

ADDENDUM TO THE ORGANIZATION OF WORK OF THE CONTACT GROUPS ON AGENDA ITEM 4

NOTE BY THE CO-LEADS OF CONTACT GROUP 1

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1. The present document compliments the organization of work for all of the contact groups on agenda item 4.
 2. Contact group 1 presently has a total of three sessions (six hours) at its disposition. In order to advance the work on the goals that is important for informing the work to be undertaken in subsequent contact groups the following approach is suggested:
 - First session: Discussions on the goals;
 - Second Session: Continuation of discussion on goals if necessary and milestones
 - Third session: overall structure and sections A to E of the working document for this meeting (CBD/WG2020/3/3).
 3. At the opening of the First session of the Contact Group, the Co-Leads will present an oral overview of what has been heard from the plenary session in relation to the Goals. The following guiding questions will be raised to structure the text discussion on each of the goals and delegations will be requested to make their input in the form of concrete text proposals:
 - Is the ambition and general orientation of the goal adequate?
 - Are there elements of the goal that should not be part of it or are missing? Please provide rationale.
 - Do you have a text proposal to further develop that (those) element(s) of the goal?
 4. Delegations are encouraged to prepare clear, focused and efficient interventions that allow them to address the guiding questions (2 min max).
 5. Sections A to E: The guiding question that will be raised to structure the discussion on sections A to E is:
 - Are there major gaps in the content of this section?
 6. Participants will also be requested to provide their general observations on the structure of the Post 2020 global biodiversity framework.
 7. For all of each of the contact group discussions, the Co-leads would like to encourage Parties to, to the extent possible, clearly express their support or disagreement for proposals or comments raised in the chat box. This will allow the Co-leads to identify major points of convergence or divergence. Participants are also invited to consider supporting a previously presented text proposal if it addresses the general interest/concern of your delegation, rather than submitting similar language that does not vary greatly in substantive content/direction.
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