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REPORT OF THE SUBSIDIARY BODY ON SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE ON ITS TWENTY-FOURTH MEETING (PART I)

The Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice held the first part of its twenty-fourth meeting online, from 3 May to 9 June 2021. The Subsidiary Body considered all items on its agenda, and prepared draft recommendations on a number of them. The Subsidiary Body will complete its work, including the adoption of its recommendations, at its resumed session to be held in-person at a later date.

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ACCOUNT OF PROCEEDINGS

INTRODUCTION

1. Part I of the twenty-fourth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice of the Convention on Biological Diversity was held online from 3 May to 9 June 2021, back-to-back with part I of the third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation. It was understood that the meeting would be resumed for a second part, in-person, at a later date.

Attendance

2. The meeting was attended by representatives of the following Parties and other Governments:

Albania	Denmark	Libya
Algeria	Dominican Republic	Luxembourg
Antigua and Barbuda	Ecuador	Madagascar
Argentina	Egypt	Malawi
Armenia	El Salvador	Malaysia
Australia	Estonia	Maldives
Austria	Ethiopia	Malta
Azerbaijan	European Union	Mexico
Bahamas	Fiji	Micronesia (Federated States of)
Bangladesh	Finland	Monaco
Barbados	France	Morocco
Belarus	Georgia	Mozambique
Belgium	Germany	Myanmar
Belize	Ghana	Namibia
Bhutan	Greece	Netherlands
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Grenada	New Zealand
Botswana	Guatemala	Nigeria
Brazil	Guyana	Norway
Bulgaria	Haiti	Pakistan
Burkina Faso	Hungary	Palau
Cabo Verde	Iceland	Panama
Cambodia	India	Paraguay
Cameroon	Indonesia	Peru
Canada	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Philippines
Chile	Ireland	Poland
China	Israel	Portugal
Colombia	Italy	Republic of Korea
Comoros	Jamaica	Russian Federation
Costa Rica	Japan	Saint Lucia
Croatia	Jordan	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Cuba	Kenya	Samoa
Czechia	Kuwait	Saudi Arabia
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Latvia	
	Liberia	

Senegal	Suriname	Ukraine
Serbia	Sweden	United Arab Emirates
Seychelles	Switzerland	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Singapore	Syrian Arab Republic	
Slovakia	Thailand	United States of America
Slovenia	Togo	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
South Africa	Tonga	Viet Nam
Spain	Trinidad and Tobago	Zambia
Sri Lanka	Tunisia	
State of Palestine	Turkey	
Sudan	Uganda	

3. Observers from the following United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, convention secretariats and other bodies also attended:

Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals,	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations	United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
Global Environment Facility	United Nations Development Programme
Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services	United Nations Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea
International Maritime Organization	United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
International Seabed Authority	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights	United Nations Environment Programme
Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention	United Nations Office for Project Services
UN Women	United Nations University
UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre	World Health Organization
UNEP/MAP Regional Activity Centre for Specially Protected Areas	World Meteorological Organization

4. The following organizations were also represented by observers:

ABS Capacity Development Initiative	Barnes Hill Community Development Organization
African Centre for Biodiversity	Bioversity International
African Indigenous Women Organization (Nairobi)	BirdLife International
African Union	Born Free Foundation
African Union Development Agency-NEPAD	Botanic Gardens Conservation International
African Wildlife Foundation	Brazilian Network of Plant-Pollinators Interactions
Aichi Prefecture	California Natural Resources Agency
Andes Chinchasyo	Campaign for Nature
ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity	Capitals Coalition
Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact Foundation	Caribbean Community Secretariat
Assembly of First Nations	CBD Alliance
Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies	Center for Biological Diversity
Avaaz	

Center for Support of Indigenous Peoples of the
North/Russian Indigenous Training Centre
Centre for International Sustainable
Development Law
Centro para la Investigación y Planificación del
Desarrollo Maya
Change our Next Decade
Clan Ancestral Quinatoa
ClientEarth
Coastal Oceans Research and Development in
the Indian Ocean
Colorado State University
Consejo Shipibo Konibo Xetebo Peru
Conservation International
Cooperativa Autogestionaria de Servicios
Profesionales para la Solidaridad Social, R.L.
Cornell University
CropLife International
David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation
Defenders of Wildlife
DHI Water & Environment
Duke Kunshan University
Duke University
EcoNexus
ECOROPA
Environmental Investigation Agency
ETC Group
European Bureau for Conservation and
Development
Every Woman Hope Centre
Fauna & Flora International
Federation of German Scientists
Fondation Franz Weber
Forest Peoples Programme
Forest Stewardship Council
Forum Environment and Development (Forum
Umwelt & Entwicklung)
Foundation for the National Institutes of Health
Friends of the Earth Europe
Friends of the Earth International
Friends of the Earth U.S.
Fundación Ambiente y Recursos Naturales
Future Earth
GenØk - Centre for Biosafety
German Centre for Integrative Biodiversity
Research (iDiv) Halle-Jena-Leipzig
Ghent University
Global Biodiversity Information Facility
Global Forest Coalition
Global Industry Coalition
Global Ocean Biodiversity Initiative
Global Youth Biodiversity Network

Global Youth Online Union
Greenpeace International
Griffith University
Group on Earth Observations Biodiversity
Observation Network
Heriot-Watt University
ICCA Consortium
ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability
Imperial College London
Indigenous Information Network
Institut de recherche en sciences de la santé
Institut de Recherche pour le Développement
Institut du développement durable et des
relations internationales
Institute for Biodiversity Network
Institute for Global Environmental Strategies
Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on
Agriculture
International Chamber of Commerce
International Collective in Support of
Fishworkers
International Coral Reef Initiative
International Council of Environmental Law
International Council on Mining and Metals
International Federation of Pharmaceutical
Manufacturers and Associations
International Fertilizer Association
International Fund for Animal Welfare
International Grain Trade Coalition
International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity
International Institute for Environment and
Development
International Partnership for the Satoyama
Initiative
International Planning Committee for Food
Sovereignty
International Tropical Timber Organization
International Union of Biological Sciences
International University Network on Cultural and
Biological Diversity
Inuit Circumpolar Council
IPIECA
Island Conservation
IUCN - International Union for Conservation of
Nature
J. Craig Venter Institute
Jabalbina Yalanji Aboriginal Corporation
Japan Civil Network for the United Nations
Decade on Biodiversity
Japan Committee for IUCN
Japan Environmental Lawyers for Future
Japan Wildlife Research Center

