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**Resource mobilization and financial
mechanism: resource mobilization**

Resource mobilization**

Note by the Secretariat

I. Introduction

1. By its decision [16/34](#), the Conference of the Parties adopted a strategy for resource mobilization for the period 2025–2030, as contained in annex I to the decision. In paragraph 7 of the same decision, the Conference of the Parties recalled its earlier decision to keep the implementation of the strategy under review at each of its meetings, starting at the seventeenth meeting, through the global stocktake.
2. In paragraph 19 of the same decision, the Conference of the Parties decided to implement Articles 21 and 39 of the Convention and to address the global biodiversity finance gap by 2030 by:
 - (a) Establishing the permanent arrangement for the financial mechanism envisioned under Article 21 of the Convention;
 - (b) Assessing and improving the mobilization of finance from all sources.
3. In paragraphs 22 and 23 of the same decision, the Conference of the Parties set out intersessional processes, until the nineteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, for implementing those elements. Several initial tasks, detailed below, were to be considered by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation before the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (para. 24). Several requests, again detailed below, were made to the Secretariat to support consideration of said tasks (paras. 18 and 25). In addition, paragraph 26 contained a number of other requests to the Secretariat related to resource mobilization.
4. The present document contains a progress report on the delivery against the requests contained in paragraph 26 of decision [16/34](#) (sect. II), a detailed overview of the tasks before the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its seventh meeting and a synthesis of the documentation prepared by the Secretariat to support delivery of these tasks (sect. III) and elements of a draft recommendation for consideration of the Subsidiary Body (sect. IV).

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** The present document is being issued without formal editing with the exception of the draft recommendation in section IV.

II. Progress report on other requests contained in decision [16/34](#)

5. In subparagraph 26 (a) of decision [16/34](#), the Executive Secretary was requested, subject to the availability of financial resources, to facilitate an international dialogue with ministers of environment and finance from developed and developing countries to accelerate the achievement of Target 19 of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.

6. At the time of reporting, the Secretariat was pursuing two avenues to implement the request. First, the Secretariat initiated collaboration with the Coalition of Finance Ministers for Climate Action and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), with a view to holding such dialogues at the margins of meetings of the World Bank Group and International Monetary Fund, possibly starting with the meetings to be held in Bangkok in the third quarter of 2026. The first of the dialogues is being designed around the forthcoming Nature Guide that is currently under development by UNEP, with a view to supporting ministries of finance with incorporating nature-related risks and opportunities in macro fiscal planning. The Dialogue would thus be informed by concrete action areas for ministries of finance, as articulated in the Guide, so that engagement of ministries is grounded in practical pathways for implementation. By the time of reporting, the Secretariat was exploring funding opportunities as the delivery of this activity is subject to the availability of resources. Second, the Secretariat is collaborating with the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, with a view to holding such a dialogue during the London Climate Action Week, scheduled for 23 June 2026.

7. In subparagraph 26 (b) of decision [16/34](#), the Executive Secretary was requested, subject to the availability of financial resources, to commission studies on the following topics: (a) the relationship between debt sustainability and the implementation of the Convention; (b) how the guidance on safeguards in biodiversity finance mechanisms adopted in decisions [XII/3](#) and [14/15](#) had been implemented, identifying good practices and lessons learned, as well as opportunities for improving implementation of the guidance; and (c) the relationship between biodiversity and climate finance.

8. The referenced studies were commissioned and considered, in draft form, by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its sixth meeting. As a result of this consideration, the Subsidiary Body adopted recommendation [6/1](#), including elements of a draft decision. In paragraph 3 of the recommendation, the Subsidiary Body requested the Executive Secretary: (a) to extend the deadline for a peer review of the draft studies to 20 May 2026; (b) to finalize the studies and submit them to the Conference of the Parties for consideration at its seventeenth meeting; and (c) to include in its progress report for the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties any suggested amendment to the draft decision below that would result from insights contained in the final versions of the studies. The relevant paragraphs of the draft decision were being kept in abeyance pending the finalization of the studies.

9. By the time of preparation of the present note, the peer reviews of the draft studies were ongoing. As requested in recommendation [6/1](#), final information will be provided in the progress report for the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, possibly including suggested amendments to the draft decision provided in recommendation [6/1](#).

