these matters at its second meeting, taking into account SBSTTA recommendation XXI/6.

74. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to further consider these matters on the basis of the draft decision arising from SBI recommendation 2/10, reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions (CBD/COP/14/2).

**Item 13. Enhancing integration under the Convention and its Protocols with respect to provisions related to access and benefit-sharing and biosafety, and Article 8(j) and related provisions**

*Enhancing integration under the Convention and its Protocols with respect to provisions related to biosafety and provisions related to access and benefit-sharing*

75. In [decision XII/13](#), the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to submit a note on possible ways and means to promote integrated approaches to issues at the interface between the access and benefit-sharing-related provisions of the Convention and the provisions of the Nagoya Protocol.

76. In [decision XIII/26](#), paragraph 1, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to submit a note on possible ways and means to promote integrated approaches to issues at the interface

between the biosafety-related provisions of the Convention and the provisions of the Cartagena Protocol, taking into account Article 8(g) and Article 19, paragraph 4, of the Convention, and other issues of relevance to both the Convention and the Cartagena Protocol.

77. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider these matters on the basis of SBI recommendation 2/14 reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions (CBD/COP/14/2).

*Integration of Article 8(j) and provisions related to indigenous peoples and local communities in the work of the Convention and its Protocols*

78. Further to decision XIII/26, paragraph 3, the Ad Hoc Open-ended Inter-Sessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions, at its tenth meeting, considered ways and instruments for achieving full integration of Article 8(j) and provisions related to indigenous peoples and local communities in the work of the Convention and its Protocols, with full and effective participation of indigenous peoples and local communities, and aiming at enhancing efficiencies, coherence and coordination, and adopted [recommendation 10/3](#), which included elements of a draft decision. The Subsidiary Body on Implementation further considered these matters at its second meeting and prepared recommendation 2/16.

79. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider this matter on the basis of the draft decisions arising from SBI recommendation 2/16.

#### **Item 14. Cooperation with other conventions, international organizations and initiatives**

80. According to the multi-year programme of work for the Conference of the Parties up to 2020,<sup>3</sup> the Conference of the Parties is due to consider, at its fourteenth meeting, synergies among the biodiversity-related conventions. At its thirteenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties considered options to enhance synergies among the biodiversity-related conventions. In [decision XIII/24](#), it welcomed the options for enhancing synergies at the national level, and the road map for enhancing synergies among the biodiversity-related conventions at the international level from 2017 to 2020. The Executive Secretary was requested to provide missing information, to specify a timeline and, where possible, to undertake the actions described. The Executive Secretary was also requested to establish an informal advisory group that would provide advice on further prioritization and implementation of actions and to report to the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its second meeting.

81. In [decision XIII/7](#), the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to strengthen collaboration with the members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests, as well as other relevant organizations and initiatives, to fully respond to the requests in [decision XII/6](#), to promote the achievement of the forest-related Aichi Biodiversity Targets.

82. These matters were considered by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its second meeting.

83. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider these matters on the basis of the draft decision arising from SBI recommendation 2/9, reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions (CBD/COP/14/2), taking into account the report of the informal advisory group on synergies among biodiversity-related conventions, including its advice, provided by the Executive Secretary (CBD/COP/14/INF/2).

#### **Item 15. Review of the effectiveness of processes under the Convention and its Protocols**

84. According to the multi-year programme of work for the Conference of the Parties up to 2020,<sup>3</sup> the Conference of the Parties is due to consider, at its fourteenth meeting, the review of the effectiveness of processes under the Convention and its Protocols.

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<sup>3</sup> See [decision XII/31](#).

85. The Subsidiary Body on Implementation examined this matter on the basis of information provided by the Executive Secretary and the views of Parties and observers.

*Review of experience in holding concurrent meetings of the Convention and protocols*

86. At its twelfth meeting, the Conference of the Parties decided to hold its future ordinary meetings within a two-week period that would include the meetings of the Parties to the Cartagena and Nagoya Protocols. It also decided to review, at its fourteenth and fifteenth meetings, the experience with the holding of concurrent meetings.<sup>4</sup> The Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and to the Nagoya Protocol similarly decided to undertake a review. Criteria for the review were agreed in [decision XIII/26](#), as well as in complementary decisions of the meetings of the Parties to each Protocol.

