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MULTI-YEAR PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES UP TO 2030

Note by the Executive Secretary

INTRODUCTION

1. The Conference of the Parties, in decision X/9, adopted the multi-year programme of work for the Conference of the Parties for the period 2011-2020. The multi-year programme of work was subsequently updated through decision XII/31. In these decisions, the Conference of the Parties set out key items for its agenda at each meeting of the Conference of the Parties up to and including its fifteenth meeting (originally planned for 2020) and also specified that it would conduct a review of the implementation of the Convention and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 at its fifteenth meeting.
2. The present note presents proposals to update the multi-year programme of work of the Conference of the Parties for the period 2022-2030, including proposed issues that the Conference of the Parties could address at its sixteenth, seventeenth, eighteenth and nineteenth meetings, focussing in particular on the sixteenth meeting. Section I of the present document reviews the past evolution of the multi-year programme of work and considers issues that need to be taken into account in the updating of the multi-year programme of work. Section II provides a draft decision, which is also reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions.¹

I. CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE UPDATING OF THE MULTI-YEAR PROGRAMMES OF WORK

A. Evolution of the multi-year programme of work of the Conference of the Parties

3. The Conference of the Parties has periodically adopted multi-year programmes of work to guide its consideration of issues at its upcoming meetings. In the early phase of the Convention, the multi-year programmes of work listed issues (corresponding to articles of the Convention and to biome-based programmes)² that were progressively addressed by one meeting of the Conference of the Parties or another. Following the adoption of the first Strategic Plan and the 2010 Biodiversity Target, the multi-year programme of work for the period 2005-2010 listed strategic issues for evaluating progress or supporting implementation as well as a calendar for the in-depth review of ongoing work under the thematic areas and cross-cutting issues. This evolution of the multi-year programme of work towards a more strategic process was further reinforced with the adoption of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020. In light of the anticipated adoption of the post-2020 global biodiversity

¹ CBD/COP/15/2.

² The “multi-year programme of work for the Conference of the Parties” sets out the issues to be addressed at each of a sequence of meetings of the Conference of the Parties over a defined period. This is distinct from the “programmes of work” of the Convention which set out policy guidance and suggested activities by the Parties, the Secretariat and others on particular themes under the Convention.

framework at the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the Conference of the Parties may wish to adopt a similar approach for its workplan for the period 2022-2030.

B. Considerations to guide the development of the multi-year programme of work to 2030

4. Article 24 of the Convention specifies that the Conference of the Parties should keep under review the implementation of the Convention. Given that the Conference of the Parties is expected to adopt the post-2020 global biodiversity framework at its fifteenth meeting, a main consideration in the work of the Conference of the Parties until 2030 should be reviewing the implementation of the framework. This approach is reflected in this note.
5. The list of issues to be addressed by the Conference of the Parties will be updated in light of decisions adopted at its fifteenth meeting.
6. The multi-year programme of work is based on the assumption that meetings of the Conference of the Parties will continue to be held every two years.

II. SUGGESTED ELEMENTS FOR A DRAFT DECISION

The Conference of the Parties,

Taking into account the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and the decisions of the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting,

1. *Notes* that the Conference of the Parties will review progress in the implementation of the Convention and the post-2020 global biodiversity framework at each of its meetings to 2030, and decides that the development of further guidance for policy development and to support implementation should be based on the review of implementation as well as on new information that may become available including through scientific assessments;
2. *Takes note* of the preliminary list of issues to be addressed by meetings of the Conference of the Parties during the period 2022-2030 contained in the annex to the note by the Executive Secretary on the multi-year programme of work of the Conference of the Parties up to 2030 (CBD/COP/15/15);
3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, in consultation with the Bureau, to complete the list of issues in the annex, in light of the decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting as well as the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety at its tenth meeting and by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing at its fourth meeting, to make it available through the Convention's website and to take into account the issues listed when preparing the agendas for relevant meetings under the Convention.

*Annex***PRELIMINARY LIST OF THE MAIN ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED BY MEETINGS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES DURING THE 2022-2030 PERIOD³**

Meeting	Strategic issues
COP 16 (2024)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of national targets and other commitments in support of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, and related means of implementation on the basis of information provided by Parties, including, where available, revised and updated national biodiversity strategies and action plans. • Strategic actions to enhance implementation of the Convention and the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. • Four-year framework for outcome-oriented programme priorities and assessment of funding needs to inform the replenishment process for GEF-9 (2026-2030). • Development of a new programme of work and institutional arrangements on Article 8(j) and related provisions. • Implications for the work of the Convention of the IPBES assessments on values, sustainable use and invasive alien species. • <i>[to be completed]</i>
COP 17 (2026)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of the implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and related means of implementation on the basis of the seventh national reports.⁴ • Strategic actions to enhance implementation of the Convention and the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. • <i>[to be completed]</i>
COP 18 (2028)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of the implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and related means of implementation. • Strategic actions to enhance implementation of the Convention and the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. • Four-year framework for outcome-oriented programme priorities and assessment of funding needs to inform the replenishment process for GEF-10 (2030-2034). • <i>[to be completed]</i>
COP 19 (2030)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final assessment of the implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework on the basis of the eighth national report.⁵ • Considerations for a follow-up to the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. • <i>[to be completed]</i>

³ This annex will require updating on the basis of the discussions under agenda item 14 on mechanisms for planning, monitoring, reporting and review, and in light of other decisions of the Conference of the Parties and meetings of the Parties to the Protocols.

⁴ To be submitted by [30 June 2024][30 June 2025].

⁵ To be submitted by [30 June 2029].