10. In subparagraph 26 (c) of decision [16/34](#), the Executive Secretary was requested, subject to the availability of financial resources, to integrate a platform in the clearing-house mechanism, in line with the knowledge management strategy to support the implementation of the Framework, for the purpose of exchanging information on best practices and lessons learned on the implementation of the Framework, in particular for Goal D and Targets 14, 15, 18 and 19 and of the strategy for resource mobilization. By the time of preparation of this note, technical work had been finalized to integrate the platform into the clearing-house mechanism. Further to the invitation to submit relevant

information, communicated through notification No. [2025-148](#) of 10 December 2025, 15 submissions had been received and made available through the platform.¹

11. Further to the request, contained in paragraph 25 of decision [16/34](#), to support the work of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation in delivering its tasks as spelled out in paragraph 24, the Secretariat, with the generous financial and logistical support from the Governments of Germany and Belgium, convened an informal workshop on resource mobilization. Held in Rome from 10 to 13 February 2026, back-to-back with the sixth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, the workshop provided an informal forum for discussing, at the conceptual level, of how to advance on the two tracks set out in decision [16/34](#) of the Conference of the Parties, with a view to enhancing mutual understanding of various perspectives and to identifying concepts or opportunities that could potentially advance work on those two tracks. A report was prepared under the responsibility of the co-moderators of the workshop and will be made available as a reference document.

III. Tasks before the seventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body

A. Review of the strategy for resource mobilization

12. Further to paragraph 7 of decision [16/34](#), related to the review of implementation of the strategy for resource mobilization, paragraph 24 of the decision requested the Secretariat to prepare documentation to facilitate this implementation review, including elements of a draft recommendation addressing opportunities for any further adaptation of the strategy and associated institutional arrangements.

13. Pursuant to this request, a summary of the main insights resulting from the review of implementation of the strategy for resource mobilization was made available in document CBD/SBI/7/3/Add.2. The full review is made available as an information document.

14. Paragraph 7 of decision [16/34](#) clarified that the implementation review would be undertaken through the global stocktake; that is, the global review of collective progress in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, to be undertaken further to decisions [15/6](#) and [16/32](#). The review of implementation of the strategy for resource mobilization therefore fed into the relevant sections of the global report. Relevant information is provided to the Subsidiary Body in document CBD/SBI/7/2, under agenda item 3.

15. As regards the identification of opportunities for any further adaptation of the strategy and associated institutional arrangements, as required in paragraph 24 of decision [16/34](#), there is overlap with the intersessional process and the related road map established in paragraph 23 of the decision, with a view to delivering against subparagraph 19 (b) of the decision (“assessing and improving the mobilization of finance from all sources”). The road map foresees the integration of a set of measures required to enhance global biodiversity finance into the strategy for resource mobilization by the nineteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (subpara. 23 (c)), with intermediate steps to be taken by or at the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (subpara. 23 (b)). Initial steps are to be taken by or at the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (subpara. 23 (a)), with the support of the Subsidiary Body, as detailed below. Relevant conclusions of the implementation review therefore fed into the note by the Secretariat to support the work of the Subsidiary Body, as further explained below, and into the draft recommendation provided in section IV below.

B. Delivering the tasks contained in paragraphs 22, 23 and 24 of decision [16/34](#)

16. According to the road maps provided in paragraphs 22 and 23, in particular subparagraphs 22 (a) and 23 (a) of decision [16/34](#), the following two elements are to be achieved by the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties:

¹ See <https://chm.cbd.int/en/submissions-to-notifications?notification=2025-148¤tPage=1&schema=submission>.

(a) The further development of the criteria for the institutional structure to operate the financial mechanism, taking into consideration the views compiled in annex II to decision [16/34](#);

(b) The identification of impediments to the effectiveness of global biodiversity finance and, on that basis, the recommendation of elements for its further enhancement.