Leibniz-Institute DSMZ (German Collection of
Microorganisms and Cell Cultures)
McGill University
McMaster University
Missouri Botanical Garden
Nagoya University
National Geographic Society
National Institute for Environmental Studies
Natural Resources Defense Council
NC State University
New Wind Association
Nia Tero
Nirmanee Development Foundation
Nordic Council
Nordic Council of Ministers
OceanCare
Organization for Economic Co-operation and
Development
Parabukas
PBL Netherlands Environmental Assessment
Agency
Pesticide Action Network UK
Planet Tracker
POLLINIS
Public Research and Regulation Initiative
Rainforest Foundation Norway
Ramsar Convention on Wetlands
Ramsar Network Japan
Rare
Red de Mujeres Indígenas sobre Biodiversidad
para América Latina y el Caribe
Regions4 Sustainable Development
Research Institute for Humanity and Nature
Réseau des gestionnaires d'aires marines
protégées de Méditerranée
Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
Saami Council
Sasakawa Peace Foundation
Save our Seeds
Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment
Programme

Smithsonian Institution
Society for Ecological Restoration
Society for the Preservation of Natural History
Collections (SPNHC)
Society for Wetland Biodiversity Conservation -
Nepal
South Asia Co-operative Environment
Programme
South Centre
Southeast Asia Regional Initiatives for
Community Empowerment
Stockholm Resilience Centre
Tebtebba Foundation
The Nature Conservancy
The Nature Conservation Society of Japan
The Pew Charitable Trusts
The Union for Ethical BioTrade
The World Bank Group
Third World Network
TRAFFIC International
Tulalip Tribes
Uganda Virus Research Institute
Universidad Nacional Federico Villarreal
University of California
University of Cambridge
University of Edinburgh
University of Guelph
Western Ghats Hotspot Conservation Forum
Western Michigan University
Wetlands International - Japan
Wildlife Conservation Society
Women Engage for a Common Future
World Agroforestry Centre
World Animal Protection
World Business Council for Sustainable
Development
WWF International
Youth Biotech
Zoological Society of London

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

5. The meeting was opened at 11:00 Universal Time Coordinated (UTC) (7 a.m. Montreal time) on Monday, 3 May 2021, by the Chair, Mr. Hesiquio Benítez Díaz (Mexico), who welcomed the participants to the first of nine virtual plenary sessions that would take place in three blocks during May and June, back-to-back with the third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, which would also hold its plenary sessions online in three blocks. He expressed the hope that the participants, and those close to them, were healthy and safe, and his condolences to those that had lost loved ones. He called for a moment of silence to remember those lost during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.

6. Opening statements were made by Mr. Hamdallah Zedan (Egypt) and Ms. Elizabeth Maruma Mrema, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

7. Mr. Zedan, speaking on behalf of the President of the Conference of the Parties, welcomed the participants and expressed his solidarity with them during the pandemic and his hope that they and their loved ones were well. He thanked the Chair of the Subsidiary Body and the members of the Bureau for their leadership in preparing for the meeting and said that, under their guidance, the participants would carry forward the work of the Convention and its Protocols. The current meeting would advance preparations for the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The agenda items covered the principal areas of work of the Convention and its protocols, and progress on them would allow the development of an ambitious and transformative post-2020 global biodiversity framework by providing advice to the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework for its third meeting. The discussions at the current meeting would advance the work of the Working Group and ultimately the work of the Conference of the Parties, which was scheduled to adopt the post-2020 global biodiversity framework at its fifteenth meeting, in Kunming, China.

8. Ms. Elizabeth Maruma Mrema, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, also delivered opening remarks, thanking the Chair and the other members of the Bureau for their leadership in preparing for the formal session of the Subsidiary Body in difficult times, as well as the Government of Canada for covering the additional costs of the virtual formal session and providing a dedicated team of volunteers. Noting that over 1,500 people representing 102 countries were registered, she expressed the hope that participants had had the opportunity to attend the pre-meeting webinars and the informal session held earlier in the year in preparation for the current formal session. The Executive Secretary briefly reviewed the items that were on the agenda of the meeting.

9. The Chair also provided an update on the fifth Science-Policy Forum for Biodiversity and the eighth International Conference on Sustainability Science, which had been held virtually as joint sessions the previous month. The main message conveyed was that coming decade would be crucial for bending the curve of biodiversity loss, putting biodiversity on a path towards living in harmony with nature. The post-2020 global biodiversity framework would need to be both nature positive, aiming for a net gain in the status of biodiversity and nature's contribution to people by 2030, and reflect the systemic challenges. For mainstreaming of biodiversity to be implemented effectively, central attention needed be given to nature-based solutions that were framed by ecosystem approaches. Ambitious targets were needed to address the systemic drivers of biodiversity loss, as were actions that went beyond limiting biodiversity loss to supporting restoration and moved towards a "net gain" through regenerative practices.

ITEM 2. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

10. The Chair recalled that the informal virtual session of the Subsidiary Body held in February 2021 had contributed to maintaining momentum towards, and advancing the preparations for, the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, scheduled to be held from 11 to 24 October 2021, and the third meeting of Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, scheduled to be held in August 2021. The current meeting had been organized in the light of both those meetings and the extraordinary circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic. It did not set a precedent for the organization of similar meetings under the Convention in the future. At the informal session, the Subsidiary Body had already considered six of the eight topics on the agenda, in a manner similar to the first reading of pre-session documents at a formal meeting of the Subsidiary Body. At that time, participants had been encouraged to focus their interventions on the draft recommendations set out in the pre-session documents, but no negotiations had taken place and no formal substantive outcomes or conference room papers had been produced.

