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NON-PAPER

SBI-3 ITEM 6, FINANCIAL MECHANISM

NON-PAPER ON A DRAFT RECOMMENDATION ARISING FROM DOCUMENT CBD/SBI/3/6/ADD.4, CONCERNING A DRAFT FOUR-YEAR OUTCOME-ORIENTED FRAMEWORK OF PROGRAMME PRIORITIES FOR THE EIGHTH REPLENISHMENT PERIOD OF THE GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY

VERSION 2

Note: The base text of this non-paper is the text of the suggested elements for a draft recommendation contained in section VI of document CBD/SBI/3/6/Add.4. Additions of text proposed by Parties at the first reading of the document in plenary are shown in bold and proposed deletions of text are shown with strikethrough. In the present, second, version of this non-paper, the grey shading indicates the section of the non-paper that was addressed, revised and agreed by the contact group at its session held on 17 March 2022.

The Subsidiary Body on Implementation,

Taking note of the draft proposals for a four-year outcome-oriented framework of programme priorities for the eighth replenishment period (July 2022 to June 2026) of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund and other related matters (CBD/SBI/3/6/Add.4),

Taking note also of the report on the full assessment of funding necessary and available for the implementation of the Convention and its Protocols for the eighth replenishment period of the Global Environment Facility **and taking note with concern of the low rate of response that affects the quality of the scenarios presented,**¹

Aware of the progress in the negotiation of the eighth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund and of the favourable attention given to biodiversity in the associated strategy, policy and programming directions for the eighth replenishment period, including for the implementation of **the Convention and** the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, the Nagoya Protocol and the post-2020 implementation plan and capacity-building action plan for the Cartagena Protocol,

1. *Recommends*, for the consideration of the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting, the four-year outcome-oriented framework of programme priorities of the Convention on Biological Diversity for the eighth replenishment period (2022-2026) of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund contained in the annex to the present recommendation;²

2. *Invites* the participants in the negotiations of the eighth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund to continue to prioritize the implementation of **the Convention and** the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, the Nagoya Protocol and the draft post-2020 implementation plan and capacity-building action plan for the Cartagena Protocol in the strategy and programming directions for the eighth replenishment period of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund, **ensuring the balanced implementation of the three objectives of the Convention and** taking into account, as appropriate, the draft four-year outcome-oriented framework of programme priorities of the Convention on Biological Diversity for the eighth replenishment period (2022-2026) of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund contained in the annex to the present recommendation **and the priorities and needs identified by developing country Parties, promoting the implementation of the three objectives of the Convention on a country-driven basis;**

¹ CBD/SBI/3/6/INF/44.

² The annex would be added to CBD/SBI/3/L.3 as referred in footnote 8 of CBD/SBI/3/L.3.

3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to prepare the draft consolidated guidance to the Global Environment Facility for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting, incorporating the following elements:

(a) The draft four-year outcome-oriented framework of programme priorities for the eighth replenishment period referred to in paragraph 2 above;

(b) The updated consolidated previous guidance to the Global Environment Facility, including advice on how the various elements of guidance relate to the targets of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework;

(c) ~~Additional~~ Guidance emanating from the **draft decisions of the Conference of the Parties and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meetings of the Parties to the Protocols recommendations of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation and [relevant draft decisions of the Conference of the Parties and the meetings of the Parties to the Protocols, based on the outcomes of the third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation;**

(d) ~~Guidance emanating from the draft decisions of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meetings of the Parties to the Protocols;~~

(e) **Strategic advice on synergies [Advice]** received from biodiversity-related conventions, **relevant to the post-2020 global biodiversity framework**, pursuant to paragraphs 3, 9 and 10 of decision XIII/21 and from other relevant agreements and international processes with cooperation mechanisms established with the Convention on Biological Diversity.

[4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to add the following paragraphs to the consolidated guidance to the Global Environment Facility for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting:

(a) *Requests* the Global Environment Facility to include ~~show~~ in its report to the Conference of the Parties and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meetings of the Parties to the Protocols an explanation of how ~~the GEF-8 strategy~~, through the elements of its programming directions and work programmes ~~programming directions contribute~~ is contributing to the implementation of the Convention and its Protocols and to [each 2030 target[, milestone] and 2050 goal, [milestone] and target of] the post-2020 global biodiversity framework [and its monitoring framework] [, taking into account the priorities and needs identified by recipient countries]; ~~including the contributions of the Global Environment Facility to the implementation of the Cartagena and the Nagoya Protocols];~~

(b) [*Requests/Invites* the Global Environment Facility to support work on policy coherence.~~and requests the Global Environment Facility to support them in this endeavour.]]~~

Annex

FOUR-YEAR OUTCOME-ORIENTED FRAMEWORK OF PROGRAMME PRIORITIES OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY FOR THE EIGHTH REPLENISHMENT PERIOD (2022-2026) OF THE GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY TRUST FUND