17. In paragraph 24 of the same decision, the Conference of the Parties requested that the Subsidiary Body consider the above elements, further discuss opportunities for broadening the contributor base, develop a draft decision and report on progress at the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

1. Further development of the criteria for the institutional structure to operate the financial mechanism

18. Further to subparagraph 22 (a) of decision [16/34](#), a methodology for further developing the criteria for the institutional structure to operate the financial mechanism, taking into consideration the compilation of views contained in annex II to decision [16/34](#) is proposed in document CBD/SBI/7/3/Add.3. It consists of a comparison of the individual items on the list contained in annex II to decision [16/34](#), relevant Articles of the Convention and the criteria already recognized, as provided in paragraph 21 of decision [16/34](#). Based on the comparison, as provided in the annex to that document, it is proposed not to consider further eight items or elements of items, either because they are already captured in the list provided in paragraph 21 of decision [16/34](#) (element of item 2, items 5, 7 and 8, and elements of item 9) or for other reasons (items 4, 6 and 16).

19. The items or elements of items in table 1 below are proposed for inclusion in the list, because they are not yet captured in the list provided in paragraph 21 of decision [16/34](#), while they are reflected in relevant Convention Articles.

Table 1

Items or elements of items reflected in the Convention that are proposed for inclusion

<i>Item no.^a</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Explanation^b</i>	<i>Suggested action</i>
1	Added value and complementarity vis-à-vis the current biodiversity finance landscape	The notion that the financial mechanism operates within a broader finance landscape is reflected in Article 21 (4) of the Convention	Include as new criterion (e)
2	Access to new, additional, predictable, adequate and timely financing	“New” and “additional” are included in Article 20 (2) Predictability and adequacy are included in Article 21 (1)	Include the terms “new”, “additional”, “predictable” and “adequate” in criterion (d)
3	Contributor base aimed at the mobilization of resources from all sources	The notion is broadly reflected in Article 21 (1)	Include as new criterion (f)

^a Items from annex II to decision [16/34](#).

^b See the table in the annex to document CBD/SBI/7/3/Add.3 for a more detailed analysis.

20. The items or elements of items in table 2 below were found to be essentially captured in the list provided in paragraph 21 of decision [16/34](#), but through more generic terms. At its seventh meeting, the Subsidiary Body on Implementation may wish to consider the level of detail needed in the final list of criteria, and recommend amendments as needed:

Table 2

Items or elements of items essentially captured but in more generic wording

<i>Item no.^a</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Explanation^b</i>	<i>Suggested action</i>
9	Equitable, efficient and representative governance structure, including by ensuring the full and effective participation of indigenous peoples and local communities	The text in bold is essentially captured by criterion 21 (c) of decision 16/34 , with “full and effective participation of indigenous peoples and local communities” captured by the term “inclusive”: “(c) It operates within a democratic and transparent system of governance, ensuring a structure that is fair, equitable, inclusive , efficient and representative;”	Consider further whether the explicit reference to “full and effective participation of indigenous peoples and local communities” is needed or whether the term “inclusive” in criterion (c) is sufficient
10	Provision of financial resources to developing country Parties, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States, and countries with economies in transition , responding to their needs and priorities	The text in bold, on the recipients of financial resources, is essentially captured by the reference to “all eligible Parties” in criterion 21 (d): “(d) It is accessible by all eligible Parties to the Convention in a fair, timely, simplified, equitable, inclusive and non-discriminatory manner;”	Consider further whether the phrase “developing country Parties, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States, and countries with economies in transition” is needed or whether to use the phrase “all eligible Parties”
18	Ability to capitalize on synergies between support for biodiversity action and support for actions to address other related environmental challenges	The text in bold is captured in a more generic form by the term “efficient” in criterion 21 (c): “(c) It operates within a democratic and transparent system of governance, ensuring a structure that is fair, equitable, inclusive, efficient and representative;”	Consider whether the explicit reference to synergies is needed or whether the term “efficient” is sufficient

^a Items from annex II to decision [16/34](#).

^b See the table in the annex to document CBD/SBI/7/3/Add.3 for a more detailed analysis.

21. The items in table 3 below are not captured in the list provided in paragraph 21 of decision [16/34](#) and are not reflected in relevant Convention Articles. Overlaps between certain items also exist, and the Subsidiary Body may therefore wish to merge their consideration.