87. The Subsidiary Body on Implementation reviewed the information provided by Parties and observers, by participants in the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and the concurrent meetings of the Protocols, and by the Executive Secretary.

88. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider this matter on the basis of the draft decisions arising from SBI recommendation 2/15, reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions (CBD/COP/14/2).

*Procedure for avoiding or managing conflicts of interest in expert groups*

89. The Subsidiary Body on Implementation, at its second meeting, considered a proposal prepared by the Executive Secretary concerning a procedure for avoiding or managing conflicts of interest in expert groups and prepared a draft decision for the Conference of the Parties (SBI recommendation 2/15, part B). The Subsidiary Body also requested the Executive Secretary to invite Parties, other Governments and relevant international organizations to submit their views no later than 15 August 2018 on the proposed procedure, and to revise, as necessary, the proposed procedure.

90. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider this matter on the basis of the draft decisions arising from SBI recommendation 2/15, reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions (CBD/COP/14/2), including the annex containing the proposed procedure which has been revised in light of the views submitted. A summary of the views submitted is provided in document CBD/COP/14/INF/3.

**Item 16. Second work programme of the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services**

91. In [decision XII/25](#), the Conference of the Parties established procedures for the relationship between the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services and the Convention, including the role of SBSTTA in this regard.

92. Further to [decision XIII/29](#), SBSTTA, at its twenty-second meeting, prepared a list of requests for the second work programme of the Platform on the basis of information provided by the Executive Secretary, drawing on inputs from Parties and partners, and taking into account the guidance for requests and any initial draft elements for the work programme prepared by the Platform.

93. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider this matter on the basis of the draft decision arising from SBSTTA recommendation 22/10, reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions (CBD/COP/14/2).

94. The Conference of the Parties will also have before it a document containing information of the proposed requests to IPBES, prepared in line with the procedure for receiving and prioritizing requests put to the Platform established by IPBES decision 1/3 (CBD/COP/14/INF/6).

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<sup>4</sup> See [decision XII/27](#).

**Item 17. Long-term strategic directions to the 2050 Vision for Biodiversity, approaches to living in harmony with nature and preparation for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework**

95. In 2010, the Conference of the Parties adopted the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, with its Aichi Biodiversity Targets,<sup>5</sup> and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety adopted the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety for the period 2011-2020 and its multi-year programme of work.<sup>6</sup> According to the multi-year programme of work of the Conference of the Parties, adopted in [decision XII/31](#), the Conference of the Parties will consider, at its fifteenth meeting, among other things, the follow-up to the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and related means of implementation, including resource mobilization (i.e., the post-2020 global biodiversity framework).

*Scenarios for the 2050 Vision for Biodiversity*

96. To provide context for the preparation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, the Conference of the Parties is also due to consider at its fourteenth meeting “the long-term strategic directions to the 2050 Vision for Biodiversity, as well as “approaches to living in harmony with nature”.

97. In preparation for the consideration of these matters by the Conference of the Parties, SBSTTA, at its twenty-first meeting, adopted [recommendation XXI/1](#) on scenarios for the 2050 Vision for Biodiversity, which included the Subsidiary Body’s conclusions on this matter. SBSTTA welcomed the information provided by the Executive Secretary in that regard<sup>7</sup> and requested a peer review of the associated information documents. It requested the Executive Secretary, when preparing proposals for the process of developing a post-2020 global biodiversity framework, to make provisions for sound analytical work in order to ensure that the framework would be based on the best available evidence, building on previous work and taking into account the above-mentioned conclusions of SBSTTA and other relevant work.

98. An in-session dialogue will be held to address “approaches to living in harmony with nature”.

*Proposals for a comprehensive and participatory process for the preparation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework*

99. In decision [XIII/1](#), paragraph 34, the Conference of the Parties recognized the need for a comprehensive and participatory process to develop proposals for the follow-up to the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, and requested the Executive Secretary to prepare a proposal for a comprehensive and participatory preparatory process and timetable for the follow-up to the Strategic Plan, taking into consideration that this work must cover the Convention on Biological Diversity and also consider its Protocols.

