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Draft recommendation submitted by the Chair

The Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice

1. *Requests* the Executive Secretary:

(a) To adjust the timeline of the development of the integrated science-based indicators, metrics and progress measurement tools on biodiversity and health, in order to provide adequate time for peer review and engagement;

(b) To submit a progress report on the activities requested in paragraph 9 of decision [16/19](#), for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth meeting;

2. *Recommends* that, at its seventeenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties adopt a decision along the following lines:

The Conference of the Parties,

Highlighting the relevance of biodiversity and health interlinkages to the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework,¹ as underlined in section C, subparagraphs 7 (g) and (r), of the Framework,

Recalling paragraph 8 of its decision [16/19](#) of 1 November 2024, in which it invited Parties, other Governments, relevant multilateral environmental agreements and other organizations to share measures, guidance and tools, examples, best practices and lessons learned in the implementation of the Global Action Plan on Biodiversity and Health² and the mainstreaming of biodiversity and health interlinkages at all levels,

Recalling also paragraph 3 of the same decision, in which it encouraged Parties to carry out actions related to the implementation of the Global Action Plan and facilitate the mainstreaming of biodiversity and health interlinkages,

Recognizing the important role of indigenous peoples and local communities as custodians of biodiversity and holders of traditional knowledge related to health and well-

¹ Decision [15/4](#), annex.

² Decision [16/19](#), annex.

being, and the importance of their full and effective participation in the implementation of the Global Action Plan,

Recognizing also the urgent need for capacity-building and financial resources to support the implementation of the Global Action Plan,

Emphasizing the importance of integrating health considerations into the implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans,

Recognizing the long-standing collaboration between the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity³ and the World Health Organization,

1. *Takes note* of *The Thematic Assessment Report on the Interlinkages among Biodiversity, Water, Food and Health* (“nexus assessment”) of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, including its summary for policymakers and its key messages, and notes its relevance to the work undertaken under the Convention on Biological Diversity and to the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and the Global Action Plan on Biodiversity and Health;

2. *Welcomes* the adoption of the WHO Pandemic Agreement, and notes the potential for synergies with the implementation of the Framework;

3. *Invites* Parties to create, in accordance with national circumstances and priorities, an enabling environment for the implementation of the Global Action Plan;

4. *Also invites* Parties in a position to do so, international and regional organizations and the private sector, among others, to provide financial resources to support the implementation of the Global Action Plan in developing countries and the full and effective participation of indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth, among others, in its implementation;

5. *Urges* Parties to apply the One Health approach with scientific rigour, considering sanitary and phytosanitary measures and promoting the use of international guidelines;

6. *Requests* the Global Environmental Facility to provide financial support for the implementation of the Global Action Plan;

7. *Requests* the Executive Secretary of the Convention, subject to the availability of resources:

(a) To complete the work conducted pursuant to paragraph 13 (a) of decision [14/4](#) on the development of integrated science-based indicators, metrics and progress measurement tools on biodiversity and health, as requested in paragraph 9 (a) of decision [16/19](#), through a participatory process, and taking into account:

(i) Existing information, to avoid a reporting burden, from, among others, the Framework, the Sustainable Development Goals and other United Nations entities, including the discussions on health-related indicators in relation to adaptation to climate change used in the United Arab Emirates Framework for Global Climate Resilience, adopted at the fifth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement, as well as any relevant action under the Global Action Plan on Climate Change and Health of the World Health Organization;

(ii) Scientific information from all regions;

(b) To convene an expert workshop, with representation from all regions, to review the list of integrated science-based indicators, metrics and progress measurement tools on

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

biodiversity and health, before their consideration by the Subsidiary Body and Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice ;

(c) To compile and synthesize information from Parties, other Governments, subnational governments at all levels, indigenous peoples and local communities, women, youth, relevant multilateral environmental agreements and other organizations on measures, guidance, indicators and tools, examples, best practices and lessons learned, including those integrating equity, human rights and gender-differentiated considerations, in the implementation of the Global Action Plan on Biodiversity and Health and the mainstreaming of biodiversity and health interlinkages at all levels, and to make the information available through the clearing-house mechanism of the Convention or on its website, as appropriate;

(d) To continue and strengthen cooperation on biodiversity and health with relevant organizations, including the Quadripartite collaboration on One Health and the International Union for Conservation of Nature;

(e) To resume the activities of the Inter-Agency Liaison Group on Biodiversity and Health co-chaired by the Secretariat of the Convention and the World Health Organization;⁴

(f) To continue to facilitate capacity-building activities, scientific and technical cooperation and technology transfer to support Parties in implementing the Global Action Plan;

(g) To submit a report on the outcomes of its work for consideration of the Subsidiary Body and Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at a meeting held before the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

⁴ See www.cbd.int/health/ilg-health.