

NOTE BY THE CO-CHAIRS OF THE CONTACT GROUP

UPDATED ORGANIZATION OF WORK OF THE CONTACT GROUP ON AGENDA ITEM 6

1. The contact group was established by the Chair of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at the end of the plenary session on item 6 on Sunday/Monday 16/17 May. The contact group will be co-chaired by Ms. Ines Verleye (Belgium) and Ms. Teona Karchava (Georgia).

Mandate

2. The mandate of the contact group is to address the amendments proposed on the draft recommendations regarding the financial mechanism and resource mobilization, and to prepare a CRP on each for the Chair of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation and plenary with, to the extent appropriate and feasible, clean language. The contact group will also discuss elements of the draft Subsidiary Body recommendation on resource mobilization addressed to the Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework at its third meeting, in particular from the annex I, with a view to allowing for the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its third meeting to provide timely advice on relevant elements for the development of the post-2020 framework.

Documentation

3. In accordance with the above and in consultation with the Chair of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, a total of three documents were prepared:

- **Document 1:** A non-paper reflecting the draft SBI-3 recommendation on resource mobilization, with amendments received during the SBI-3 plenary session on item 6 or during the earlier informal session.
- **Document 2:** A non-paper reflecting the draft SBI-3 recommendation on the financial mechanism, with amendments requested during the SBI-3 plenary session on item 6 or during the earlier informal session.
- **Document 3:** A Co-Chairs text providing a compilation of views on relevant elements of resource mobilization that may inform the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. Following the practice established by SBSTTA-24 for item 3, this advice from the Subsidiary Body on Implementation will be attached to the report on the meeting and transmitted by the SBI-3 Chair to the Co-Chairs of the Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, to be used in the preparation of the first draft of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. It will also be made available to the Working Group at its third meeting.

Modalities

4. The contact group has **a total of four three-hour sessions** at its disposition. Given the complexity of the issue and the volume of text to be reviewed, it is thus imperative to use the limited time in the most efficient way.

5. Moreover, interaction and dialogue among delegates will be very important to facilitate constructive collaboration, and this is particularly challenging in an online setting. It is therefore important to be disciplined during the discussions and provide the opportunity to all to be well prepared in advance.

6. The modalities below are recalled with these points in mind:

(a) As stated by the Chair of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at the start of the meeting, delegates should refrain from introducing new concepts or ideas during the contact group meetings that were not raised during the plenary session or the earlier informal session;

(b) Taking this into account, existing clean text should not be addressed during the contact group meetings, and focus should be on the proposed amendments to the draft recommendations;

(c) Delegates are strongly encouraged to make short and targeted interventions, and provide concrete and specific textual proposals addressing the point under consideration;

(d) Proposals made by observers need to be supported by at least one Party in order to be further considered. In this context, it is important that these proposals had been made available by observers in their

online statements or amendments, submitted during the time allowed for uploading documents during the plenary, to allow Parties to be informed before the contact group meeting.

24 May: Update on the organization of work

7. During its first session (19/5), the contact group on item 6 revised both **Document 1** (Resource mobilization) and **Document 2** (Financial mechanism) with the intent to double-check with Parties and with those observers whose suggestions were supported by Parties whether views or textual suggestions made during the plenary are duly reflected and, if not, to make any amendments as needed. The contact group then continued its work with the review of the non-paper on the financial mechanism (a) to agree already on non-contentious changes proposed and (b) to get an overview, through a first discussion, on the issues that are contentious. Those that could be solved were addressed, while the more difficult ones that need more reflection and joint work were parked.

8. During its second session (20 May), the contact group on item 6 started its review of the non-paper on resource mobilization along the same lines, to (a) agree already on non-contentious changes proposed, and (b) to get an overview, through a first discussion, on the issues that are contentious. Those that could be solved were addressed while the more difficult ones that need more reflection and joint work were parked.

9. During its third session (24 May), the contact group on item 6 will continue its review of Document 2 (non-paper on the financial mechanism). If the review of Document 2 is finalized before the end of the session, then the contact group will resume its review of Document 1 (non-paper on resource mobilization). As only a total of four sessions of the contact group on item 6 are planned during this session of SBI 3, the Co-Chairs will suspend further review of Documents 1 and 2 for the time being.

10. During its fourth and last session (2 June), the contact group will concentrate on **Document 3** (Co-Chairs' text) to discuss the guidance to be given to the Co-Chairs of the Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework on resource mobilization for the development of the framework. This Document 3 will be made available to the Subsidiary Body delegates by 30 May to allow for a review before the contact group meeting.

11. In order not to pre-empt the negotiations at the third meeting of the Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, the Subsidiary Body on Implementation is not to negotiate elements of the global biodiversity framework, and the discussion of Document 3 will therefore be limited to capturing and streamlining the different views expressed and provide different options, avoid duplications or redundancies and to improve clarity.

12. Similar to the approach taken by the Co-Chairs on SBSTTA item 3, the resulting document will be provided by the Co-Chairs of SBI item 6 to support the Co-Chairs of the Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework in the preparation of the first draft of the framework. This document will not be considered as negotiated by Parties and will not imply that agreement or consensus has been reached on any of the issues identified. This document is also not intended to replace the interventions of Parties and observers during the relevant SBI 3 sessions.
