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Fifth meeting

Montreal, 3-5 December 2022

DRAFT REPORT OF THE MEETING

Background

1. The fifth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework was held in Montreal, from 3 to 5 December 2022, back-to-back with the second part of the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Attendance

2. The meeting was attended by representatives of the following Parties and Governments: *[to be completed]*
3. Observers from the following United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, convention secretariats and other bodies also attended: *[to be completed]*;
4. The following organizations were also represented: *[to be completed]*

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

5. The meeting was opened at 10.15 a.m. by the Co-Chair, Mr. Francis Ogwal (Uganda), who welcomed the participants to the fifth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework. His Co-Chair, Basile van Havre (Canada), also welcomed the participants and thanked the President of the Conference of the Parties, Mr. Huang Runqiu, represented by Ms Zhou Guomei (China), and all the members of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties for their guidance in the preparation of the meeting, as well as Ms. Elizabeth Maruma Mrema, the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, for her support in organizing it.

6. Mr. van Havre mentioned that in view of the very short period available to the participants to be able to complete their substantive work, no general opening statements would be made.

ITEM 2. ORGANIZATION OF WORK

A. Adoption of the agenda

7. At the first plenary session of the meeting, on 3 December 2022, the Working Group adopted the following agenda on the basis of the provisional agenda (CBD/WG2020/5/1):

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Organization of work.
3. Reports from the Co-Chairs on intersessional work.
4. Post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

5. Digital sequence information on genetic resources.
6. Other matters.
7. Adoption of the report.
8. Closing of the meeting.

B. Election of officers

8. At the first plenary session of the meeting, on 3 December 2022, the Working Group noted that the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties would serve as the Bureau of the Working Group, and confirmed that Ms. Eugenia Arguedas Montezuma, the Bureau member from Costa Rica, would act as Rapporteur for the meeting.

C. Organization of work

9. At its first plenary session, the Working Group considered and adopted the organization of work proposed by the Co-Chairs, as set out in the annotated provisional agenda (CBD/WG2020/5/1/Add.1) and in the scenario note prepared by the Co-Chairs (CBD/WG2020/5/1/Add.2) in consultation with the Secretariat and the Bureau.

ITEM 3. REPORTS FROM THE CO-CHAIRS ON INTERSESSIONAL WORK

10. At its first plenary session, the Working Group heard reports on intersessional work. The Working Group had before it the report of the Informal Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework (CBD/POST2020/OM/2022/1/2) and an additional note prepared by the Co-Chairs on the outcomes of the work of the Informal Group on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework (CBD/WG2020/5/2). The Working Group also heard from the Chair of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, on intersessional work on the development of the monitoring framework, including the outcome of the Expert Workshop on the Monitoring Framework for the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework (CBD/ID/OM/2022/1/2); and from the Chair of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, on work on resource mobilization and the mechanisms of planning, monitoring, reporting and review.

11. The Co-Chairs thanked the Chairs of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body on Implementation for their reports.

ITEM 4. POST-2020 GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK

12. At the first plenary session of the meeting, the Working Group took up agenda item 4. In considering the item, the Working Group had before it the report of its fourth meeting (CBD/WG2020/4/4), the outcomes of the work of the Informal Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework (CBD/WG2020/5/2), and its glossary (CBD/WG2020/5/4). It also had before it the first draft of the post 2020 global biodiversity framework (CBD/WG2020/3/3).

13. The Co-Chair recalled that the Working Group was expected to complete the development of a final draft of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties at the second part of its fifteenth meeting.

14. The Co-Chair of the Working Group recalled that under agenda item 3, the Working Group had considered the outcomes of the Informal Group, which was convened to streamline the text of the post-2020 global biodiversity Framework (CBD/WG2020/5/2). The Co-Chairs suggested that in view of the very limited time available, the Working Group should use the outcome of the Informal Group, including the technical rational section and the streamlined version of the proposed framework, as the working basis for its deliberations. The Co-Chairs assured the Working Group that the use of the text of the Informal Group would be without prejudice to the right of Parties to propose changes to it, which could include reintroducing some elements that had been proposed at the fourth meeting of the Working Group.

15. Statements were made by the representatives of Australia, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Brazil, China, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eswatini, Indonesia, Mexico, Namibia, Nigeria, Panama, the Russian Federation, Senegal, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom.