11. While all Parties maintained their right to take the floor and make statements at the current meeting, the Chair urged participants not to repeat the points already made during the informal session and to only add new points in their statements, except for agenda items 8 and 9, which had not been considered at the informal session. The statements made at the informal session would be taken into account in the preparation

of any conference room papers or non-papers produced for the current meeting. No final documents would be considered or adopted at the present virtual sessions of the meeting (part I); that would be deferred to later physical sessions of the meeting (part II), to be organized back-to-back with either a physical meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework or the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, unless otherwise decided by the bureaux of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the Conference of the Parties. The Chair would report to the Co-Chairs of the Working Group on items needed for the post-2020 process.

A. Adoption of the agenda

12. At the first plenary session of part I of the meeting, on 3 May 2021, the Subsidiary Body adopted the following agenda on the basis of the provisional agenda prepared by the Executive Secretary in consultation with the Bureau (CBD/SBSTTA/24/1):

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Organizational matters: election of officers, adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
3. Post-2020 global biodiversity framework.
4. Synthetic biology.
5. Risk assessment and risk management of living modified organisms.
6. Marine and coastal biodiversity.
7. Biodiversity and agriculture.
8. Programme of work of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services.
9. Biodiversity and health.
10. Invasive alien species.
11. Other matters.
12. Adoption of the report.
13. Closure of the meeting.

13. The Chair drew the attention of the meeting to the annotated provisional agenda (CBD/SBSTTA/24/1/Add.1) and the scenario note for the meeting (CBD/SBSTTA/24/1/Add.2). While all agenda items would be addressed, priority would be given to elements directly related to the post-2020 process to enable the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, and its Co-Chairs, to develop a high-quality global biodiversity framework at the third meeting of the Working Group.

14. Taking into account the extraordinary circumstances prevailing due the ongoing pandemic situation and recognizing the complexities involved in holding the meeting in a virtual setting, it was indicated in the scenario note (CBD/SBSTTA/24/1/Add.2) that finalization of the recommendations of the Subsidiary Body would be deferred to a later date at a physical meeting organized back-to-back with a physical meeting of the Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework or the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, unless otherwise decided by the Bureau. Owing to the suspension of the meeting, the last three items of the agenda, namely items 11 (other matters), 12 (adoption of the report), and 13 (closure of the meeting), are deferred to a resumed session of the meeting that would be held at a later date.

B. Election of officers

15. In accordance with the elections held at the twenty-third meeting of the Subsidiary Body, the Bureau for the twenty-fourth meeting comprised the following members:

Chair: Mr. Hesiquio Benítez Díaz (Mexico)

Vice-Chairs: Ms. Alison McMorrow (Australia)
 Ms. Senka Barudanović (Bosnia and Herzegovina)
 Ms. Marina Von Weissenberg (Finland)
 Ms. Kongchay Phimmakong (Lao People's Democratic Republic)
 Mr. Larbi Sbair (Morocco)
 Ms. Gwendalyn Sisior (Palau)
 Mr. Adams Toussaint (Saint Lucia)
 Ms. Marie-Mae Muzungaile (Seychelles)
 Mr. Volodymyr Domalishnets (Ukraine)

Alternate Vice-Chairs for the Nagoya Protocol:

Ms. Helena Jeffery Brown (Antigua and Barbuda) for Saint Lucia
 Ms. Tatsiana Lipinskaya (Belarus) for Bosnia and Herzegovina and Ukraine
 Mr. Moustafa M.A. Fouda (Egypt) for Seychelles
 Mr. Gaute Voigt-Hanssen (Norway) for Australia

16. The Subsidiary Body was reminded that it needed to nominate new members to the Bureau to replace the outgoing members from Finland, Morocco, the Lao People's Democratic Republic and Ukraine. Depending on the outcome of those nominations, it might also be necessary to nominate substitute members of the Bureau that were also Parties to the protocols to the Convention. As the current virtual sessions of the meeting (part I) of the Subsidiary Body would not have a closing session, and new Bureau members only took office after the closure of the meeting of the Subsidiary Body, it was agreed that the Subsidiary Body would elect the new members of the Bureau during the resumed part of the meeting.

17. Following a recommendation from the Bureau, Ms. Senka Barudanović (Bosnia and Herzegovina) was elected Rapporteur for the meeting.

18. At the invitation of the Chair, the Rapporteur made a statement on behalf of all the participants in the meeting. She congratulated the Chair of the Subsidiary Body, the members of the Bureau and the Executive Secretary and her team for the high quality of the preparations for the meeting. She expressed confidence that the deliberations would be productive and thanked the Chair for giving her the opportunity to speak on behalf of all the participants.

C. Organization of work

19. At the first plenary session of part I of the meeting, on 3 May 2021, the Subsidiary Body agreed to the organization of work for part I of the meeting as set out in the annotated provisional agenda (CBD/SBSTTA/24/1/Add.1) and the scenario note for part I of the meeting (CBD/SBSTTA/24/1/Add.2). The Chair said that he would chair all plenary sessions except the session on agenda item 9, on biodiversity and health, would be chaired by Ms. Helena Jeffery Brown (Antigua and Barbuda).

20. The Chair then explained how contact groups would operate during part I of the meeting. Contact groups would meet for sessions of up to three hours and multiple sessions could be scheduled each day provided that different contact groups did not meet in parallel. The sessions would be open to representatives of all Parties, other Governments and observers. The usual practice would apply to participation of observers: at the discretion of the co-chairs, they might be given the floor after Parties had spoken and any substantive proposals made by them would need to be supported by at least one Party for it to be taken up by the contact group. The participants were encouraged to use the chat function of the web-based Interactio conference system to indicate such support rather than by requesting the floor. The contact groups would only be accessible through the Interactio conference system, and, in order to maintain the integrity of that system, Parties and other accredited organizations were asked to limit themselves to one or two speakers. The remaining members of delegations could observe the discussion and speakers could be exchanged at any

time. All other participants could join as viewers. Following the usual practice, the deliberations could not be recorded or shared through social media.