Table 3

Items or elements of items not reflected in the Convention and not captured

<i>Item no.^a</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Suggested action</i>
10	Provision of financial resources to developing country Parties, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States, and countries with economies in transition, responding to their needs and priorities	The text not in bold is already essentially captured under criterion 21 (d). Consider further whether to include the notion reflected in the text in bold and, if so, decide on preferred wording
12	Reliance on national executing agencies	Consider further whether to include and, if so, decide on preferred wording
13	Participation and involvement of relevant recipient-country authorities in all steps of the funding allocation process, including project development and execution	Consider further whether to include and, if so, decide on preferred wording
11	Direct allocation and/or project-based disbursement	Consider further whether to include
14	Recognition of the value of the role of indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth, including by providing direct access to finance	Consider further whether to include the notions reflected in items 14 and 19 and, if so, decide on preferred wording
19	Provision of financial resources for collective action, including by indigenous peoples and local communities, Mother Earth-centric actions and non-market-based approaches	
15	Existence of a grievance and redress mechanism	Consider further whether to include

^a Items from annex II to decision [16/34](#).

22. A need for further clarification was identified for one item, as shown in table 4 below.

Table 4

Item requiring clarification

<i>Item no.^a</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Explanation of clarification needs and suggested action</i>
17	Accountability of trustee and compliance with decisions of the governing body	The notion of accountability is captured and already included in Article 21 (1) of the Convention, referring however to the mechanism as a whole, not to the trustee specifically It is unclear whether the term “governing body” refers to the Conference of the Parties or to the governing body of the mechanism Seek clarification from proponent on intent and meaning, and consider further as appropriate

^a Items from annex II to decision [16/34](#).

23. In discharging the task contained in subparagraph 22 (a) of decision [16/34](#), the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its seventh meeting may wish to consider tables 1 to 4 above and the

suggested actions contained therein, together with the relevant elements of the draft recommendation below. Once considered, any agreed elements of these tables will be consolidated into annex III to the draft recommendation (sect. IV below), with a view to their adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth meeting.

24. Further to the road map provided in paragraph 22 of decision [16/34](#), the Subsidiary Body may also wish to recommend that the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth meeting request the Subsidiary Body, prior to the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, to develop a recommendation, including elements of a draft decision, addressing the tasks spelled out in subparagraph 22 (b) of the road map. The Subsidiary Body may wish to further recommend requesting the Secretariat to prepare or commission the documentation to support the consideration of these items by the Subsidiary Body.

25. It should be noted that the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its sixth meeting considered draft terms of reference for the seventh quadrennial review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism, which are provided in annex II to its recommendation [6/2](#). Some elements of the draft terms of reference are relevant for the work requested in paragraph 41 of decision [16/33](#)² and the stocktake review of the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund foreseen in decisions [15/7](#) and [15/15](#).

2. Identification of impediments to the effectiveness of global biodiversity finance and of elements for its further enhancement

26. Further to subparagraph 23 (a) of decision [16/34](#), impediments to the effectiveness of global biodiversity finance and of elements for its further enhancement have been identified by the Secretariat in document CBD/SBI/7/3/Add.4. This note is based on the review of implementation of the strategy for resource mobilization, provided in document CBD/SBI/7/3/Add.2 and other sources. Based on the identified impediments, annex II to the draft recommendation below contains a concise draft list of identified impediments and, based on those, draft elements for the further enhancement of the effectiveness of global biodiversity finance.

27. In subparagraph 24 (a) of decision [16/34](#), the Secretariat was requested to commission a study to identify opportunities to strengthen tracking of the various sources of biodiversity finance, with a cross reference to decision [16/31](#) on the monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework. The insufficient tracking of certain flows of biodiversity finance was identified as an impediment in document CBD/SBI/7/3/Add.4 and reflected accordingly in annex II below. The full study will be made available as an information document. Given its relevance to the monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, the study was also considered when updating the metadata for the headline indicators and made available as a reference document to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at its twenty-eighth meeting.

