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ANNOTATIONS TO THE AGENDA (PART II)

INTRODUCTION

1. Following the invitation of the Government of China and as decided by the Conference of the Parties in its decision [XIII/33](#), the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties was scheduled to be held in Kunming, China, in October 2020. The tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (CP/MOP-10) and the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of the Benefits Arising from their Utilization (NP/MOP-4) were due to be held concurrently with the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. However, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the meetings were postponed.
2. Further to the agreement to hold these meetings in two parts and taking into account the imperative of holding the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties before the end of 2022, the first part was held in a hybrid setting, online and in Kunming, China, from 11 to 15 October 2021. Part II of the meeting will be held in person in Montreal, Canada, from 7 to 19 December 2022.
3. The agenda of the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CBD/COP/15/1/Rev.1) was adopted at the first part of its meeting. The present document presents the annotations to the agenda for the items to be addressed at part II of the meeting. These were reviewed by the Bureau at its meetings held in May, July and August 2022 and subsequently finalized by the Executive Secretary, taking into account the comments made at that meeting.
4. The provisional agenda and the annotations have been prepared in line with the multi-year programme of work of the Conference of the Parties up to 2020, adopted in decision [XII/31](#), and the process for the preparation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, adopted in decision [14/34](#), taking into account the decision to organize the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties in two parts and other circumstances arising from the COVID-19 pandemic which affected preparatory work.
5. In accordance with rule 6 of the rules of procedure for meetings of the Conference of the Parties, the Secretariat has notified the United Nations, its specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, as well as any State not party to the Convention, of this meeting, so that they may be represented as observers.
6. In accordance with rule 7 of the rules of procedure, the Secretariat has issued notifications to those bodies and agencies, whether governmental or non-governmental, qualified in fields relating to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, which have informed the Secretariat of their wish to be represented at the meeting, so that they may be represented as observers. A list of such bodies will be made available to the Conference of the Parties for information.

7. High-level ministerial segments will be organized by the Presidency in consultation with the Secretariat and the Bureau for both parts of the meeting. The high-level segment planned for part II of the meeting will be held from 15 to 17 December 2022.

8. Consultations among delegations and preparatory meetings of regional groups may be held prior to the start of the meetings.

9. In accordance with established practice, the Executive Secretary will prepare a compilation of the draft decisions recommended by the Subsidiary Bodies or developed by the Executive Secretary in the light of recommendations of those bodies or earlier decisions (CBD/COP/15/2).¹ This will be supplemented by the outcomes of the fifth meeting of the Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework which is due to complete its work on 5 December 2022.

I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

Item 1. Opening of the meeting

10. The opening will take place at 10 a.m. (local time, Montreal) on Wednesday 7 December 2022.

11. Part II of the meeting will be opened by the President of the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. At the opening session, the Conference will hear a welcoming address by representatives of the Presidency, as well as of the host country.

12. The Executive Secretary will address the meeting and highlight the main issues before the Conference of the Parties.

13. Representatives of regional groups, indigenous peoples and local communities and a limited number of other groups may also make statements.

14. The opening of part II of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol as well as part II of the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol will be held in conjunction with the opening of the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.²

Item 2. Organizational matters

Officers

15. The President of the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, Mr. Runqiu Huang, Minister of Ecology and Environment of China, was elected by acclamation at the opening of part I of the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and will continue to serve through part II of the meeting and until a new President is elected at the opening of the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. In accordance with rule 21 of the rules of procedure (as adopted by decision [I/1](#) and amended by decision [V/20](#)), the Conference of the Parties, at its fourteenth meeting, elected 10 vice-presidents from among the representatives of the Parties present at the meeting for a term of office commencing upon the closure of its fourteenth meeting and ending at the closure of its fifteenth meeting. For two regions, the bureau member was subsequently replaced. Accordingly, the Bureau comprises the following members, in addition to its President:

¹ For ease of reference, each draft decision will also be made available separately on the meeting [web page](#).

² See CBD/COP/15/1/Add.2.

Bureau members

Mr. Eric Okoree (Ghana)
Mr. Melesse Maryo (Ethiopia)
Mr. Naresh Pal Gangwar (India)³
Ms. Leina El-Awadhi (Kuwait)
Ms. Teona Karchava (Georgia)
Ms. Elvana Ramaj (Albania)
Ms. Eugenia Arguedas Montezuma (Costa Rica)⁴
Ms. Helena Jeffery Brown (Antigua and Barbuda)
Ms. Gabriele Obermayr (Austria)
Ms. Rosemary Paterson (New Zealand)

16. A new Bureau will be elected during part II of the meeting. The term of office of the new vice-presidents will commence upon the closure of the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and end at the closure of the sixteenth meeting. Regional groups are called upon to submit their nominations, preferably prior to the opening of the meeting. Early nominations would allow the newly elected members of the Bureau to attend, as observers, the in-session Bureau meetings to be held during the meeting of the Conference of the Parties, in order to ensure a smooth transition between outgoing and incoming Bureau members.

