Agenda item 14 (a)
Mainstreaming of biodiversity and engagement with subnational governments: mainstreaming of biodiversity within and across sectors
Working Group I

Mainstreaming of biodiversity within and across sectors

Non-paper

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling its decision 16/13 of 1 November 2024, in which it reiterated the critical importance of mainstreaming biodiversity across the whole of government and the whole of society and recognized that the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework [1] captured biodiversity mainstreaming and provided a wide range of options for mainstreaming biodiversity,

[*Recalling also* its decisions 14/3 of 29 November 2018 and 16/17 and 16/19 of 1 November 2024,]

Recognizing that progress on biodiversity mainstreaming remains insufficient to achieve the goals and targets of the Framework and that enhanced efforts are needed to close existing [ambition and implementation] gaps,

Noting that the present decision is complemented by decisions 17/-- on the global review of collective progress in the implementation of the Framework at the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and 17/-- on further enhancing planning, monitoring, reporting and review mechanisms, including the monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework,

1. *Recognizes* the importance of inclusive approaches to assess and report progress in biodiversity mainstreaming;

2. *Also recognizes* the importance of strengthening the science-policy interface for biodiversity mainstreaming and facilitating the exchange and uptake of good practices, tools, mechanisms, guidance and other relevant solutions related to biodiversity mainstreaming, including through South-South, North-South and triangular cooperation, in support of the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, taking into account national circumstances and priorities;

3. *Further recognizes* the importance of strengthening coordination across sectors and levels of governance, institutional capacity, technical and scientific cooperation, and the mobilization of the resources necessary for the effective integration of biodiversity within and across sectors;

4. *Encourages* Parties, in accordance with national circumstances, priorities, capacities and capabilities, to strengthen and accelerate efforts to integrate biodiversity and its multiple values, within and across sectors, in line with the Framework;

5. [*Invites*][*Also encourages*] Parties [and][, and invites] [other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities, women, youth, civil society organizations, the private and financial sectors and stakeholders from all other sectors][other Governments and actors other than national Governments,[2]] [organizations including relevant sectoral bodies, as well as indigenous peoples and local communities, women, youth and people with disabilities,] to accelerate the exchange of relevant good practices, tools, mechanisms, guidance and other relevant solutions related to biodiversity mainstreaming, including those arising from relevant programmes of work and cross-cutting

[1] Decision 15/4, annex.
[2] "Actors other than national Governments" is to be understood as described in para. 26 of decision 15/6 and paragraph 3 of decision 16/32.

initiatives under the Convention on Biological Diversity,[3] through existing reporting, knowledge-sharing and cooperation mechanisms, including the clearing-house mechanism;

6. *Also invites* Parties, building on experiences, tools, guidance and best practices, including those developed under relevant multilateral environmental agreements, organizations and processes, and taking into consideration relevant information from the inputs to and outcomes of the global review of collective progress in the implementation of the Framework, including national reports, and, as considered relevant by the Parties, [response options identified in recent] assessments of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, as appropriate:

[(a) To address the gaps [in national biodiversity strategies and action plans [and national targets] related to mainstreaming][[in terms of ambition] and cover all mainstreaming related elements across the targets of the Framework];]

(b) To strengthen and accelerate the implementation of biodiversity mainstreaming, including by:

(i) Closing the gap between the integration of biodiversity in regulations or policies and their effective implementation in practice;

(ii) Strengthening the institutional and technical capacities of relevant authorities, in particular authorities other than those responsible for biodiversity, to build up expertise and strengthen their mandates for biodiversity mainstreaming, including by integrating biodiversity into sectoral planning cycles, budgets, incentives, regulations and private sector disclosure frameworks;

(iii) Strengthening or establishing interministerial coordination mechanisms to promote coherent and effective actions in support of biodiversity mainstreaming across ministries;

(iv) Strengthening the engagement of the business sector and the public and private financial sectors at all levels, highlighting nature-related opportunities and the responsibility of businesses to assess, disclose and reduce their risks, dependencies and impacts on nature, [and encouraging] [the uptake of nature-related opportunities] [and nature-based solutions and/or ecosystem-based approaches to increase positive impacts];

(v) Mainstreaming biodiversity into consumption and production patterns, including through informed consumer choices and sustainable procurement practices in the public and private sectors;

(vi) Filling data and information gaps;

(vii) Promoting approaches to biodiversity mainstreaming and raising awareness among policymakers and business actors of the importance of biodiversity mainstreaming, contributing simultaneously to biodiversity conservation, poverty eradication, food security, climate resilience, sustainable livelihoods and human health;

[(c) To accelerate the identification, elimination, phasing out or reforming of incentives harmful to biodiversity and scaling up positive incentives;]

[(d) To [develop and implement national sectoral [transition] plans for aligning][enhance the alignment of][[promote and] align] sectoral action[s] with the [[relevant] goals and targets of the] Framework, [[in particular][including] for sectors with significant impacts and dependencies on biodiversity,] [building on the reference to transition plans in subparagraph 6 (b) of decision 16/13];]

