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Working Group I

# Clearing-house mechanism and knowledge management

**Draft decision submitted by the Chair of Working Group I**

*The Conference of the Parties*,

*Recalling* its decisions 16/9 A and B of 1 November 2024,

1. *Notes with appreciation* the progress made in the implementation of the programme of work for the clearing-house mechanism for the period 2024–2030[1] and the knowledge management strategy to support the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework;[2,3]

2. *Reiterates* the need for Parties, other Governments, [actors other than national Governments, [4] ] the regional and subregional technical and scientific cooperation support, centres[,][and] the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity[5] [and[, as appropriate,] indigenous peoples and local communities, women, youth, relevant initiatives and organizations] to continue to strengthen the implementation of the programme of work for the clearing-house mechanism and the knowledge management strategy, in particular through capacity-building and development;

3. *Notes* the challenges faced by many Parties, in particular developing country Parties, in the implementation of the programme of work for the clearing-house mechanism and the knowledge management strategy;

4. *Urges* Parties, in line with Articles 20 and 21 of the Convention, and invites other Governments and relevant organizations, to provide financial and technical support for biodiversity capacity-building and development activities, taking into consideration the specific situations of developing country Parties, in particular least developed countries and small island developing

[1] Decision 16/9 A, annex.
[2] Decision 15/4, annex.
[3] Decision 16/9 B, annex.
[4] All references to "actors other than national Governments" are to be understood in line with decisions 15/6, paragraph 26, and 16/32, paragraph 3.
[5] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

States, and Parties with economies in transition, to implement the programme of work for the clearing-house mechanism and the knowledge management strategy;

[5. *Encourages* Parties to include in their eighth national reports, when reporting on Targets 20 and 21 of the Framework, on a voluntary basis and as appropriate, information on progress made, challenges and specific capacity needs in implementing the programme of work for the clearing-house mechanism and the knowledge management strategy, including, as appropriate, the contributions of indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth;]

6. *Also encourages* Parties to strengthen and sustain their national clearing-house mechanisms, as appropriate;

7. *Recalls* that it will review progress towards the implementation of the programme of work for the clearing-house mechanism and the knowledge management strategy at its nineteenth meeting, in conjunction with the second global review of collective progress in the implementation of the Framework, in order to avoid duplication of existing review processes;

8. *Invites* the technical and scientific cooperation support centres[ and, where applicable, actors other than national Governments,] to collaborate with Parties and share with them through the central portal of the clearing-house mechanism information and experiences, best practices, success stories and lessons learned, as relevant, in the implementation of the programme of work for the clearing-house mechanism and the knowledge management strategy;

9. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, under the guidance of the Informal Advisory Group on Technical and Scientific Cooperation and subject to availability of the resources:

(a) To strengthen and accelerate the implementation of the programme of work for the clearing-house mechanism and the knowledge management strategy, including by addressing the needs identified in the first global review of collective progress;

(b) To enhance the implementation of future work under the programme of work for the clearing-house mechanism and the knowledge management strategy, as set out in document CBD/SBI/7/INF/12;

(c) To [prioritize][enhance] work related to interoperability and efficiency improvements resulting, inter alia, from the use of artificial intelligence and other relevant new technology, and further improvements to the online reporting tool and to the access to, search of and useability of information on the Convention website, in support of the implementation and monitoring of and reporting on the Framework;

(d) To support Parties in facilitating the implementation of the programme of work for the clearing-house mechanism and the knowledge management strategy;

(e) To support Parties in the use of the central portal of the clearing-house mechanism and the online reporting tool;

(f) To collaborate with the technical and scientific cooperation support centres [and, as applicable, actors other than national Governments,] by, inter alia, providing technical support and capacity-building and development on national clearing-house mechanisms, in particular with regard to governance, interoperability, data management, links with regional and global information systems and the use of the central portal of the clearing-house mechanism and the online reporting tool, with a view to facilitating the implementation of the programme of work for the clearing-house mechanism and the knowledge management strategy, specifically to enable the centres to provide technical assistance and capacity-building and development to support the establishment, operationalization and strengthening of national clearing-house mechanisms, as appropriate;

(g) To submit to the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, at a meeting held before the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, a progress report on the implementation of the programme of work for the clearing-house mechanism and the knowledge management strategy;

[(h) To prepare an analysis of the implementation of the programme of work for the clearing-house mechanism and the knowledge management strategy for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at a meeting held before the nineteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, with a view to informing the review of implementation of the programme of work and of the strategy in conjunction with the second global review of collective progress to be conducted at the nineteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties[, ensuring that the review of implementation is conducted in an inclusive and balanced manner, taking into account the varying levels of development and operationalization of national clearing-house mechanisms,] [and that the analysis include, where appropriate, voluntary indicators to assess where national clearing-house mechanisms are functioning and contributing to the implementation of the Framework];]

(i) To facilitate, in collaboration with the Knowledge Management for Biodiversity Initiative, the technical and scientific cooperation support centres and other partners, regional workshops on knowledge management in regions where such workshops have not yet been held, before the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.