28. The Subsidiary Body may wish to review the draft elements, for further consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth meeting. As foreseen by the road map provided in paragraph 23 of decision [16/34](#), the Subsidiary Body may also wish to recommend that the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth meeting request the Subsidiary Body, prior to the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, to further develop the elements, as agreed by the Conference of the Parties, into measures which could be taken to enhance the global biodiversity finance in order to mobilize new and additional resources from all sources, and to assess the performance of existing relevant financial instruments and entities with respect to the implementation of the Framework, in particular Target 19 (a). The Subsidiary Body may wish to further recommend requesting the Secretariat to prepare, or commission, documentation to support the consideration of these items by the Subsidiary Body.

² Ibid.

3. Further discussion of opportunities for broadening the contributor base

29. As part of the requests made to it in paragraph 24 of decision [16/34](#), the Subsidiary Body on Implementation was to further discuss opportunities for broadening the contributor base. This is a multi-faceted topic, which is relevant for both elements of paragraph 19 of decision [16/34](#) and the two initial tasks before the Subsidiary Body at the present meeting, and is captured by the relevant documents, as explained below. In addition, the request contained in paragraph 18 of decision [16/34](#), further detailed below, is directly relevant.

30. As regards the further development of the criteria for the institutional structure to operate the financial mechanism, pursuant to subparagraph 22 (a) of decision [16/34](#), it is worth noting that the compilation in annex II to decision [16/34](#) already contains an item about broadening the contributor base (item 3, provided in table 1 above).

31. As regards the identification of impediments to the effectiveness of global biodiversity finance, further to subparagraph 23 (a) of decision [16/34](#), a number of impediments associated with narrow sources and reduced streams of biodiversity finance, including reliance on a relatively small number of sovereign and non-sovereign actors contributing to biodiversity finance, have been identified in document CBD/SBI/7/3/Add.4 as well as a number of elements that could enhance this situation.

32. The Subsidiary Body may wish to further discuss this topic in an integrated manner, when considering item 3 of annex II to decision [16/34](#) for inclusion into the list of criteria, and the relevant impediments to biodiversity finance identified in document CBD/SBI/7/3/Add.4. At its seventh meeting, the Subsidiary Body on Implementation may also wish to further address this topic by considering the request in paragraph 18 of decision [16/34](#), as explained in the next subsection.

C. Proposals for the best periodicity of notifications for amending the list of Parties established in accordance with paragraph 2 of Article 20 of the Convention

33. As requested in subparagraph 47 (b) of decision [15/7](#), on resource mobilization, the Executive Secretary issue a notification³ inviting developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition to consider, taking into account national circumstances, whether they are in a position to voluntarily assume the obligations of the developed country Parties in accordance with Article 20 of the Convention, and, if so, to indicate this to the Executive Secretary.

34. In paragraph 18 of decision [16/34](#), the Conference of the Parties noted that no Party had responded to the aforementioned invitation and in that regard requested the Executive Secretary to consider the best periodicity for the issuance of the new round of notifications.

35. Document CBD/SBI/7/3/Add.1 has been prepared in response to that request. It is noted therein that the latest attempt to update the list of Parties established pursuant to Article 20 (2), further to subparagraph 47 (b) of decision [15/7](#), was focussed on countries that may voluntarily assume the obligations of the developed country Parties. However, the list to be established and periodically reviewed and amended in accordance with Article 20 (2) shall include both developed countries Parties and other Parties that voluntarily assume the obligations of the developed countries. Thus, the document identifies two conceptual pathways for a Party to the Convention, to be included in the list: either as a developed country Party, or as another Party that assumes, on a voluntary basis, the obligations of the developed country Parties.

36. The document introduces the notion of “critical mass” in order to identify the best periodicity for inviting indications of interest to be included in the list of Parties; that is, how many such indications of interest can reasonably be expected to be received in response to the notification. As there is no formal United Nations-wide definition of “developed countries”, the document contains a summary and assessment of existing relevant country classification systems, the underlying criteria, and the resulting lists of countries, maintained and applied by the United Nations and relevant

³ See notifications Nos. [2023-063](#) of 13 June 2023 and [2023-132](#) of 11 December 2023.

international organizations, which could potentially act as a proxy to guide the relevant decisions under both pathways and which could inform the assessment whether “critical masses” exist.⁴

37. Specifically as regards the determination by national decision makers as to whether a Party should consider, on a voluntary basis, to assume the responsibilities of developed country Parties, in accordance with paragraph 2 of Article 20, it is noted in the document that such a determination may be difficult as the decision makers of many Parties, in terms of “closeness” of their country to developed countries, may perceive their country to be in some form of grey zone. The classification systems and associated lists of countries that were analysed in the document, taken together, could inform such a determination.