Objective

1. This four-year outcome-oriented framework of programme priorities provides guidance to the Global Environment Facility (GEF) for the eighth replenishment period (GEF-8), 2022-2026, and is within the context of the GEF mandate to provide resources to achieve global environmental benefits and the mandate provided to the GEF by the Conference of the Parties ~~to the Convention on Biological Diversity, as per Article 21 of the Convention and the memorandum of understanding between the Conference of the Parties and the Council of the GEF~~, that entrusts the GEF to serve as the institutional structure for

~~the operation of the financial mechanism of the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Protocols, on an interim basis. It utilizes the three objectives of the Convention and the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and the Convention's Protocols to set priorities for the financial mechanism. In particular, the goals[, milestones] and targets of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework provide direction for the outcomes of this four-year framework[, bearing in mind that GEF-8 and GEF-9 will together cover the expected eight years to the 2030 deadlines of those [milestones and] targets, while recognizing ensuring that the three objectives of the Convention should be considered [in a balanced manner] by the GEF when designing and implementing biodiversity strategy and programming directions].~~

~~[2. — In that regard, it is envisaged that following the adoption of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and the conclusion of the GEF-8 replenishment under their respective processes, a matrix shall will be developed in a transparent and inclusive manner, taking due account of the priorities and needs identified by developing country Parties, to be associated with the present framework of programme priorities, indicating how GEF-8, through the elements of its programming framework, is expected to contribute to each 2030 target and towards each 2030 milestone and 2050 goal of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. A similar matrix shall be developed related to the Protocols of the Convention.~~

2. In that regard, it is envisaged that following the adoption of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and the conclusion of the GEF-8 replenishment **at each subsequent meeting of the COP, the GEF will include in its report to the COP an explanation on how GEF-8, through the elements of its programming framework directions, is contributing to the implementation of the Convention and its Protocols, and to [each 2030 target [, milestone] and 2050 goal of] the post-2020 global biodiversity framework[and its monitoring framework] [, taking into account the priorities and needs identified by recipient countries]. This would include contributions to the Protocols of the Convention.}}**

3. This four-year outcome-oriented framework of programme priorities recognizes that the post-2020 global biodiversity framework is **[an overarching framework] a universal framework of [high] relevance to all biodiversity-related conventions and [agreements, and] ,—therefore,— seeks to promote the implementation of complementary measures provides valuable elements for the implementation of other biodiversity-related conventions and agreements that maximize may enhance programmatic synergies and efficiencies, towards the targets, milestones and goals of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework under among the Convention, its Protocols and other biodiversity-related conventions [and agreements], relevant to the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and mandate of the Global Environment Facility.**

Elements

4. The four-year outcome-oriented framework of programme priorities for the period 2022–2026 consists of the following elements to which effective implementation support **will shall** be provided:

(a) The post-2020 global biodiversity framework, including its goals, ~~milestones~~ and targets which define the outcomes being sought;

(a bis) National biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs);

(a ter) National biodiversity finance plans;

(a quater) The balanced implementation of the three objectives of the Convention;

[(b) The implementation support mechanisms adopted under the Convention associated with the post-2020 global biodiversity framework related to: mobilizing ~~sufficient~~ resources **from all sources essential for [necessary for] [towards] implementing the framework and reaching achieving** its goals and targets; **mainstreaming;** capacity development; generation, management and sharing of knowledge for effective biodiversity planning, policy development **and coherence**, decision-making and implementation; and technical and scientific cooperation, technology transfer and innovation. In particular:

- (i) The resource mobilization strategy;
 - (ii) The long-term strategic framework for capacity-building beyond 2020;
 - [(iii) The long-term **strategic** approach to mainstreaming biodiversity;]
 - [(iv) The updated plan of action on subnational governments, cities and other local authorities for biodiversity, and;]
 - [(v) The gender plan of action for the post-2020 period].]
- (c) The mechanisms for planning, reporting, assessment and review of the implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework;
- (d) The enabling conditions outlined in the post-2020 global biodiversity framework required for its implementation;
- (e) The implementation plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (2021-2030) and the capacity-building action plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (2021-2030);
- (f) The guidance to the Global Environment Facility on programme priorities to support the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing adopted by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol at its fourth meeting, contained in appendix I;³

Additional strategic considerations⁴

5. The GEF-8 biodiversity strategy and programming directions should **support enable** the rapid **and effective** implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework **by contributing to resource mobilization from all sources, including through increased GEF funding [, that promote co-benefits across focal areas]/[allocations dedicated to the biodiversity focal area and co-benefits for biodiversity across other focal areas and global programmes, including integrated programmes], recognizing the need for streamlined programming and approval process to enable timely disbursement of resources.**⁵

6. The GEF-8 biodiversity strategy and programming directions should recognize the important contribution of multi-country, ~~transboundary and global~~ projects, to the implementation of the objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity, its Protocols and the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, including to the implementation of **eligible** global initiatives adopted under the Convention,⁶ and ~~transboundary multi-country~~ initiatives that leverage contributions from biodiversity-related conventions **and agreements**, ~~and include adequate provisions to enable these.~~

7. The GEF-8 biodiversity strategy and programming directions should recognize that the implementation of biodiversity-related conventions **and agreements** in the context of national biodiversity priorities and strategies will contribute to **the three objectives of the Convention and** the goals and targets of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

8. The GEF-8 biodiversity strategy and programming directions should take into account coherence with, and synergies among, country-driven programmes and priorities set out in national biodiversity strategies and action plans, while focusing on **implementing** ~~filling the highest [national] priority gaps~~

³ To be added following its adoption by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol at its fourth meeting.

