

**ADDENDUM TO THE ORGANIZATION OF WORK OF THE CONTACT GROUPS ON AGENDA
ITEM 4**

NOTE BY THE CO-LEADS OF CONTACT GROUP 1

Mr. Vinod Mathur (India) and Mr. Norbert Baerlocher (Switzerland)

1. The present document complements the organization of work for all of the contact groups on agenda item 4.
 2. At its first session, Contact group 1 considered Goal A, and initiated discussions on Goal B. In the light of the experiences to date and the amount of time taken to comprehensively address the programme of work effectively in a virtual format it is necessary to refine the modalities of the contact group.
 3. Due to the added plenary session on Wednesday, 25 August 2021, the first session of the contact group was shortened to two hours. To accommodate for some of the time lost, the second session has therefore been extended and will be held on Tuesday, 31 August 2021 from 07:00 to 10:45 am Montreal time. At the second session, delegates will be invited to continue discussion of Goals B, C and D and the overall structure of the framework.
 4. At the opening of the second session of the contact group, the co-leads will take up the speakers' list on Goal B from the first session. The session will then address the remaining goals. Given the time constraints, the co-leads will invite delegates to submit text proposals on the milestones in writing to the Secretariat for compilation **by 08:00 am EDT (Montreal) on Tuesday, 31 August 2021**. Please submit them via email to statements@cbd.int clearly indicating 'CG1 Milestones' in the subject line.
 5. Participants will also be requested to provide their general observations on the structure of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.
 6. For each of the contact group discussions, the co-leads would like to encourage Parties to, to the extent possible, clearly express their support or disagreement for proposals or comments raised in the chat box. This will allow the co-leads to identify major points of convergence or divergence. Participants are also invited to consider supporting a previously presented text proposal if it addresses the general position or concern of their delegation, rather than submitting similar language that does not vary greatly in substantive content/direction.
-