38. The analysis provided in the document suggests that “critical masses” exist for both conceptual pathways above, even when applying the narrowest set of criteria (resulting in the smallest country list). In terms of developed country Parties, for the sake of Article 20 (2), the analysis notes that there are eight full members of the Development Assistance Committee of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, Parties to the Convention, that are not on the list of Parties established further to Article 20 (2). At the last update in 2006, full membership in the Development Assistance Committee was not a necessary condition for inclusion in the list. On the other hand, all countries on the current 2006 list, with one exception, are full members of the Development Assistance Committee. In the light of the rationale for being a full member of the Development Assistance Committee, as explained in the document, it is argued that membership in itself could constitute a relevant indication for being included in the list.

39. In terms of other Parties that could potentially assume, on a voluntary basis, the obligations of the developed countries in accordance with Article 20 (2), the analysis notes that, even when applying the narrowest set of criteria under the remaining systems, there are still seven participants and one associate to the Development Assistance Committee that are Parties to the Convention but not on the list of the Convention.

40. Existence of these critical masses suggests that action could be taken immediately. The periodicity of future action would also depend on the success of this immediate action; from the outset, repeating the action every other meeting of the Conference of the Parties would seem to provide a reasonable compromise. Language to this effect is included in the draft recommendation provided in section IV below.

IV. Recommendation

41. Taking into account the information provided above, the Subsidiary Body on Implementation may wish to adopt a recommendation along the following lines:

The Subsidiary Body on Implementation

1. *Takes note* of the report on progress in implementing decision [16/34](#) of 27 February 2025⁵ prepared by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity;⁶
2. *Recommends* that, at its seventeenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties adopt a decision⁷ on resource mobilization that includes the following elements:⁸

⁴ Namely: the list of least developed countries maintained by the Committee for Development Policy, the list maintained by the International Development Association, the classification system used by the World Bank, the classification system used by the International Monetary Fund. In the light of its relevance in the context of Article 20 (2), the analysis also reviews the criteria for full membership in the Development Assistance Committee of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, as well as the criteria for the Development Assistance Committee’s participants and associates.

⁵ CBD/SBI/7/3.

⁶ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

⁷ The estimated extrabudgetary resource requirements for the activities outlined in the draft decision are shown in the annex to the present document.

⁸ In complement to recommendation [6/1](#) of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation.

The Conference of the Parties

1. *Takes note* of the review of implementation of the strategy for resource mobilization for the period 2025–2030,⁹ as conducted through the global review of collective progress in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework;¹⁰

2. *Adopts* the criteria for the institutional structure to operate the financial mechanism envisaged under Article 21 of the Convention on Biological Diversity,¹¹ which consist of the elements listed in paragraph 21 of decision [16/34](#) of 27 February 2025 and the amendments thereto included in annex I to the present decision;

3. *Invites* relevant existing financial entities to take the criteria into account, as appropriate, in their ongoing efforts to reform or improve their operations;

4. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, in accordance with the road map established in paragraph 22 of decision [16/34](#), at a meeting held before the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties:

(a) To conduct a review of progress in the reform of relevant existing financial entities to meet the criteria, following the seventh quadrennial review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism referred to in paragraph 40 of decision [16/33](#) of 27 February 2025, while also taking into account the work undertaken further to paragraph 41 of the same decision;

(b) To prepare elements of a draft decision, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its eighteenth meeting, either to establish a new entity to operate the financial mechanism, whether by itself or alongside an existing entity or entities, or to confirm an existing entity or entities in that role;

(c) To include in the elements of a draft decision, if appropriate, the establishment of an intersessional process to develop the terms of reference and modalities of a new entity on the basis of the criteria;

