**Organization of work for the contact group on agenda item 9**

1. The contact group will be established by the Chair of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at the end of the plenary session on item 9, on Monday 19 May 2021. The contact group will be co-chaired by Andy Stott (UK) and Gillian Guthrie (Jamaica).

2. The contact group will meet on the following dates/times:

May 20 12:00-15:00 Montreal time

May 21 12:00-15:00 Montreal time

May 25 12:00-15:00 Montreal time

3. The mandate of the contact group is to **discuss key elements of the recommendation from the Subsidiary Body on Implementation to the Conference of the Parties on the enhanced planning, monitoring, reporting and review mechanism**.

*Organization of work*

4. This document contains an updated clean version of paragraph 1 which provides some detail on each of the main elements of the proposed enhanced planning, reporting and review mechanism. This organization of work also includes two additional paragraphs as compared to the version shared for the 20 and 21 May 2021 session. These paragraphs have been added as an additional source of information on the timing and operationalization of the review mechanism. Note that the text in red represents text that was already discussed during the contact group session on 20 and 21 May 2021.

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

*The Conference of the Parties*

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

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

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

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

(c) [A mechanism for recording, in a standardized way, additional [voluntary] nonstate actor commitments that contribute to the global biodiversity framework to be included in the Sharm el Sheik to Kunming Action Agenda for nature and people;]

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

(e) Analysis of level of ambition in national [ambition] [commitments] [contributions] [targets] in relation to the global goals and targets of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework in order to identify gaps in ambition and to help make proposals to increase ambition;

(f) Global stocktaking of progress towards the goals and targets of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework through future editions of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook*, using the information from national reports, the global analysis of level of ambition and other relevant sources of information.

(g) [Voluntary] Country-by-country peer reviews of implementation through an open-ended forum which will provide every Party the opportunity to participate at least once during the 2021-2030 period.

2*. Decides* as follows[[1]](#footnote-1):

1. At its sixteenth meeting [in 2023], to review the expected cumulative impact level of ambition of Parties and non-state actors towards achieving the goals and targets of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework;
2. At its seventeenth meeting [in 2025], to undertake a first global stocktake of progress and actions towards the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, on the basis of updated national biodiversity strategies and action plans, seventh national reports and other information, including lessons arising from the country-by-country reviews and science-based information such as was compiled in the sixth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook* and the third edition of the *Local Biodiversity Outlook*;
3. At its eighteenth meeting [in 2027/8], to undertake an updated review of progress towards the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, on the basis of updated information provided by Parties and additional science-based information;
4. At its nineteenth meeting [in 2030], to undertake a second global stocktake of progress towards the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, on the basis of the eighth national reports and other information as mentioned in (b).
5. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to support the various aspects of the review and reporting mechanism, including through preparing guidance and modalities for operationalizing the mechanism.

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1. Co-chairs note: text in paras 2(a) - (d) to be aligned with text in paras 1(a) – (g) [↑](#footnote-ref-1)