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ON THE POST-2020 GLOBAL
BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK

First meeting
Nairobi, 27-30 August 2019

SCENARIO NOTE

Note by the Co-Chairs, Mr. Francis Ogwal (Uganda) and Mr. Basile van Havre (Canada)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. At the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, we were designated to serve as Co-Chairs for the process of developing the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. We are honoured to have been chosen by the Parties to serve the Convention in this capacity and humbled by the trust Parties have placed in us. We are looking forward to working with all of you from now up to the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, to be held in Kunming, China, where the framework will be presented for adoption. As Co-chairs we will do our utmost to ensure that the process we are engaging in reflects the needs expressed in decision 14/34. To this end, we hope that we can count on your support and cooperation as we travel this road together. We know there may be difficult discussions ahead of us, but we are confident that together we can overcome the challenges we will face and deliver a close to final post-2020 global biodiversity framework to the President of the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

2. To facilitate the discussions, we will be publishing in advance of each meeting of the Open-ended Working Group scenario notes that detail how we expect the agendas for the meetings to unfold. We hope that these notes will help participants prepare for the meetings of the Working Group and facilitate our discussions. In this spirit, we have prepared this scenario note to describe what we expect and how we see our work during the first meeting of the Working Group.

3. We would like to encourage all of you to bring any issues or concerns you have regarding the process for developing the post-2020 global biodiversity framework to our attention as soon as possible so that we can work together to find the best way forward. To this end, during the first meeting of the Working Group, we will be making ourselves available before and after sessions to meet with delegates. In addition, we will be working closely with the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties which, as usual, will meet regularly during the week. In this regard, any issues or concerns may also be relayed to us through your regional representatives on the Bureau.

4. At its fourteenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties determined that the Working Group would meet at least twice in the intersessional period. In the light of the work required and the needs you have expressed, arrangements have been made to hold at least three meetings. We are grateful to China for enabling an additional meeting to be held, beyond that provided for in the core budget. Thus, the first meeting of the Working Group is one of three planned meetings of the Working Group. However, we also recognize that there may be a need to have more opportunities to discuss the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. As such, we will keep the workplan under review and modify it as needed and possible.

II. OBJECTIVE OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP

5. The objective of the first meeting of the Working Group is to begin the consideration of the scope, architecture and content of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework based on the consultation process undertaken to date and the submissions we have received so far. In this first meeting, we anticipate that the major focus will be on building a common understanding of the different elements of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and on exploring the scope and key content blocks of the framework. The Working Group will also need to agree on its workplan for the period leading up to the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

6. The first meeting of the Working Group will undertake its work based on three substantive documents:

- (a) A report on the consultations undertaken and the submissions received;
- (b) A Co-Chairs' text on the possible elements and scope of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework;
- (c) A proposed workplan for the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

III. OPENING OF THE WORKING GROUP

7. The first meeting of the Working Group will start at 10 a.m. on 27 August 2019. Following a short opening ceremony, we will invite regional statements and statements by organizations presenting the collective views of indigenous peoples and local communities, civil society, youth, women's organizations and business. These statements will be strictly limited to six minutes each. Following the opening statements, we will present our reflections on the results of the consultation process undertaken since the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and the submissions we have received. After this, we will begin the formal consideration of the substantive agenda for the Working Group.

IV. ORGANIZATION OF WORK

8. The discussions during the Working Group will take place in a plenary setting. The plenary sessions will follow a format similar to what is used by the subsidiary bodies under the Convention.

9. As only three meetings of the Working Group are planned, it will be important that we make effective use of our time. To this end, and to be able to hear from all interested Parties and observers, the length of interventions in plenary will be strictly limited to three minutes for individual Parties or observers and to five minutes for regional groups or groups of observers. A clock will be displayed in the room, and once the allotted time has expired, microphones will be turned off. This approach is similar to what is used during meetings of the United Nations Environment Assembly.

10. For some more specific issues, we may decide to establish discussion groups. These discussion groups would convene when the plenary is not meeting and would be chaired by individuals selected by us from among the delegates present. Participation in the discussion groups, unless otherwise decided, would be open to observers, as is the case for the process followed for convening contact groups in meetings of the Conference of the Parties and of its subsidiary bodies. The results of the discussion groups will be conveyed to us, and we will, in turn, make them available to the plenary through the meeting's webpage. As appropriate, the chair(s) of the discussion groups may also provide reports to the plenary. Information on the focus of the discussion groups, their meeting location and time and their chair(s) will be announced in plenary. No more than two discussions groups will convene at the same time.

V. RESULTS OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP

11. The Working Group will need to complete the work of its first meeting by 6 p.m. on 30 August 2019. It is not expected that the Working Group would formally adopt a text on the scope and content of

the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. Rather, the outcomes would be incorporated in the report on the meeting and would be taken forward to serve as the basis for further consultations and submissions, and to inform the work of the subsequent meetings of the Working Group. This is the same approach that was used by the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-Sharing when developing the Nagoya Protocol. Notwithstanding this, we recommend that the Working Group adopt a conclusion regarding its future workplan and on any other issues it feels necessary.

VI. INFORMAL BRIEFING BY THE CO-CHAIRS OF THE WORKING GROUP

12. An informal briefing on the Working Group will take place on the margins of the eleventh meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions and the twenty-third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, which will be held in Montreal, Canada, in November 2019. This briefing will serve to provide an update on progress and to hear the views of participants.

VII. SECOND MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP

13. The second meeting of the Working Group will be held in February 2020 in Kunming, China. It will undertake its work on the basis of the results of the first meeting and the results of the consultation processes undertaken between the first and second meetings (including further submissions from Parties and stakeholders), as well as the relevant outcomes of the eleventh meeting of the Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions and the twenty-third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice. We will issue an updated Co-Chairs' text on the possible scope and content of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework which takes into account these inputs.

VIII. THIRD MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP

14. The third meeting of the Working Group will take place in July 2020. It will undertake its work on the basis of the results of the first and second meetings and the results of the consultation processes undertaken up to that time (including submissions), as well as the relevant outcomes of the eleventh meeting of the Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions and the twenty-third and twenty-fourth meetings of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation. We will issue an updated Co-Chairs' text on possible elements and the scope of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework which will take into account these inputs.

15. We very much look forward to working with all of you when we meet in Nairobi, and in continuing our collective journey to the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, in Kunming, China.