16. Some Parties noted that while many of the elements contained in the text proposed by the Informal Group could be used as a starting point for the discussions, the official text of the meeting should remain the text that had been developed at the meeting in Nairobi, contained in document CBD/WG2020/4/4.

17. Following consultations, the Co-Chair said that both the text proposed by the Informal Group and the official text developed at the meeting in Nairobi would be displayed side-by-side during the meetings of the contact groups. However, the co-leads of the contact groups were urged to start their discussions with the text that had been provided by the Informal Group. After some discussion, the Plenary agreed to follow the Co-Chairs proposal.

18. The Co-Chairs then reminded participants of the progress in the preparation of the framework. They outlined the approach that they proposed with a view to enhance the pace of the work. They announced that the same set of contact groups that were used at the fourth meeting of the Working Group would be re-established to facilitate the work.

19. Contact group 1 would consider goals A, B and C of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, having Mr. GAO Zhiang (China), and Mr. Norbert Baerlocher (Switzerland) as co-leads.

20. Contact group 2 would initially consider Targets 1, 4, 5 and 6, on “Reducing Threats to Biodiversity”, having Ms. Teona Karchava (Georgia) and Ms. Rosemary Patterson (New Zealand) as co-leads.

21. Contact group 3 would initially consider Targets 9, 10 and 11 on “Meeting People’s Needs through Sustainable Use and Benefit-sharing”, having Ms. Gillian Guthrie (Jamaica) and Ms. Gabriele Obermayr (Austria) as co-leads.

22. Contact group 4 would initially consider Targets 14-16 and 17, 20, 21, 22 and new targets, on “Tools and solutions for Implementation and Mainstreaming”, having Ms. Anne Teller (European Union) and Mr. Jorge Murillo (Colombia) as co-leads.

23. Contact group 6 would initially consider sections A, B, Bbis and D; sections E, H, I and K, having Ms. Carolina Caceres (Canada) and Ms. Marie-May Muzungaile (Seychelles) as co-leads.

ITEM 5. DIGITAL SEQUENCE INFORMATION ON GENETIC RESOURCES

24. At its first plenary session, the Working Group took up agenda item 5 and the Co-Chairs reminded the Working Group that it was also required to make a recommendation on how to address digital sequence information on genetic resources in the context of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework to the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting. In considering the item, the Working Group had before it a document on digital sequence information on genetic resources (CBD/WG2020/5/3) and, as an information document, the Co-leads’ report on the work of the Informal Co-Chairs’ Advisory Group on Digital Sequence Information on genetic resources since the fourth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework (CBD/WG2020/5/INF/1).

25. The Co-Chair of the Working Group invited the co-leads of the Informal Co-Chairs’ Advisory Group to provide a brief report regarding the progress and outcomes of their intersessional work on elements related to digital sequence information on genetic resources. He then invited the Working Group to consider document CBD/WG2020/5/3, especially section III of that document, which contained new elements which had not previously been considered.

26. Ms. Lactitia Tshitwamulomoni (South Africa), also speaking on behalf of her co-lead Mr. Gaute Voigt-Hanssen (Norway), reported that the consultant, hired to conduct an independent assessment of the policy options, had not been able to complete the assigned work and in order to fill that gap the members of the Informal Advisory Group had conducted their own assessments and had shared those assessments within the group. A compilation of those assessments was contained and made available in the report of the Informal

Advisory Group (CBD/WG2020/5/INF/1) as well as in the Executive Secretary's note on digital sequence information on genetic resources (CBD/WG2020/5/3).

27. Statements were made by Argentina (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean Group), Brazil, Colombia, the Democratic Republic of Congo, European Union (on behalf of the European Union and its member States), Guatemala, Japan, Namibia, Norway, Türkiye, and the United Kingdom.

28. The Co-Chair invited contact group 5 to continue its work under the agenda item and asked Ms. Tshitwamulomoni and Mr. Voigt-Hanssen to continue to serve as co-leads of the contact group. He clarified that the contact group would continue to work on the recommendation that was intended to be submitted to the Conference of the Parties, taking into account recommendation 4/2 of the Working Group, document CBD/WG2020/5/3, and the written submissions received during the first plenary session of the present meeting.

ITEM 6. OTHER MATTERS

29. *[to be completed]*.

ITEM 7. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

30. *[to be completed]*.

ITEM 8. CLOSING OF THE MEETING

31. *[to be completed]*.