100. Accordingly, a proposal was prepared, building on submissions from Parties and others, and taking into account SBSTTA recommendation XXI/1, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation. The Subsidiary Body on Implementation inter alia welcomed SBSTTA recommendations XXI/1 and XXI/5. It also took note of the proposed preparatory process for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework prepared by the Executive Secretary and requested the Executive Secretary to invite further views by Parties and others on the preparatory process for the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, including on options for strengthening implementation, fostering commitments and building political momentum, to compile these views and update the proposed preparatory process taking into account these views and the statements made at the second meeting of SBI. The Executive Secretary was also requested to explore, in collaboration with the Bureau, streamlined

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<sup>5</sup> See [decision X/2](#).

<sup>6</sup> See decision BS-V/16.

<sup>7</sup> [CBD/SBSTTA/21/2](#) and [Add.1](#).

options to provide advice and high-level political guidance, and to develop advice to enable a gender-responsive process for the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

#### *Global Biodiversity Outlook*

Also at its twenty-first meeting,<sup>8</sup> SBSTTA adopted a recommendation on considerations for the preparation of the fifth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook* which, pursuant to [decision XIII/29](#), will serve as a basis for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework

101. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider this agenda item on the basis of the draft decisions arising from SBSTTA recommendations XXI/1 and XXI/5 and SBI recommendation 2/19, reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions (CBD/COP/14/2), taking into account the updated proposal for the preparatory process and other information provided by the Secretariat pursuant to SBSTTA recommendation XXI/1 and SBI recommendation 2/19 (CBD/COP/14/9), as well as the outcomes of the in-session dialogue on “approaches to living in harmony with nature”.

#### **Item 18. Digital sequence information on genetic resources**

102. Digital sequence information on genetic resources emerged as a cross-cutting issue, under the Convention and the Nagoya Protocol, at the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and the second meeting of the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol.<sup>9</sup> The Parties decided to consider, at their next respective meetings, any potential implications of the use of digital sequence information on genetic resources for the three objectives of the Convention, and for the objective of the Nagoya Protocol, respectively. Pursuant to these decisions, a compilation and synthesis of views and information was prepared by the Executive Secretary and a study commissioned to clarify relevant terminology and concepts. An ad hoc technical expert group was considered to address the issue on the basis of this information and the results of the meeting of the group were considered by SBSTTA at its twenty-second meeting.

103. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider any potential implications of the use of digital sequence information on genetic resources for the three objectives of the Convention, on the basis of the draft decision arising from SBSTTA recommendation 22/1, reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions (CBD/COP/14/2).

104. This item will be considered in conjunction with the corresponding item on the agenda of the third meeting of Parties to the Nagoya Protocol, which will consider any potential implications of digital sequence information on genetic resources for the objective of the Nagoya Protocol.

#### **Item 19. Article 8(j) and related provisions**

##### *The Rutzolijirixaxik Voluntary Guidelines for the Repatriation of Traditional Knowledge Relevant for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity*

105. Further to [decision XIII/19](#), the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions, at its tenth meeting, finalized the draft Rutzolijirixaxik Voluntary Guidelines for the Repatriation of Traditional Knowledge Relevant for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity,<sup>10</sup> and recommended their adoption by the Conference of the Parties.

##### *Glossary of relevant key terms and concepts within the context of Article 8(j) and related provisions*

106. Further to decision XIII/19, the Working Group adopted [recommendation 10/2](#), the annex to which contained a voluntary glossary of relevant key terms and concepts within the context of Article 8(j) and related provisions.

<sup>8</sup> See [recommendation XXI/5](#).

<sup>9</sup> See decisions [XIII/16](#) and [NP-2/14](#).

<sup>10</sup> See Working Group [recommendation 10/1](#).

*Other matters related to Article 8(j)*

107. The Working Group also adopted [recommendation 10/5](#) on the in-depth dialogue on thematic areas and other cross-cutting issues and [recommendation 10/6](#) on the recommendations of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.

108. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider these matters, on the basis of the above-mentioned recommendations of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions, reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions (CBD/COP/14/2).