Election of officers of subsidiary bodies and other meetings

17. Rule 26 of the rules of procedure provides that the chairperson of any subsidiary body shall be elected by the Conference of the Parties. The Conference of the Parties will therefore need to elect the Chair of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the Chair of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, to preside over the respective bodies for a term of office that will begin at the end of the fifteenth meeting and extend until the end of the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. According to the established regional rotation, it is expected that the Chair of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice would be elected from the Central and Eastern Europe region, while the Chair of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation would be elected from the Asian and Pacific region.

Adoption of the agenda

18. The provisional agenda (CBD/COP/15/1/Rev.1) has been adopted by the Conference of the Parties, at its meeting (Part I) held on 11 October 2021.

Organization of work

19. In accordance with established practice, the Conference of the Parties may wish to establish two working groups to support the work of the plenary. If the two working groups are established, the Conference of the Parties would need to elect a chairperson or co-chairpersons for each.

20. As decided by the Conference of the Parties in decision [XII/27](#), paragraph 3, and agreed by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol in decision [BS-VII/9](#), paragraph 1, as well as by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol in decision [NP-1/12](#), paragraph 1, ordinary meetings of the Conference of the Parties are held within a two-week period that includes the meetings of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and the meetings of the Conference of the Parties serving

³ Ms. Sujata Arora (India) was elected at COP-14, later replaced by Vinod Mathur and subsequently by Mr. Naresh Pal Gangwar.

⁴ Carlos Manuel Rodriguez (Costa Rica) was elected at COP-14, later replaced by Ms. Andrea Meza Murillo and subsequently by Ms. Eugenia Arguedas Montezuma.

as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol. Thus, it is envisaged that the two working groups would also address issues related to the Cartagena Protocol and the Nagoya Protocol, as may be referred to them by the respective meetings of the Parties.

21. The proposed organization of work of the meeting of the Conference of the Parties and the concurrent meetings of the Protocols is contained in document CBD/COP/15/1/Add.4. This document will be updated and made available at least six weeks prior to the start of the present meeting. The update will include, as usual, the proposed division of responsibilities between the plenary and the two working groups.

Rapporteur

22. At the opening plenary session of part I the meeting, on 11 October 2021, the Conference of the Parties agreed to elect Ms. Elvana Ramaj (Albania) as Rapporteur for the meeting.

Item 3. Report on the credentials of representatives to the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties

23. Rule 18 of the rules of procedure states that:

“The credentials of representatives and the names of alternate representatives and advisers shall be submitted to the Executive Secretary of the Conference of the Parties or the representative of the Executive Secretary not later than twenty-four hours after the opening of the meeting. Any later change in the composition of the delegation shall also be submitted to the Executive Secretary or his representative. The credentials shall be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or, in the case of a regional economic integration organization, by the competent authority of that organization.”

24. Rule 19 provides that “the Bureau of any meeting shall examine the credentials and submit its report to the Conference of the Parties for decision”.

25. In order to assist Parties in fulfilling the requirements of rule 18, the Executive Secretary will issue a notification and distribute to national focal points sample formats of appropriate credentials.

26. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider and adopt the report on credentials submitted to it by the Bureau.

27. At the opening plenary session of part I the meeting, on 11 October 2021, Mr. Eric Okoree (Ghana) was elected as representative of the Bureau for the review of credentials.

Item 4. Pending issues

28. At part I of the meeting, the Conference of the Parties reviewed pending matters related to the rules of procedure and the financial rules and agreed that since it was not expected that this matter would be resolved during the present meeting, that its consideration be postponed to a future meeting. Accordingly, no further action is expected at part II of the meeting

Item 5. Date and venue of future meetings of the Conference of the Parties

29. In accordance with rule 4, paragraph 2, of its rules of procedure, the Conference of the Parties is to decide on the date and duration of its future meetings. In line with rule 4, as amended at the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, ordinary meetings are held every two years. In its decision [XIII/33](#), the Conference of the Parties decided that its sixteenth meeting (together with the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol) would be held in Türkiye.

30. Also in its decision XIII/33, the Conference of the Parties established a regional rotation for its presidency. Accordingly, the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, as well as the twelfth

meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol, are expected to be hosted by one of the Parties from the Central and Eastern European region. In that context, interested Parties from the Central and Eastern European region are invited to notify the Executive Secretary of their offers to host the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and the concurrent meetings of the Parties to the Cartagena and Nagoya Protocols.

