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**Resource mobilization and financial
mechanism: resource mobilization**

Non-exhaustive list of areas of convergence/divergence on opportunities for broadening the contributor base**

Note by the Secretariat

1. By paragraph 19 of its decision [16/34](#), on resource mobilization, the Conference of the Parties decided to implement Articles 21 and 39 of the Convention and to address the global biodiversity finance gap by 2030 by: (a) establishing the permanent arrangement for the financial mechanism envisioned under Article 21; and (b) assessing and improving the mobilization of finance from all sources. In paragraphs 22 and 23 of the same decision, the Conference of the Parties established intersessional processes and road maps for the implementation of these two tasks until its nineteenth meeting, with two initial elements, identified in subparagraphs 22 (a) and 23 (a), to be achieved by the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties; namely:

(a) To further develop the criteria for the institutional structure to operate the financial mechanism;

(b) To identify impediments to the effectiveness of global biodiversity finance and, on that basis, to recommend elements for its further enhancement.

2. In paragraph 24 of decision [16/34](#), the Subsidiary Body on Implementation was requested to consider the elements referred to in subparagraphs 22 (a) and 23 (a) of the decision, to further discuss opportunities for broadening the contributor base, and develop a draft decision, and that it report on progress at the seventeenth meeting at its seventh meeting.

3. Further to its discussion on opportunities for broadening the contributor base, in paragraph 3 of its recommendation [7/2](#), the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its seventh meeting requested the Secretariat to make available to the Conference of the Parties, at its seventeenth meeting, the non-exhaustive list of areas of convergence and divergence, identified by the friends of the co-chairs to the contact group on resource mobilization at the seventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, noting that due to limited time available, there was no opportunity to reach consensus on the non-exhaustive list.

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4. Further to this request, the non-exhaustive list of areas of convergence and divergence is made available in the annex to the present document. It is provided in English only and has not undergone formal editing.

Annex

Non-exhaustive list of areas of convergence and divergence

Convergence	Divergence/ Discussion
Willingness to continue discussions. Agreement expressed.	
More time is needed to have discussions between Parties: Agreed, and should be structured and efficient in use of time to find solutions.	
The discussion must be based on Article 20 and decisions regarding outcomes be made in line with CBD decision-making process (consensus).	- Article 20 already provides principles as basis for discussion – need to consider if there are consequences beyond only sub-article (2) - Article 20 creates an obligation to discuss the contributor base - Is CBD the correct platform to review the list of developed country parties? Position that this discussion should not be part of the CBD process
Agree need for a process to broaden the contributor base, reflecting the mandate of Decision 16/34	Role of the Secretariat - Need is clear, as original donor base insufficient to meet biodiversity financing needs - How do we move ahead on dealing with problem facing us on the donor base? Areas of exploration: - Who are we looking at to contribute when talking about broadening contributor base? Private/philanthropy, etc? - Focus on mobilizing resources from all sources
Agree need a process for reviewing the list of developing countries and those who voluntarily assume the responsibilities	- Sequence of a process is important - Need clarity on what “the list” is; how does the list relate to other parts of the convention? E.g. Art 8, 9 and the treatment of support to developing countries? → does a decision on this list trigger implications in other areas of the convention? - Need a common understanding of Art 20(2). Is the list specific to Art 20(2)? - Require clarification on various legal queries being raised so that discussions start from same basis. - Need to understand what it would mean for countries that voluntarily assume responsibilities - Clearly understand the process that got to this point, and clarify for process moving forward - COP “shall review” implies obligation to review the list

	• There may be another list to look at – GEF donor country list, which is inconsistent with CBD list • Emphasize that a country cannot be added to the developed country list without its consent ○ Only way to review is with the consent of those that are being potentially added to that list ○ Focus on the voluntary nature of language in Art. 20(2) • If looking at Art. 20(2); process already established • Key issue is that the established process isn't working, and therefore needs review.
	The list of developed country Parties merits updating The existing list should be reaffirmed If the list is updated: • How (mechanism), and on what basis should the list be updated ○ Voluntary; consent ○ VIII/18 document; several impacts that need to be reflected in the basis for updating ○ Criteria should not circumvent COP decision • What type of criteria should be used (strong opposition to the world bank criteria)? ○ No criteria; decision rests with Parties at the COP ○ If using criteria, could be voluntary / prescriptive / indicative ○ Objective and transparent, updated; that can move away from political discussion of the issue • Scope of the criteria application