[3] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

[(d Alt.) To enhance the alignment of sectoral actions with the relevant goals and targets of the Framework, in particular for sectors with significant dependencies and impacts on biodiversity;]

(e) To invite business and financial institutions to mainstream biodiversity into their business models, operations, value chains and transition plans, as appropriate, in alignment with the goals and targets of the Framework;

(f) To encourage the private and financial sectors and other relevant stakeholders to strengthen and accelerate efforts to integrate biodiversity considerations into their activities, taking into consideration relevant information in the inputs to and outcomes of the global review;

[(g) [To encourage the agricultural, fishery and forestry sectors to ensure that the sustainable use of biodiversity supports conservation and its integration into economic and productive activities][[To enable][To promote] [the integration of biodiversity into economic and productive activities to support its conservation and sustainable use][the sustainable use of biodiversity as a means of supporting its conservation and integration into economic and productive activities][, ensuring that any use of and impacts on biodiversity are [ecologically] sustainable]];]

[(g Alt.1) To enable the sustainable use of biodiversity as a means of supporting its conservation and integration into economic and productive activities] [in alignment with the Framework][, ensuring that any use of and impacts on biodiversity are [ecologically] sustainable];]

[(g Alt.2) [To encourage the agricultural, fishery and forestry sectors to ensure that the sustainable use of biodiversity [supports conservation and its integration into economic and productive activities][as a means of supporting its conservation and integration into economic and productive activities];]

[(g Alt.3) To enable the integration of biodiversity into economic and productive activities to support its conservation and sustainable use;]

[(g Alt.4) To [encourage][promote][enable] the sustainable use of biodiversity[, where appropriate,] as a means of supporting its conservation [and [enable its][the] [integration [of its multiple values into]][in] economic and productive activities] [and decision-making], [ensuring that any impacts on and the use of biodiversity are [ecologically] sustainable][, in full alignment with the Framework];]

7. *Requests* that the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of resources and building upon existing activities and mandates:

(a) Facilitate the exchange of best practices, methodologies, tools, approaches and other relevant solutions related to biodiversity mainstreaming across and within sectors, in a non-prescriptive manner, including [approaches that [promote the sustainable use of biodiversity as a means of supporting its conservation and integration into economic and productive activities][ensure that the management and use of biodiversity is sustainable]] through the clearing-house mechanism, regional and subregional dialogues, technical and scientific cooperation, capacity-building activities and communities of practice, in collaboration with relevant stakeholders, international financial institutions and private sector entities;

(b) Promote the sharing of experiences and lessons learned from relevant multilateral environmental agreements and relevant sectoral organizations that support biodiversity mainstreaming;

(c) Strengthen the exchange of experiences and solutions, peer learning and collaboration on biodiversity mainstreaming within and across relevant sectors, including by:

(i) Supporting the Global Partnership for Business and Biodiversity in the convening of regional business and biodiversity forums, in collaboration with relevant organizations and stakeholders;

(ii) Continuing to facilitate communities of practice, including through the webinar series launched in 2026, to support the implementation of biodiversity mainstreaming within and across relevant areas and sectors, as appropriate, including the ocean and island economy and other areas and sectors not yet addressed in the series;

[(d) Develop, in collaboration with relevant organizations, capacity-building activities, an updated structured overview of available best practices, tools, mechanisms, guidance and other relevant solutions[, support the uptake of existing technical guidance] [, including [technical guidance][outcomes] from relevant assessments of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services] [and develop technical guidance] to support Parties, in particular developing country Parties, in promoting the integration of biodiversity into the business and financial sectors, in accordance with the goals and targets of the Framework;]

[(d Alt.1) Promote awareness and support the uptake of existing technical guidance to assist Parties in promoting the integration of biodiversity into the business and financial sectors;]

[(d Alt.2) Promote awareness of *The Methodological Assessment Report on the Impact and Dependence of Business on Biodiversity and Nature's Contributions to People* of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services to enhance its uptake and to facilitate the mainstreaming of biodiversity in the business and financial sectors;]

[(d Alt.3) Develop, in collaboration with relevant organizations, capacity-building activities, an updated structure of available best practices, tool, mechanisms, guidance and other relevant solutions and support the uptake of existing technical guidance to assist Parties, in particular developing country Parties, in promoting the integration of biodiversity into the business and financial sectors, in accordance with the goals and targets of the Framework;]

[(d Alt.4) Encourage the regional and subregional technical and scientific cooperation support centres to provide capacity-building and support for biodiversity mainstreaming within and across sectors, in particular the business and financial sectors;]

(e) Submit, at a meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation held before the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, a report on progress in the implementation of the present decision that will include information on implementation gaps, enabling approaches, best practices and lessons learned, the needs identified by Parties concerning mainstreaming-related capacity-building and development, technical and scientific cooperation, technology transfer and financial resources[, and an updated structured overview of available best practices, tools, mechanisms, guidance and other solutions].