ITEM 3. POST-2020 GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK

21. The Subsidiary Body considered agenda item 3 at the first plenary session of part I of the meeting, on 3 May 2021. In considering the item, the Subsidiary Body had before it notes by the Executive Secretary on: (a) the fifth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook* and its summary for policymakers (CBD/SBSTTA/24/2); (b) scientific and technical information to support the review of the updated goals and targets, and related indicators and baselines of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework (CBD/SBSTTA/24/3); (c) the proposed indicators and monitoring approach for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework (CBD/SBSTTA/24/3/Add.1); (d) scientific and technical information to support the review of the proposed goals and targets in the updated zero draft of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, which had been updated following a technical peer-review process (CBD/SBSTTA/24/3/Add.2/Rev.1). The official pre-session documents were supported by a number of information documents: (a) synthesizing the scientific evidence to inform the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework (CBD/SBSTTA/24/INF/9); (b) annotations for terms and concepts used in the language of interim updated post-2020 goals and targets (CBD/SBSTTA/24/INF/11); (c) the linkages between the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (CBD/SBSTTA/24/INF/12); (d) indicators for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework (CBD/SBSTTA/24/INF/16); (e) development of a post-2020 Global Strategy for Plant Conservation as a component of the global biodiversity framework (CBD/SBSTTA/24/INF/20); (f) detailed scientific and technical information to support the review of the proposed goals and targets in the updated zero draft of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework (CBD/SBSTTA/24/INF/21); and (g) the report of the second consultation workshop of biodiversity-related conventions on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework (Bern II) (CBD/SBSTTA/24/INF/27).

22. Introducing the item, the Chair recalled that the topic had been considered during the informal session, on 17 and 18 February 2021, at which time representatives of 48 Parties and regional groups and 18 observers had made statements. The Secretariat had also received written statements from 1 other Party and 20 other observers.¹

23. Regional statements were made by representatives of Argentina (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean Group) and South Africa (on behalf of the African Group).

24. Additional statements were made by representatives of Argentina, Armenia, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ecuador, the European Union, Finland, France, Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Japan, Jordan, Malaysia, Maldives, Mexico, Morocco, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Uganda and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

25. The Subsidiary Body resumed its consideration of the item during the second plenary session of part I of the meeting, on 4 May 2021.

26. Statements were made by representatives of Cambodia, Cameroon, China, Denmark, Ethiopia, India, Peru and Senegal.

27. Statements were also made by representatives of the Advisory Committee of Subnational Governments for Biodiversity (coordinated by Regions4 and the government of Quebec) (also on behalf of the European Committee of the Regions, the Group of Leading Subnational Governments toward Aichi Biodiversity Targets, ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability, and on behalf of the Edinburgh Process partners), the CBD Alliance, the CBD Women's Caucus, the Global Youth Biodiversity Network (GYBN), the International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity (IIFB) and the Wildlife Conservation Society (also on behalf of the Born Free Foundation, the Center for Biological Diversity, the David Shepherd Wildlife

¹ The report on the informal session is available at <https://www.cbd.int/conferences/sbstta24-sbi3/sbstta-24-prep-03/documents>.

Foundation, Defenders of Wildlife, the Environmental Investigation Agency, Fondation Franz Weber, the International Fund for Animal Welfare, the Natural Resources Defense Council, Pro Wildlife and the World Federation for Animals).

28. In addition to the statements by observers presented orally, statements by the following observer organizations could not be delivered due to limited time but were made available on the meeting web page: the Alliance of Bioversity International and the International Centre for Tropical Agriculture, Coastal Oceans Research and Development in the Indian Ocean (CORDIO), the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Future Earth, the German Centre for Integrative Biodiversity Research (iDiv) Halle-Jena-Leipzig, the Global Forest Coalition (GFC), Griffith University, the Group on Earth Observations Biodiversity Observation Network (GEO BON), the International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI), the International Fertilizer Association (IFA), the International Petroleum Industry Environmental Conservation Association (IPIECA), the International Planning Committee for Food Sovereignty (IPC), the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN), Island Conservation, the Mediterranean Protected Areas Network (MedPAN), New Wind Association, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Public Research and Regulation Initiative (PRRI), the secretariat of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals, the secretariat of the Framework Convention on the Protection and Sustainable Development of the Carpathians, the secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), United Nations University, the Western Ghats Hotspot Conservation Forum, the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS), the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) and the World Heritage Centre.

A. Fifth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook*

29. Following the exchange of views, the Chair said that he would prepare a revised text on the elements of the agenda item related to the fifth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook*, taking into account the views expressed orally by the Parties or supported by them and the comments received in writing, during the informal session in February and at the current meeting.

30. At the fifth plenary session of part I of the meeting, on 25 May 2021, the Subsidiary Body considered the draft recommendation submitted by the Chair. Following an exchange of views, the Subsidiary Body approved the draft recommendation, as orally amended, as draft recommendation CBD/SBSTTA/24/L.2, for formal adoption at a later stage.

B. Technical and scientific aspects of the goals and targets of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and suggested monitoring framework

31. Following the exchange of views at its plenary session on 4 May 2021, the Chair established a contact group co-chaired by Ms. Anne Teller (European Union) and Mr. Jorge Murillo (Colombia). The mandate of the group was to work on the scientific and technical review of goals and targets of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework on the basis of document CBD/SBSTTA/24/3/Add.2/Rev.1 and the issues and recommendations related to the monitoring framework on the basis of documents CBD/SBSTTA/24/3 and Add.1, for which a non-paper would be developed.

32. At the fifth plenary session of part I of the meeting, on 25 May 2021, the co-chairs of the contact group reported to the Subsidiary Body on the work of the group.