109. Further recommendations of the Working Group will be considered under agenda items 9 and 13.

**Item 20. Sustainable wildlife management**

110. Further to [decision XIII/8](#), SBSTTA, at its twenty-first meeting, considered voluntary guidance for a sustainable wild meat sector prepared by the Executive Secretary ([CBD/SBSTTA/21/3](#)), in collaboration with other members of the Collaborative Partnership on Sustainable Wildlife Management, and adopted [recommendation XXI/2](#).

111. The Conference of the Parties is expected to consider this matter on the basis of the draft decision arising from SBSTTA recommendation XXI/2, reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions (CBD/COP/14/2), while also taking into account an updated technical paper on the matter, prepared in line with the recommendation (CBD/COP/14/INF/7).

**Item 21. Biodiversity and climate change**

112. Further to [decision XIII/4](#), SBSTTA, at its twenty-second meeting, considered voluntary guidelines for the design and effective implementation of ecosystem-based approaches to climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction information, prepared in collaboration with relevant organizations, in particular the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction.

113. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider this matter on the basis of the draft decision arising from SBSTTA recommendation 22/7, reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions (CBD/COP/14/2).

**Item 22. Mainstreaming of biodiversity within and across sectors**

114. At its thirteenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties adopted a comprehensive decision on mainstreaming and the integration of biodiversity within and across sectors.<sup>11</sup> In addition, the high-level segment, held immediately prior to the thirteenth meeting, adopted the [Cancun Declaration on Mainstreaming the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity for Well-being](#). The decision provided Parties with guidance on a number of matters and requested the Executive Secretary to continue collaboration with a number of partners. The Conference of the Parties focused on the sectors of agriculture, forestry, fisheries and tourism, and decided to focus on the sectors of energy and mining, infrastructure, manufacturing and processing, and health at its fourteenth meeting. A review of progress with respect to the sectors of agriculture, forestry, fisheries and tourism is provided in document (CBD/COP/14/INF/1).

*Health and biodiversity*

115. Conference of the Parties considered the interlinkages between biodiversity and human health at its twelfth and thirteenth meetings.<sup>12</sup> Further to these decisions, SBSTTA, at its twenty-first meeting,

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<sup>11</sup> See [decision XIII/3](#).

<sup>12</sup> See decisions [XII/21](#) and [XIII/6](#).

adopted [recommendation XXI/3](#), in which it recommended that the Conference of the Parties welcome the Guidance on integrating biodiversity considerations into One Health approaches, and invited further collaborative work through the Inter-agency Liaison Group on Biodiversity and Human Health.

*Mainstreaming of biodiversity in the energy and mining, infrastructure, manufacturing and processing sectors*

116. At its twenty-first meeting, SBSTTA also considered technical and scientific information related to the mainstreaming of biodiversity in the sectors of energy and mining, infrastructure, manufacturing and processing, on the basis of reports issued by the Executive Secretary and, in [recommendation XXI/4](#), requested further work on the basis of these reports, inputs from Parties, observers and an informal advisory group, including the preparation of a proposal for a long-term strategic approach to mainstreaming.

117. The Subsidiary Body on Implementation further considered these matters at its second meeting, taking into account some elements of a draft decision contained in SBSTTA recommendation XXI/4 and prepared recommendation 2/3.

118. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider this agenda item on the basis of the draft decision on health and biodiversity arising from SBSTTA recommendation XXI/3 and SBI recommendation 2/3, as well as a draft decision on mainstreaming of biodiversity in the sectors of energy and mining, infrastructure, manufacturing and processing on the basis of SBI recommendation 2/3. Both draft decisions are reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions (CBD/COP/14/2). The Conference of the Parties may also review progress with respect to the sectors of agriculture, forestry, fisheries and tourism.

**Item 23. Conservation and sustainable use of pollinators**

119. On the basis of the thematic assessment of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, and work under the International Initiative on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Pollinators of the Convention, the Conference of the Parties, at its thirteenth meeting, adopted [decision XIII/15](#), providing policy guidance on pollinators, pollination and food production.

120. At its twenty-second meeting, SBSTTA considered information on relevant national initiatives and activities to promote the conservation and sustainable use of pollinators and a draft updated and streamlined Plan of Action for the International Initiative, prepared together with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and other partners. SBSTTA also considered information on pollinators and pollination relevant to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in all ecosystems, beyond their role in agriculture and food production.

121. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider this matter on the basis of the draft decision arising from SBSTTA recommendation 22/9, reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions (CBD/COP/14/2). The final report on the relevance of pollinators and pollination to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in all ecosystems, beyond their role in agriculture and food production, incorporating peer review comments will be available (CBD/COP/14/INF/8).

**Item 24. Spatial planning, protected areas, and other effective area-based conservation measures**

122. The Conference of Parties, in [decision XIII/2](#), invited Parties and relevant agencies and partners to undertake a review of experiences on protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures, additional measures to enhance their integration into the wider land- and seascapes, their mainstreaming across sectors, and effective governance models. The Executive Secretary was requested to develop voluntary guidance on these elements.

123. The Conference of Parties, in [decision XIII/9](#), requested the Executive Secretary to compile information on national, regional and subregional experiences and lessons learned on the application of

marine spatial planning and on the development and management of systems of marine protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures.

124. Pursuant to decisions [XIII/2](#) and [XIII/9](#), the Executive Secretary convened two workshops held in conjunction with each other. They included a workshop to develop voluntary guidance on other effective area-based conservation measures, and a workshop to develop consolidated information on marine protected areas and effective area-based conservation measures.

125. At its twenty-second meeting, SBSTTA considered the outcomes of these workshops and other relevant information.

126. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider this matter on the basis of the draft decision arising from SBSTTA recommendation 22/5, reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions (CBD/COP/14/2).

## **Item 25. Marine and coastal biodiversity**

### *Ecologically or biologically significant marine areas*

127. In [decision XIII/12](#), the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to continue to facilitate the description of ecologically or biologically significant marine areas (EBSAs), through the organization of workshops where Parties wish them to be held. Accordingly, the Executive Secretary organized a workshop for the Black Sea and Caspian Sea in April 2017 and a workshop for the Baltic Sea in March 2018. The outcomes of the workshops were reviewed by SBSTTA, at its twenty-second meeting, in accordance with procedures established through prior decisions of the Conference of the Parties.

128. In the same decision, the Conference of the Parties considered the process for describing areas that meet the EBSA criteria and requested the Executive Secretary to continue work in this regard. Further to that decision, the Executive Secretary convened an expert workshop in Berlin in December 2017 to develop options regarding procedures for modification of the descriptions of EBSAs and for describing new areas, and for strengthening the scientific process. The outcomes of this workshop were also considered by SBSTTA at its twenty-second meeting.

129. At its twenty-second meeting, SBSTTA considered this information and, in its recommendation 22/6, prepared a draft decision for the consideration of the Conference of the Parties. In this recommendation SBSTTA requested the Executive Secretary to prepare a draft revision, as necessary, of the terms of reference for an informal advisory group on ecologically or biologically significant marine areas, provided in decision XIII/12 (annex III), taking into account the annex to recommendation 22/6 (Options for Modifying the Description of Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas, for Describing New Areas, and for Strengthening the Scientific Credibility and Transparency of this Process).

130. The Conference of the Parties is expected to consider this matter on the basis of the draft decision arising from SBSTTA recommendation 22/6, reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions (CBD/COP/14/2), together with the aforementioned draft revision of the terms of reference of the informal advisory group on ecologically or biologically significant marine areas, prepared by the Executive Secretary.

### *Other matters related to marine and coastal biodiversity*

131. In [decision XIII/9](#), the Conference of the Parties welcomed the capacity-building and partnership activities being facilitated by the Executive Secretary through the Sustainable Ocean Initiative at the national, regional and global levels, in collaboration with Parties and relevant organizations, and invited Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to cooperate for the timely and effective implementation of capacity development activities through the Sustainable Ocean Initiative. Furthermore, in [decision XIII/3](#), the Conference of the Parties emphasized the importance of collaborating with FAO, regional fisheries management organizations and regional seas conventions and action plans with regard to addressing biodiversity considerations in sustainable fisheries and aquaculture.



132. In decisions [XIII/3](#), [XIII/9](#), and [XIII/28](#), the Conference of the Parties addressed the ongoing cooperation between FAO, the International Union for Conservation of Nature and the Executive Secretary to improve reporting and support for the implementation of Aichi Biodiversity Target 6, and invited further collaboration, including in the compilation of experiences in mainstreaming biodiversity in fisheries, including through the ecosystem approach to fisheries, and to make this compilation available prior to the Conference of the Parties at its fourteenth meeting.