⁴ Additional elements could be added in the light of the conclusions of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework.

⁵ Such support under GEF-8 would build upon support being provided under GEF-7.

⁶ Such as the global initiative on pollinators (decisions V/5 and 14/6) and the initiative for conservation and sustainable use of soil biodiversity (decisions VI/6 and 15/--).

~~associated with the post-2020 global biodiversity framework[and its goals, milestones and targets as identified by recipient countries].~~

8. bis The GEF-8 biodiversity strategy and programming directions should promote nature-based solutions, as appropriate, to protect, conserve, restore, sustainably use and manage natural or modified terrestrial, freshwater, coastal and marine ecosystems, and which address social, economic and environmental challenges for sustainable development.

8. ter The GEF-8 biodiversity strategy and programming directions should be developed in a fully transparent and inclusive manner, with a view to identifying the priority needs of recipient countries and ensuring that projects to be funded by the GEF during its 8th replenishment and subsequent replenishments in developing country Parties are to be developed on a context-specific and country-driven basis.

9. The GEF-8 biodiversity strategy and programming directions should **strive to promote development pathways that are nature-positive, carbon-neutral and pollution-free, through coherence and synergies among the GEF integrated programmes and focal areas of biodiversity, land degradation, international waters, climate change (both in respect to mitigation and adaptation), and chemicals and waste, and within the context of country-driven programmes and priorities, recognizing the potential contribution to biodiversity objectives of each of these focal areas, integrated programmes and other elements of the GEF-8 strategy, to biodiversity objectives and recognizing the different priorities and the independent mandates from relevant multilateral agreements. This includes promoting and implementing Nature-based Solutions (NBS) as defined by the United Nations Environment Assembly at its fifth session.⁷ This should also include promoting the co-benefits for biodiversity across all relevant GEF activities, while avoiding duplication between and among focal areas and integrated programmes.**

10. The GEF-8 biodiversity strategy and programming directions should promote, synergies, cooperation and complementarity in the implementation of the **three** objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity with those of the other conventions served by the GEF, as well as with other biodiversity-related conventions **and agreements**, recognizing the important contributions that these ~~conventions~~ **instruments** can make to the objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity, its Protocols and the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, and vice versa, ~~and that the post-2020 global biodiversity framework shall~~**[will] serve as a universal framework. During the GEF-8 period, the GEF should further interact and cooperate with multilateral development banks and other public and private financial institutions to raise awareness on the relevance to integrate the objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Protocols and the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, as well as the contributions of the other biodiversity-related conventions within their activities and report on funding contributing to their implementation.**

11. The GEF-8 outcome and impact indicators and associated monitoring processes **should be effectively** used to assess **the contribution of the GEF-8 progress should effectively address its support provided** to the implementation of the three objectives of the Convention, the Protocols of the Convention, and the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, **including through measuring the co-benefits for biodiversity across all relevant GEF activities.**

12. The GEF in its eighth replenishment period should explore ways to improve the access to funding for all recipient countries and to significantly improve access to funding to those that are most vulnerable, including the LDCs and SIDS, which have limited access to external capital, technical capability and inability to self-fund, and may have a particular need for support in the post-pandemic environment.

⁷ Resolution UNEP/EA5/L9/REV.1 adopted at UNEA 5.2

13. The GEF-8 biodiversity strategy and programming directions should promote engagement with recipient countries to support national resource mobilization and the development and implementation of national biodiversity finance plans.

14. The GEF-8 biodiversity strategy and programming directions should promote the engagement with different stakeholders. The GEF-8 policy recommendations should reinforce the Fund's efforts to mobilize and engage with the private sector. In particular, the GEF in its eighth replenishment period could maximize the leverage of private and public resources through innovative blended finance, including non-grant instrument programming, and instruments that de-risk private sector investments and create opportunities for biodiversity-positive investments and explore options to establish a non-concessional window for higher income developing countries.

15. To improve its efficiency and effectiveness in delivering sustainable results during the GEF-8 replenishment period, the GEF should continue to improve its policy framework regarding governance and the standards its implementing partners are held to.

Note: At the first reading of CBD/SBI/3/6/Add.4, an intervention with textual proposal was heard from a Party on CBD/SBI/3/L.3. This would be addressed when the Subsidiary Body takes up that document but is recorded below for the sake of transparency.

The following paragraph would be included in the preamble of the draft decision:

***Reaffirming* the importance of the full application of provisions of Article 21 and access to the financial mechanism for all eligible Parties for the full implementation of the Convention.**