33. The co-chairs of the contact group reported that, with respect to the scientific and technical review of goals and targets in the updated zero draft of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and general elements of organization of the monitoring framework, the contact group co-chairs had opened an in-session online survey on headline indicators. The co-chairs had prepared a text ("Co-chairs' text on item 3"), taking into account the discussions in the contact group and the views expressed in plenary and during the February informal session of the Subsidiary Body, as well as the survey results; the co-chairs' text was accompanied

by an annex showing the results of the survey graphically for each headline indicator. The full comments provided by parties in the survey were compiled in information document CBD/SBSTTA/24/INF/29. The understanding was that the Chair of the Subsidiary Body would forward the contact group co-chairs' text on item 3 to the Co-Chairs of the Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, to be taken into account in the preparation of the first draft of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, together with document CBD/SBSTTA/24/3/Add.2/Rev.1 and all original statements.

34. Similarly, the Co-Chairs of the Working Group, with the support of the Secretariat, would use the survey results, along with the more general views expressed, to revise the monitoring framework.

35. With respect to issues and recommendations related to the monitoring framework for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, the outcome of the discussions in the contact group had been captured in a draft recommendation submitted for the consideration of the Parties.

36. Following the report of the contact group co-chair, statements were made by representatives of Argentina, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Denmark, France, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, Uganda and the United Kingdom.

37. It was noted that the Co-Chairs of the Working Group, with the support of the Executive Secretary, would further update the monitoring framework as necessary to align it with the outcomes of the third meeting of the Working Group, for subsequent consideration at the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

38. The Subsidiary Body resumed its consideration of the draft recommendation at the sixth plenary session of part I of the meeting, on 26 May 2021. Following an exchange of views, the Subsidiary Body approved the draft recommendation, as orally amended, as draft recommendation CBD/SBSTTA/24/L.3, for formal adoption at a later stage.

ITEM 4. SYNTHETIC BIOLOGY

39. The Subsidiary Body considered agenda item 4 at the third plenary session of part I of the meeting, on 23 May 2021. In considering the item, the Subsidiary Body had before it a note by the Executive Secretary on synthetic biology (CBD/SBSTTA/24/4/Rev.1), including a suggested recommendation. It also had before it, as information documents: (a) a list of references on synthetic biology (CBD/SBSTTA/24/INF/6), (b) an update of the *Technical Series on Synthetic Biology* (CBD/SBSTTA/24/INF/19), (c) the report of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Synthetic Biology (CBD/SYNBIO/AHTEG/2019/1/3), (d) a synthesis of submissions on synthetic biology (CBD/SYNBIO/AHTEG/2019/1/INF/1) and (e) a synthesis of discussions of the Online Forum on Synthetic Biology (CBD/SYNBIO/AHTEG/2019/1/INF/2).

40. Introducing the item, the Chair recalled that the topic had been considered during the informal session, held on 18 and 19 February 2021, at which time representatives of 31 Parties, 2 regional groups and 8 observers had made statements. The Secretariat had also received written statements from 1 other Party and 2 other observers.²

41. Statements were made by the representatives of Argentina, Austria, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, the European Union, Finland, France, Germany, Indonesia, Italy, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Peru, the Republic of Korea, South Africa, Switzerland and Uganda.

42. Statements were also made by representatives of the CBD Alliance and IIFB (also on behalf of the Indigenous Women's Biodiversity Network).

43. In addition to the statements by observers presented orally, written statements were received, and made available on the meeting web page from: the CBD Women's Caucus, the German Foundation on Future Farming (also on behalf of Save Our Seeds), GYBN, the Institute on Ethics and Policy for Innovation at McMaster University and TWN.

² The report on the informal session is available at <https://www.cbd.int/conferences/sbstta24-sbi3/sbstta-24-prep-03/documents>.

44. Following the exchange of views, the Chair established a contact group co-chaired by Ms. Ntakadzeni Tshidada (South Africa) and Mr. Werner Schenkel (Germany). The mandate of the contact group was to work on the process for horizon scanning described in the annex to the draft recommendation contained in document (CBD/SBSTTA/24/4/Rev.1). In setting out the mandate of the contact group, the Chair specified that, while there had been divergent views on whether synthetic biology should be considered a new and emerging issue, the Parties had agreed, in decision 14/19, that horizon scanning of new technological developments in synthetic biology was needed, and that the contact group should therefore focus its work on the issue of horizon scanning only.

45. At the sixth plenary session of part I of the meeting, on 26 May 2021, the Chair said that, after considering the diverse views, he had decided to convene a group of friends of the chair, composed of Argentina, Australia, Austria, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Ethiopia, the European Union, Finland, Japan, Mexico and Norway, to help him to work on a text proposal on the relationship between synthetic biology and the criteria on new and emerging issues. He requested one of the members of the Bureau of the Subsidiary Body, Ms. Helena Jeffery Brown (Antigua and Barbuda), to facilitate the group.

46. The Subsidiary Body resumed its consideration of the agenda item at the eighth plenary session of part I of the meeting, on 8 June 2021.

47. The facilitator of the friends of the chair group, which had in the end been composed of Argentina, Australia, Austria, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, the European Union, Finland, Japan, Norway and South Africa, reported on the work of that group, and one of the co-chairs of the contact group reported on the work of the contact group. The Subsidiary Body then considered a draft recommendation prepared by the Chair, which reflected the outcomes of the discussions in the two groups.

48. During the session, several representatives signalled connectivity issues that they felt prevented them from participating adequately in the discussion, and it was noted that some Parties had never been able to participate or express their views, which was unacceptable at such a multilateral meeting.

49. Statements were made by representatives of Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Finland, Germany, Mexico, South Africa, Switzerland and Togo.

50. The Subsidiary Body resumed its consideration of the agenda item at the ninth plenary session of part I of the meeting, on 9 June 2021. Following an exchange of views, the Subsidiary Body approved the draft recommendation, as orally amended, as draft recommendation CBD/SBSTTA/24/L.5, for formal adoption at a later stage.

