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Engagement with subnational governments, cities and other local authorities to enhance the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

Draft decision submitted by the Chair of Working Group I

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling its decisions [15/12](#) of 19 December 2022 and [16/13](#) of 1 November 2024,

Recognizing the importance of the role of subnational governments, cities and other local authorities in translating national biodiversity commitments into local action in support of the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity¹ and its Protocols and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework,²

1. *Welcomes* the report of the review of the role of subnational governments, cities and other local authorities in the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Protocols and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework³ and the contributions of subnational governments, cities and other local authorities to the global review of collective progress in the implementation of the Framework and to the implementation of the plan of action on subnational governments, cities and other local authorities for biodiversity (2023–2030)⁴ and the Framework;

2. *Notes* the contributions of Parties, other Governments, financial institutions and relevant organizations, and encourages Parties, in accordance with Articles 20 and 21 of the Convention, other Governments, financial institutions and relevant organizations to continue to strengthen coordination mechanisms, dialogue, cooperation and engagement within and across all levels of government, in accordance with national circumstances and legislation, and provide adequate and predictable financial resources and technical support to enable capacity-building and development, peer learning and information and knowledge-sharing activities, with the full and effective participation of

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

² Decision [15/4](#), annex.

³ [CBD/COP/17/INF/14](#), annex.

⁴ Decision [15/12](#), annex.

indigenous peoples and local communities, women, youth and other relevant stakeholders, for the further implementation of the plan of action, the Convention and its Protocols and the Framework, taking into consideration relevant information in national reports, submissions from subnational governments, cities and local authorities, indigenous peoples and local communities, women, youth and other relevant stakeholders and the global review, including the related global report⁵ and the Co-Chairs' summary of the Kunming dialogue on collective progress in the implementation of the Framework,⁶ as appropriate and in accordance with national circumstances, priorities and legislation;

3. *Encourages* Parties, and invites relevant organizations, to consider including in future planning and assessment activities aimed at strengthening coordination, cooperation and participation across all levels of government examples of governance systems, territorial planning and monitoring at the subnational, city and local levels, including those of indigenous peoples and local communities, as appropriate;

4. *Invites* Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to facilitate the exchange of experiences, best practices and lessons learned, including through North-South, South-South and triangular cooperation, and to continue to support subnational governments, cities and other local authorities, as well as customary, traditional and community institutions, as and where appropriate, in improving the implementation of the Framework, including by strengthening their technical, institutional and financial capacities to enhance native biodiversity in urban and densely populated rural areas through, inter alia, spatial planning, urban and rural biodiversity management, the restoration of ecosystems and ecological connectivity, and environmental monitoring and reporting;

5. *Invites* Parties to continue efforts to facilitate the development of awareness-raising programmes, in particular on the conservation and sustainable use of urban biodiversity, in line with the Convention and national communication, education and public awareness strategies;

6. *Also invites* Parties to engage with subnational governments, cities and other local authorities, as well as customary, traditional and community institutions, as appropriate and in accordance with national circumstances and legislation, in support of the implementation of the plan of action and the Framework;

7. *Encourages* Parties, as appropriate and in accordance with national circumstances, legislation and priorities, to integrate local priorities arising from participatory processes into the development, implementation, monitoring and review of national biodiversity strategies and action plans, taking into consideration the contributions of indigenous peoples and local communities, women, youth and other relevant stakeholders, in accordance with section C of the Framework;

8. *Also encourages* Parties to strengthen, as appropriate and in accordance with national circumstances and priorities, the integration of relevant contributions of subnational governments, cities and other local authorities into national planning, monitoring, reporting and review processes, in order to improve the visibility of implementation efforts within and across all levels of government;

9. *Further encourages* Parties, subject to national circumstances and priorities, to support subnational governments, cities and other local authorities in developing local biodiversity strategies and action plans in order to localize biodiversity commitments, strengthening coherence among global, national and local priorities;

10. *Encourages* subnational governments, cities and other local authorities to strengthen the collection and reporting of relevant biodiversity data and information on the implementation of the Framework, including, where appropriate, data and information on the contributions of indigenous peoples and local communities, women, youth and other relevant stakeholders;

⁵ [CBD/COP/17/INF/7](#).

⁶ [CBD/IMP/OM/2026/1/8](#).

11. *Also encourages* subnational governments, cities and other local authorities to engage in mechanisms and platforms supporting the implementation of the Framework and decision [15/12](#), including the Advisory Committee on Subnational Governments and Biodiversity, the Advisory Committee on Local Governments and Biodiversity and the Global Partnership on Subnational and Local Governments for Biodiversity, in accordance with decision [X/22](#) of 29 October 2010, in accordance with national legislation;

12. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of resources:

(a) To continue to develop, in cooperation with partner organizations, guidance to facilitate capacity-building and development activities for facilitating the integration of contributions of subnational governments, cities and other local authorities to the implementation of the Framework into national planning, monitoring, reporting and review mechanisms;

(b) To compile information, as appropriate, on the extent to which biodiversity finance, as defined in headline indicators D.1, D.2 and D.3 in decision [15/5](#) of 19 December 2022, reaches subnational governments, cities and other local community levels, including information on access to funding by local authorities, barriers to access to funding and opportunities to strengthen direct and equitable financing mechanisms, in accordance with national legislation, for local implementation;

(c) To provide a progress report on the activities referred to in subparagraphs 12 (a) and (b) above as an information document for a meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation held before the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