31. The Subsidiary Body on Implementation considered this matter at its third meeting and prepared recommendation 3/19. The Conference of the Parties is due to determine the dates of its sixteenth and future meetings on the basis of this recommendation, reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions (CBD/COP/15/2). If the Conference of the Parties decides to continue to hold its meetings every two years, the sixteenth meeting would be held in the second half of 2024, and the seventeenth meeting in the second half of 2026.

II. REPORTS

Item 6. Reports of intersessional and regional preparatory meetings

32. Under this item, the President will inform the Conference of the Parties of the meetings of subsidiary bodies held during the intersessional period and the corresponding reports, on the understanding that the substantive issues arising therein will be taken up under the appropriate agenda item.

33. The following reports were presented to the Conference of the Parties at part I of its fifteenth meeting:

- (a) Report of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Inter-sessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention on its eleventh meeting;
- (b) Report of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice on its twenty-third meeting and part I of its twenty-fourth meeting;
- (c) Report of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation on part I of its third meeting;
- (d) Reports of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework on its first, second and the part I of its third meeting.

34. The reports that will be presented at part II of the fifteenth meeting include the following:

- (a) Report of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice on its twenty-fourth meeting (CBD/SBSTTA/24/12);
- (b) Report of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation on its third meeting (CBD/SBI/3/21);
- (c) Reports of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework on its third meeting (CBD/WG2020/3/7), its fourth meeting (CBD/WG2020/4/4) and its fifth meetings (CBD/WG2020/5/--).⁵

35. The regional groups may wish to report to the Conference of the Parties on the results of any regional preparatory meetings to be held prior to the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

⁵ The outcomes of the fifth meeting of the Working Group will be made available as soon as possible after the conclusion of the meeting on 5 December 2022.

III. ADMINISTRATION AND BUDGET

Item 7. Administration of the Convention and budget for the trust funds

36. The report of the Executive Secretary on the administration of the Convention, including the budget for the trust funds of the Convention (CBD/COP/15/6) will be before the Conference of the Parties for its consideration. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to take note of the report.

37. At its fourteenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to prepare budget proposals for the biennium 2021-2022 (decision [14/37](#)). Following the postponement of the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, an interim budget for 2021 was approved by extraordinary meetings held in November 2020 (see decision EM-2/1) and an interim budget for 2022 was approved by the Conference of the Parties at part I of this meeting, in October 2021 (see decision [15/1](#)). The latter requested the Executive Secretary to prepare proposals for the budget for the biennium 2023-2024.

38. Under this item, the Conference of the Parties is expected to adopt a programme budget for the biennium 2023-2024 on the basis of a proposal prepared by the Executive Secretary (CBD/COP/15/7 and CBD/COP/15/7/Add.1), in accordance with decisions [14/37](#) and [15/1](#). Further information on the requirements for the Trust Fund for Additional Voluntary Contributions in Support of Approved Activities, including a summary of the financial implications of draft decisions, will also be provided (CBD/COP/15/7/Add.2). Further to decision [14/37](#), the Conference of the Parties will also consider, under this agenda item, matters related to the funding of participants from developing countries (CBD/COP/15/7/Add.3). Elements of a draft decision, prepared by the Executive Secretary are provided in the compilation of draft decisions (CBD/COP/15/2).

39. The plenary may wish to establish a contact group on the budget to address this agenda item, anticipating that the respective meetings of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meetings of the Parties to the Cartagena and Nagoya Protocols, at their first plenary sessions, would also refer consideration of the budgets for their programmes of work to this contact group.

IV. REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION

Item 8. Review of progress in the implementation of the Convention and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets

40. The Conference of the Parties, in decision [X/2](#), paragraph 14, recalling that the role of the Conference of the Parties is to keep the implementation of the Convention under review, decided that future meetings of the Conference of the Parties shall review progress in the implementation of the [Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020](#), share experiences relevant for implementation and provide guidance on means to address obstacles encountered. Moreover, according to the multi-year programme of work for the Conference of the Parties up to 2020 (decision XII/31), the Conference of the Parties shall conduct the final assessment of the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, including consideration of the implications of the *Global Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services* (IPBES), at its fifteenth meeting. In decision [XIII/29](#) the Conference of the Parties also decided that the fifth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook* (GBO-5) should, among other things, provide a concise final report on the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020.

41. Further to decisions [14/1](#) and [14/34](#) and the arrangements for GBO-5 set out in decision [14/35](#), the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at its twenty-third meeting (recommendation 23/1) welcomed the Global Assessment Report of IPBES and took note of the information presented in the note by the Executive Secretary on the findings of IPBES (CBD/SBSTTA/23/2 and addenda).