ITEM 5. RISK ASSESSMENT AND RISK MANAGEMENT OF LIVING MODIFIED ORGANISMS

51. The Subsidiary Body considered agenda item 5 at the fourth plenary session of part I of the meeting, on 24 May 2021. In considering the item, the Subsidiary Body had before it a note by the Executive Secretary on risk assessment and risk management (CBD/SBSTTA/24/5), including a suggested recommendation. It also had before it, as information documents: (a) a list of bibliographic references on engineered gene drives and living modified fish (CBD/SBSTTA/24/INF/7); (b) a synthesis of relevant information from the fourth national reports on the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (CBD/SBSTTA/24/INF/13); (c) a study on risk assessment: application of annex I of decision CP-9/13 to living modified fish (CBD/CP/RA/AHTEG/2020/1/3); (d) a study on risk assessment: application of annex I of decision CP-9/13 to living modified organisms containing engineered gene drives (CBD/CP/RA/AHTEG/2020/1/4); (e) the report of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Risk Assessment (CBD/CP/RA/AHTEG/2020/1/5); (f) a synthesis of submissions on experiences, challenges and needs regarding risk assessment of living modified organisms containing engineered gene drives and living modified fish (CBD/CP/RA/AHTEG/2020/1/INF/1); and (g) a synthesis of the interventions from the Open-ended Online Forum (CBD/CP/RA/AHTEG/2020/1/INF/2).

52. Introducing the item, the Chair recalled that the topic had been considered during the informal session, on 19 and 24 February 2021, at which time interventions had been made by 21 Parties, 2 non-Parties,

2 regional groups and 5 observers, with written statements also received from 3 other Parties and 2 other observers.³

53. Statements were made by the representatives of Austria, Belarus, Brazil, Cuba, the European Union, Finland, France, Germany, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Peru, the Republic of Korea, South Africa and Switzerland.

54. In addition to statements presented orally by Parties, a written statement by Portugal was made available on the meeting web page.

55. Statements were also made by representatives of the CBD Alliance, the CBD Women's caucus, IIFB, Target Malaria and the National Institute of Health.

56. In addition to statements presented orally by observers, a written statement by IPC was made available on the meeting web page.

57. Following the exchange of views, the Chair established a contact group co-chaired by Ms. Ntakadzeni Tshidada (South Africa) and Mr. Werner Schenkel (Germany), with the mandate to further consider issues related to process to develop additional voluntary guidance materials on risk assessment of living modified organisms containing engineered gene drives, for which a non-paper would be developed.

58. At the ninth plenary session of part I of the meeting, on 9 June 2021, one of the co-chairs of the contact group reported to the Subsidiary Body on the work of the group. The group had discussed most of the paragraphs, and the annex, of a non-paper on risk assessment, but had still not resolved issues related to paragraph 1 (c) of the terms of reference regarding the scope of additional voluntary guidance materials on organisms containing engineered gene drives, or who should develop a first draft of the additional voluntary guidance materials. The group had reached a common understanding to develop additional voluntary guidance materials on organisms containing engineered gene drives and to not, at the current stage, develop additional voluntary guidance materials on living modified fish.

59. Following an exchange of views, the Subsidiary Body approved the draft recommendation, as orally amended, as draft recommendation CBD/SBSTTA/24/L.6, for formal adoption at a later stage.

ITEM 6. MARINE AND COASTAL BIODIVERSITY

60. The Subsidiary Body considered agenda item 6 at the second plenary session of part 1 of the meeting, on 4 May 2021. In considering the item, the Subsidiary Body had before it a note by the Executive Secretary on marine and coastal biodiversity (CBD/SBSTTA/24/6). It also had before it, as information documents: (a) the report of the Expert Workshop to Identify Options for Modifying the Description of Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas and Describing New Areas (CBD/EBSA/WS/2020/1/2); (b) the report of the Thematic Workshop on Marine and Coastal Biodiversity for the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework (CBD/POST2020/WS/2019/10/2); (c) a compilation of submissions on experiences in the implementation of marine spatial planning (CBD/SBSTTA/24/INF/1); (d) a synthesis of experiences to achieve Aichi Biodiversity Target 10 for coral reefs and closely associated ecosystems (CBD/SBSTTA/24/INF/2); (e) a synthesis of submissions on experiences for the implementation of the voluntary specific workplan on biodiversity in cold-water areas within the jurisdictional scope of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD/SBSTTA/24/INF/3); (f) a technical paper updating *CBD Technical Series No. 83* (CBD/SBSTTA/24/INF/4); (g) the draft CBD Technical Series on anthropogenic underwater noise (CBD/SBSTTA/24/INF/5); (h) the report of the Expert Meeting on Other Effective Area-based Conservation Measures in the Marine Capture Fishery Sector (CBD/SBSTTA/24/INF/10); (i) the available monitoring frameworks and information to support monitoring of progress towards goals and targets of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework with respect to marine and coastal biodiversity (CBD/SBSTTA/24/INF/23); (j) the report on regional seas biodiversity under the post-2020 global

³ The report on the informal session is available at <https://www.cbd.int/conferences/sbstta24-sbi3/sbstta-24-prep-03/documents>.

biodiversity framework (CBD/SBSTTA/24/INF/24); and (k) *CBD Technical Series No. 87: Assessing Progress towards Aichi Biodiversity Target 6 on Sustainable Marine Fisheries*.

61. Introducing the item, the Chair recalled that the topic had been considered during the informal session, on 24 and 25 February 2021, at which time interventions had been made by 32 Parties and regional groups and 14 observers, with written statements also received from 4 other Parties and 5 other observers.⁴

62. Statements were made by representatives of Argentina, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brazil, Cameroon, Chile, China, Colombia, Denmark, France, Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Malaysia, Maldives, Morocco, Peru Portugal, the Republic of Korea, Senegal, South Africa, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom.

63. In addition to statements presented orally by Parties, written statements by Israel, Japan, Mexico and Samoa were made available on the meeting web page.

64. Statements by the following observer organizations could not be delivered due to limited time but were made available on the meeting web page: BirdLife International, the CBD Women's Caucus, the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea of the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations, FAO, GEO BON, IIFB, the National Geographic Society, UNEP, the United Nations University (UNU), the University of Cambridge Conservation Leadership Alumni, and the Wildlife Conservation Society.