(d) To undertake a stocktake review on the operations and performance of the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund, as mandated in decisions [15/7](#) and [15/15](#) of 19 December 2022, on the basis of the reports referred to in paragraph 9 below,¹² relevant reports of the Global Environment Facility and other relevant information, as appropriate;

(e) To make a recommendation on responding to the stocktake review of the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund and integrate it into elements of a draft decision for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its eighteenth meeting;

5. *Notes* the impediments to the effectiveness of global biodiversity finance and elements for its further enhancement, as set out in annex II to the present decision;

6. *Invites* Parties, other Governments, relevant organizations, multilateral development banks, the private sector and other stakeholders to take action immediately, where possible and as appropriate, in relation to the elements for the further enhancement of global biodiversity finance;

7. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, at a meeting held before the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and in accordance with the road map established in paragraph 23 of decision [16/34](#):

⁹ Decision [16/34](#), annex I.

¹⁰ Decision [15/4](#), annex.

¹¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

¹² The Secretariat has suggested, in document CBD/SBI/7/4, on the financial mechanism, that the preparatory work for the stocktake review be undertaken in conjunction with the seventh quadrennial review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism.

(a) To develop, on the basis, inter alia, of the elements provided in annex II to the present decision, measures that could be taken to enhance global biodiversity finance in order to mobilize new and additional resources from all sources;

(b) To assess the performance of existing relevant financial instruments and entities with respect to the implementation of the Framework, in particular Target 19 (a);

8. *Invites* developed country Parties and other Parties that may voluntarily assume the obligations of the developed country Parties, 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;

9. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of financial resources, to support the work requested of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation before the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, including by preparing or commissioning reports to support consideration by the Subsidiary Body of the items referred to in paragraphs 4 and 7 above;

10. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary:

(a) To issue the invitations referred to in paragraph 8 at every other meeting of the Conference of the Parties, starting at its nineteenth meeting;

(b) To amend the list of developed country Parties and other Parties that voluntarily assume the obligations of the developed country Parties in accordance with indications of interest received and to submit the amended list for review and adoption at every other meeting of the Conference of the Parties, starting at its eighteenth meeting;

11. *Decides* to review the process described in paragraphs 8 and 10 above at its twenty-first meeting.

Annex I

Amendments to the criteria for the institutional structure operating the financial mechanism envisaged under Article 21 of the Convention on Biological Diversity

[Placeholder for the amendments]

Annex II

Impediments to the effectiveness of global biodiversity finance and elements for its further enhancement

<i>Impediments to the effectiveness of global biodiversity finance</i>	<i>Elements for the further enhancement of the effectiveness of global biodiversity finance</i>
Policy misalignment, poor synergy and mainstreaming challenges	
Lack of policy alignment and mainstreaming at all levels	Significantly increase action to meet Target 14 of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework; strengthen the role of national biodiversity strategies and action plans in national policy and planning
Lack of alignment of relevant financial and fiscal flows; and weak synergies across environmental finance	Significantly increase action to meet Target 14; consider acting on recommendations provided in [placeholder for the operative paragraph of the present decision that would include the provisions of