133. At its twenty-second meeting, SBSTTA considered this information and prepared a draft decision for the consideration of the Conference of the Parties.

134. The Conference of the Parties is expected to consider this matter on the basis of the draft decision arising from SBSTTA recommendation 22/6, reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions (CBD/COP/14/2).

135. Matters related to marine spatial planning and protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures will be addressed under agenda item 24.

### **Item 26. Invasive alien species**

136. At its twelfth meeting, the Conference of the Parties adopted voluntary Guidance on Devising and Implementing Measures to Address the Risks Associated with the Introduction of Alien Species as Pets, Aquarium and Terrarium Species, and as Live Bait and Live Food.<sup>13</sup> Further to this decision, SBSTTA, at its twenty-second meeting, considered supplementary guidance for avoiding unintentional introductions of invasive alien species associated with the trade in live organisms.

137. SBSTTA also considered:

(a) Possible tools or guidance for Parties that may assist national customs authorities in facilitating the necessary control of live alien species via e-commerce;

(b) Options for supplementing risk assessment and risk management standards for the use of biological control agents against invasive alien species, including in aquatic environments;

(c) Information on invasive alien species management that takes into consideration the impacts of climate change, natural disasters and land-use change on the management of biological invasions, and on the potential consequences of invasive alien species on social, economic and cultural values, including the values and priorities of indigenous peoples and local communities;

(d) Tools for conducting cost-benefit and cost-effectiveness analysis for the management of invasive alien species.

138. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider these matters on the basis of the draft decision arising from SBSTTA recommendation 22/8, reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions (CBD/COP/14/2). A progress report on collaboration with the International Union for Conservation of Nature, its Invasive Species Specialist Group and relevant international organizations related to the use of biological control agents against invasive alien species, will also be made available (CBD/COP/14/INF/9).

### **Item 27. Synthetic biology**

139. At its thirteenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties, acknowledging the conclusions of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Synthetic Biology, encouraged Parties and other actors to undertake certain measures, and decided to extend the mandate of the Group, with new terms of reference, and that of the open-ended online forum to support the work of the Group. The Group held its meeting in December 2017.

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<sup>13</sup> See [decision XII/16](#), annex.

140. At its twenty-second meeting, SBSTTA considered this matter on the basis of the report of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group.

141. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider this matter on the basis of the draft decision arising from SBSTTA recommendations 22/2 and 22/3, reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions (CBD/COP/14/2).

**Item 28. Liability and redress (Article 14, paragraph 2)**

142. At its twelfth meeting, the Conference of the Parties noted, in its [decision XII/14](#), the progress made since its eighth meeting in certain areas that have relevance to liability and redress, in particular in developing guidance on ecosystem restoration, and tools for valuation of biodiversity. It invited Parties to take into account some relevant instruments and reports, in their efforts to develop or adjust national policy, legislation, guidelines or administrative measures concerning liability and redress for damage to biological diversity. The Conference of the Parties decided to review the item further at its fourteenth meeting.

143. Accordingly, the Conference of the Parties is expected to review this item on the basis of information that the Executive Secretary will make available (CBD/COP/14/10).

**Item 29. Other matters**

144. The Conference of the Parties may wish to consider other matters raised and accepted for discussion, in accordance with rule 12 of the rules of procedure and paragraph 7 of decision [IV/16](#).

**Item 30. Adoption of the report**

145. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider and adopt the report on the work of its fourteenth meeting, on the basis of the draft report prepared by the Rapporteur and the reports of the two working groups. It may also wish to annex to its report the outcomes of the high-level segment of the meeting, and other events organized in conjunction with its meeting. In accordance with established practice, the Conference of the Parties may wish to authorize the Rapporteur to complete the final report after the meeting, with the guidance of the President and assistance of the Secretariat.

**Item 31. Closure of the meeting**

146. It is expected that the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties will be closed on Thursday, 29 November 2018, at approximately 6 p.m.

*Annex I***PROVISIONAL LIST OF DOCUMENTS FOR THE FOURTEENTH MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES**

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