65. Following the exchange of views, the Chair established a contact group co-chaired by Ms. Marie-May Muzungaile (Seychelles) and Mr. Matthias Steitz (Germany), with the mandate to focus on annexes VI, VIII, XI and XIII of the draft recommendations contained in document CBD/SBSTTA/24/6.

66. During the ninth plenary session of part I of the meeting, Parties highlighted the importance of marine issues and of the need to ensure they are fully reflected in the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

67. At the ninth session of part I of the meeting, on 9 June 2021, the co-chairs of the contact group reported on the group's deliberations. He explained that those discussions were reflected in document CBD/SBSTTA/24/CRP.4, together with other annexes and recommendations that the contact group had not addressed. The texts on which the contact group had been asked to focus appeared as annexes VI and X in the document.

68. Following the co-chair's report, the Chair said that, owing to a lack of time, consideration of the draft recommendations set out in documents CBD/SBSTTA/24/CRP.2 and CBD/SBSTTA/24/CRP.4, which reflected statements made and submissions received during the informal session and at the current meeting, and the outcome of discussions in the contact group, would be deferred to part II of the twenty-fourth meeting, to be held in person at a later date.

ITEM 7. BIODIVERSITY AND AGRICULTURE

69. The Subsidiary Body considered agenda item 7 at the fourth plenary session of part I of the meeting, on 24 May 2021. In considering the item, the Subsidiary Body had before it a note by the Executive Secretary on the review of the International Initiative for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Soil Biodiversity and updated plan of action (CBD/SBSTTA/24/7/Rev.1), including a suggested recommendation. It also had before it, as an information document, a report on the state of knowledge of soil biodiversity (CBD/SBSTTA/24/INF/8).

70. Introducing the item, the Chair recalled that the topic had been considered during the informal session, on 25 and 26 February 2021, at which time interventions had been made by 33 Parties, 2 regional groups and 10 observers, with written statements also received from 2 other Parties and 7 other observers.⁵

71. A regional statement was made by the representative of Ghana (on behalf of African Group).

⁴ The report on the informal session is available at <https://www.cbd.int/conferences/sbstta24-sbi3/sbstta-24-prep-03/documents>.

⁵ The report on the informal session is available at <https://www.cbd.int/conferences/sbstta24-sbi3/sbstta-24-prep-03/documents>.

72. Statements were made by the representatives of Argentina, Brazil, China, Colombia, Ecuador, France, Indonesia, Kenya, Morocco, Peru, Samoa (also on behalf of Palau), Spain, South Africa, Switzerland and Uganda.

73. In addition to statements presented orally by Parties, written statements by Australia, Mexico and Portugal were made available on the meeting web page.

74. Statements were also made by representatives of the CBD Alliance, the CBD Women's Caucus, FAO, IPC, the Nature Conservancy (also on behalf of the World Wildlife Fund) and the University of Cambridge Conservation Leadership Alumni Network.

75. Following the exchange of views, the Chair said that he would prepare a revised text on the elements of the agenda item related to biodiversity and agriculture, taking into account the views expressed orally by the Parties or supported by them and the comments received in writing, during the informal session in February and at the current meeting.

76. The Subsidiary Body considered the draft recommendation prepared by the Chair at the seventh plenary session of part I of the meeting, on 7 June 2021.

77. Statements were made by representatives of Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia Costa Rica, Germany, Indonesia, Japan, Peru, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

78. The Subsidiary Body resumed its consideration of the draft recommendation at the eighth plenary session of part I of the meeting, on 8 June 2021.

79. Following an exchange of views, the Subsidiary Body approved the draft recommendation, as orally amended, as draft recommendation CBD/SBSTTA/24/L.7, for formal adoption at a later stage. It was noted that, due to time constraints, the annex setting out the draft action plan 2020–2030 on the International Initiative for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Soil Biodiversity could not be considered and was therefore placed in brackets.

ITEM 8. PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL SCIENCE-POLICY PLATFORM ON BIODIVERSITY AND ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

80. The Subsidiary Body considered agenda item 8 at the second plenary session of part I of the meeting, on 4 May 2021. In considering the item, the Subsidiary Body had before it a note by the Executive Secretary on the programme of work of IPBES (CBD/SBSTTA/24/8), which included a suggested recommendation. It also had an information document on the topic (CBD/SBSTTA/24/INF/17) for its consideration.

81. Regional statements were made by representatives of Serbia (on behalf of the Central and Eastern European countries) and South Africa (on behalf of the African Group).

82. Additional statements were made by representatives of Argentina, Brazil, Japan, Mexico and Switzerland.

83. The Subsidiary Body resumed its consideration of the item during the third plenary session of part I of the meeting, on 23 May 2021.

84. Statements were made by representatives of Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Canada, Cambodia, Chile, China, Colombia, Ecuador, Ethiopia, the European Union, Finland, France, Germany, Indonesia, Italy, Morocco, Norway, Peru, Portugal, Spain and the United Kingdom.

85. A statement was also made by the representative of the secretariat of IPBES.

86. Further statements were made by representatives of the CBD Women's Caucus, GYBN and the IIFB.

87. In addition to the statements by observers presented orally, statements by the following observer organizations could not be delivered due to limited time but were made available on the meeting web page: the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Griffith University, the secretariat of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (also on behalf of the secretariat of UNESCO)

and the secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa.

88. Following the exchange of views, the Chair said that he would prepare a revised draft recommendation for the consideration of the Subsidiary Body, taking into account the views expressed orally by the Parties or supported by them and the comments received in writing.

89. At the seventh session of the meeting, on 7 June 2021, the Subsidiary Body considered a revised draft recommendation submitted by the Chair. Following an exchange of views, the Subsidiary Body approved the revised draft recommendation, as orally amended, as draft recommendation CBD/SBSTTA/24/L.4, for formal adoption at a later stage.

ITEM 9. BIODIVERSITY AND HEALTH

90. The Subsidiary Body considered agenda item 9 at the eighth plenary session of part I of the meeting, on 8 June 2021. In considering the item, the Subsidiary Body had before it a note by the Executive Secretary on biodiversity and health (CBD/SBSTTA/24/9), which included a suggested recommendation. It also had before it, as information documents, supporting guidance and tools on biodiversity and health interlinkages and One Health approaches (CBD/SBSTTA/24/INF/25) and a compilation of key messages and approaches to biodiversity and health interlinkages (CBD/SBSTTA/24/INF/26).