<i>Impediments to the effectiveness of global biodiversity finance</i>	<i>Elements for the further enhancement of the effectiveness of global biodiversity finance</i>
	paragraph 8 of the elements of a draft decision contained in recommendation 6/1 of the Subsidiary Body of Implementation] and [placeholder for a reference to operative paragraph 6 of the draft decision contained in recommendation 27/3 of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice], and harness and align project development support facilities across environmental finance
Lack of coordination and complementarity across financial institutions and instruments	Strengthen synergies with portfolios of development banks at all levels
Lack of private sector involvement in biodiversity finance	Stimulate private biodiversity finance through incentives and biodiversity-positive policy signals
Subsidies and financial flows harmful to biodiversity	
Subsidies and financial flows harmful to biodiversity, which often reduce the cost of activities that harm biodiversity or insulate them from market signals reflecting ecological damage	Significantly increase action to meet Target 18, including through such tools as those supported by the Biodiversity Finance Initiative
Issues related to illicit financial flows, tax justice, tax evasion and illegal, unreported and unregulated resource exploitation	Consider policy reforms to enhance transparency, tax justice, accountability and enforcement
Macroeconomic and public-finance constraints	
Discretionary nature and institutional fragmentation of biodiversity spending; unpredictable international public flows; and impact of debt sustainability	Significantly increase action to meet Target 19; integrate biodiversity finance budget earmarking; and consider acting on recommendations provided in [place holder for the operative paragraph of the present decision that would include the provisions of paragraph 5 of the elements of a draft decision contained in recommendation 6/1 of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation]
Mismatch between long-term finance needs and short-term project finance, in particular in international biodiversity finance	Align international biodiversity finance with needs, not project funding cycles; invest international biodiversity finance in capacity-building and de-risking in order to mobilize sustainable domestic resources; invest finance for finance, with a view to developing capacity and mobilizing domestic resources; and invest in development and operationalization of national biodiversity finance plans
Institutional and absorptive capacity constraints	
Institutional capacity constraints	Integrate capacity needs into systemic long-term biodiversity finance planning; and establish dedicated biodiversity finance units within both ministries of finance and environment

<i>Impediments to the effectiveness of global biodiversity finance</i>	<i>Elements for the further enhancement of the effectiveness of global biodiversity finance</i>
Absorptive capacity constraints	Review and streamline national policies, procedures and regulations
Biodiversity finance tracking and taxonomy fragmentation	
Fragmented biodiversity finance tracking	Enhance national budget tagging and coherent reporting structures domestically and internationally
Insufficient uptake of biodiversity finance taxonomies	Incentivize the private sector to include and take up established biodiversity finance taxonomies
Safeguards, governance and monitoring gaps	
Capacity and resource gaps; weak coordination; measuring, reporting and verifying challenges; regulatory complexity; information asymmetry, trust gaps and awareness limitations; stakeholder engagement issues; and governance challenges	Consider recommendations provided in [place holder for the operative paragraph of the present decision that would include the provisions of paragraph 7 of the elements of a draft decision in recommendation 6/1 of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation]; enhance capacity-building on safeguards; improve national policies on monitoring and reporting; and strengthen legal frameworks that support safeguards
Equity, access and power asymmetries in biodiversity finance	
Insufficient funding and limited access; and mismatches between long-term finance needs and short-term project finance approaches	Simplify access with flexible, long-term, predictable financing; and invest in finance for finance in order to support domestic resource mobilization
Additional barriers faced by indigenous peoples and local communities; and unequal representation	Consider the strategies for improved access compiled in document CBD/SB8J/1/2 ; and work through trusted intermediaries

Annex

Estimated extrabudgetary resource requirements

The table below has been prepared to show the estimated extrabudgetary resource requirements for the activities requested of the Secretariat, as outlined in the draft decision, in support of its consideration. The present annex is not part of the draft decision submitted for consideration by the Subsidiary Body.

Extrabudgetary resource requirements

(United States dollars)

<i>OP</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Meeting costs^a</i>	<i>Staff travel</i>	<i>Staff costs^b</i>	<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>PSC (13 per cent)</i>	<i>Total</i>
4, 7 and 9	Manage the programme of work on resource mobilization ^c	–	26 250	352 000	378 250	49 173	427 423
7 (a) and 9	Commission a report on measures that could be taken to enhance global biodiversity finance in order to mobilize new and additional resources from all sources	–	–	27 000	27 000	3 510	30 510
7 (b) and 9	Assess the performance of existing relevant financial instruments and entities with respect to the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, in particular Target 19 (a)	–	–	27 000	27 000	3 510	30 510
4 (a) and 9	Conduct a review of progress in the reform of relevant existing financial entities	–	–	27 000	27 000	3 510	30 510
4 (d) and 9	Undertake a stocktake review on the operations and performance of the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund	–	–	27 000	27 000	3 510	30 510
Total					486 250	63 213	549 463

Abbreviations: PSC, programme support costs; OP, operative paragraph of the draft decision.

^a Including participants' travel.

^b Consultants, partners and additional staff.

^c Cost of the continued funding of the Programme Management Officer (P-3) on resource mobilization, currently funded by the European Union.