91. The Chair of the session, Ms. Helena Jeffery Brown (Antigua and Barbuda), recalled that the item had not been on the agenda of the informal session and said that, owing to time constraints, a draft recommendation on the topic would only be considered during the second part of the twenty-fourth meeting of the Subsidiary Body, to be held in person at a later date.

92. A regional statement was made by the representative of Ukraine (on behalf of the Central and Eastern European countries).

93. Statements were made by representatives of Argentina, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, the European Union, Finland, France, Germany, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Peru, the Philippines, Portugal, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Uganda and the United Kingdom.

94. Statements were made by representatives of FAO, UNEP and the World Health Organization.

95. Statements were also made by representatives of the Advisory Committee of Subnational Governments for Biodiversity (coordinated by Regions4 and the government of Quebec) (also on behalf of the European Committee of the Regions, the Group of Leading Subnational Governments toward Aichi Biodiversity Targets, ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability, and on behalf of the Edinburgh Process partners), the CBD Women’s Caucus, the Global Youth Biodiversity Network (GYBN), the International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity (also on behalf of the Indigenous Women’s Biodiversity Network).

96. In addition to the statements by observers presented orally, statements by the following observer organizations could not be delivered due to limited time but were made available on the meeting web page: Future Earth, IUCN, the Nature Conservancy, Target Malaria and WCS.

97. At the ninth session of part I of the meeting, on 9 June 2021, the Chair said that, following consultations with the Bureau, he had decided to establish a contact group to further discuss the issue when the Subsidiary Body next met in person. The specific mandate of the contact group would be to review the annex of the document, a global action plan for biodiversity and health, and, if time allowed, to also review the recommendations. The contact group would be co-chaired by Ms. Jeffery Brown and Ms. Marina von Weissenberg (Finland). Based on interventions and submissions received, the Secretariat would issue a non-paper document that would serve as a basis for discussion in the contact group.

ITEM 10. INVASIVE ALIEN SPECIES

98. The Subsidiary Body considered agenda item 10 at the sixth plenary session of part I of the meeting, on 26 May 2021. In considering the item, the Subsidiary Body had before it a note by the Executive Secretary

on invasive alien species (CBD/SBSTTA/24/10, and Corr.1), including a suggested recommendation. It also had before it, as information documents: (a) a note by the Executive Secretary on invasive alien species: technical specifications under the World Customs Organization Framework of Standards on Cross-border E-commerce (CBD/SBSTTA/24/INF/15); (b) a note by the Executive Secretary on draft advice or elements for the development of technical guidance on management measures for invasive alien species to be implemented by broad sectors to facilitate achieving Aichi Biodiversity Target 9 and beyond (CBD/IAS/AHTEG/2019/1/2); and (c) the report of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Invasive Alien Species (BD/IAS/AHTEG/2019/13).

99. Introducing the item, the Chair recalled that the topic had been considered during the informal session, on 26 February 2021, at which time interventions had been made by 26 Parties and 2 regional groups, with written statements also received from 2 other Parties and 7 observers.⁶

100. Statements were made by the representatives of Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Finland, France, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, Morocco, Peru, Portugal, Samoa, South Africa, Spain, Sweden and Uganda.

101. In addition to statements presented orally by Parties, written statements by Canada, Mexico and Panama were made available on the meeting web page.

102. Statements were also made by representatives of the CBD Women's Caucus, FAO, IIFB, Island Conservation and IUCN.

103. Following the exchange of views, the Chair said that he would consult on the need for a contact group or other arrangements to facilitate progress on the item. Pending those consultations, he would also prepare a revised text on the elements of the agenda item related to invasive alien species, taking into account the views expressed orally by the Parties or supported by them and the comments received in writing, during the informal session in February and at the current meeting.

104. The Chair subsequently established a friends of the chair group facilitated by Ms. Senka Barudanovic (Bosnia and Herzegovina).

105. At the ninth plenary session of part I of the meeting, on 9 June 2021, the facilitator of the friends of the chair group reported on the group's deliberations. She explained that at the request of the Chair, the Secretariat had sent invitations to delegates from 16 Parties, 14 of whom had attended a group meeting. The group had been tasked to find a way forward on the annexes in the draft recommendation prepared by the Chair. The draft recommendation had been updated to reflect the outcome of the group's discussions.

106. Following the facilitator's report, the Chair said that owing to a lack of time, consideration of the draft recommendation set out in document CBD/SBSTTA/24/CRP.7, which reflected statements made and submissions received during the informal session in February and the current meeting including the outcome of discussions in the friends of the chair group, would be deferred to a later date.

SUSPENSION OF THE MEETING

107. As indicated in the Chair's note (CBD/SBSTTA/24/1/Add.2) and described in paragraph 14 above, the Subsidiary Body agreed, at its ninth plenary session of part I of the meeting, on 9 June 2021, to suspend its twenty-fourth meeting and resume it at a later date. During the session, a number of representatives signalled connectivity issues that they felt prevented them from participating adequately in the discussion.

108. Following an introduction by the Rapporteur, the report of part I of the meeting (CBD/SBSTTA/24/Part1/L.1) was approved by the Subsidiary Body on the understanding that it would be completed to reflect the proceedings of the session and that the full report would be considered and adopted at a resumed session.

⁶ The report on the informal session is available at <https://www.cbd.int/conferences/sbstta24-sbi3/sbstta-24-prep-03/documents>.

109. The Chair noted that he would draw the attention of the Co-Chairs of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework to the proceedings of the meeting, the documents prepared and the statements made, so that they could take them into account, as appropriate, in preparing the first draft of the framework ahead of the third meeting of the Working Group.

110. The meeting was suspended at 2:15 p.m. (UTC) (10:15 a.m. Montreal time) on 9 June 2021.