42. The Subsidiary Body on Implementation, at its third meeting, considered an updated analysis of progress towards the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, an analysis of the contribution of national targets established by Parties and progress towards the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, as well as information on the implementation of Article 8(j) and related provisions and of the gender plan of action, prepared by the Executive Secretary (CBD/SBI/3/2 and addenda) on the basis of information contained in the sixth national reports, and national biodiversity strategies and action plans submitted following the adoption of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020.
43. The Subsidiary Body on Implementation reviewed progress in implementation on the basis of the above-mentioned information and prepared recommendation 3/1.
44. Updated versions of the above-mentioned analyses are made available (CBD/COP/15/9 and addenda).
45. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider two draft decisions arising from SBSTTA recommendations 23/1 and 24/1 as well as SBI recommendation 3/1, reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions (CBD/COP/15/2), also taking into account updated reports prepared by the Secretariat (CBD/COP/15/9 and addenda).

V. THE POST-2020 GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK, RELATED MATTERS AND MECHANISMS FOR ENHANCING IMPLEMENTATION

Item 9. The post-2020 global biodiversity framework

46. In 2010, the Conference of the Parties adopted the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, with its Aichi Biodiversity Targets. According to the multi-year programme of work of the Conference of the Parties, adopted in decision XII/31, the Conference of the Parties will consider at its fifteenth meeting, among other things, the follow-up to the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and related means of implementation, including resource mobilization (i.e., the post-2020 global biodiversity framework).
47. At its fourteenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties set out the preparatory process for the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and established an open-ended intersessional working group to support the preparation of the framework, designating Mr. Francis Ogwal (Uganda) and Mr. Basile van Havre (Canada) as its co-chairs (decision 14/34). Through this decision, the Conference of the Parties also requested the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at its twenty-third and twenty-fourth meetings, the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions at its eleventh meeting and the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its third meeting to contribute to and support the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework within the scope of their respective mandates. Subsequent recommendations of the Working Group have provided further direction to the process.

Item 9 A. The Post-2020 global biodiversity framework

48. Four sessions of the Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework have been convened to date (WG2020-1 in Nairobi, August 2019; WG2020-2 in Rome, February 2020; WG2020-3 (virtual), August/September 2021 and in Geneva, March 2022; and WG2020-4 in Nairobi, June 2022) and a fifth session is due to be held in Montreal, from 3 to 5 December 2022. The Co-Chairs of the Working Group, with the support of the Executive Secretary and under the oversight of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties, prepared drafts of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework (CBD/WG2020/2/3 (“Updated Zero Draft”, CBD/WG2020/3/3 “First Draft”)) and other documentation drawing upon various submissions and consultations as well as the outcomes of the first and second meetings of the Working Group. The Working Group was also informed by the recommendations of the twenty-third and twenty-fourth meetings of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, the third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation and the eleventh meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended

Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions. The reports of the first and second meetings and part I of the third meeting of the Working Group were presented to the Conference of the Parties at the first part of its fifteenth meeting, in Kunming in October 2021.

49. Drafts of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, resulting from the negotiations at the third and fourth meetings of the Working Group were included in the reports of those meetings (CBD/WG2020/3/7 and CBD/WG2020/4/4). Further information on the preparatory process, including documentation for the Working Group, and submissions made by Parties and observers, is available at: <https://www.cbd.int/conferences/post2020>.

50. At its fifth meeting, the Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework will prepare a final draft of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, based on the outcomes of its fourth meeting provided in the report of that meeting (CBD/WG2020/4/4), and taking into account, as appropriate, the Co-Chairs' report on the outcomes of the meeting of the Informal Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework which took place in Montreal from 26 to 30 September 2022 (CBD/WG2020/5/2).

51. The Conference of the Parties is expected to review the draft framework with a view to adopting a final version on the basis of a recommendation from the Working Group at its fifth meeting. In considering this sub-item, the linkages with the following sub-items of this agenda item as well as the related matters referenced in paragraph 57 should be noted.

Item 9 B. Monitoring frameworks for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework

52. The Conference of the Parties requested the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at its twenty-third and twenty-fourth meetings to contribute to the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and in support of the work of the Working Group on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework (decision 14/34, para. 16). Subsequently, the Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, in its recommendation 1/1, invited the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the Executive Secretary to provide elements concerning guidance on indicators, baselines and a monitoring framework approach. SBSTTA recommendation 24/2 includes a draft approach to monitoring, including indicators relevant to the draft goals and targets. The Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice also established a process for further review of the potential indicators, including through an expert workshop on the monitoring framework for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, which was held in Bonn, in June 2022. The report of the workshop is available as CBD/ID/OM/2022/1/2.⁶

53. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider a draft decision on monitoring based on SBSTTA recommendation 24/2, and the outcomes of the above-mentioned review, reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions (CBD/COP/15/2).

Item 9 C. Communication strategy

54. At its third meeting, the Subsidiary Body on Implementation considered a draft framework for a communications strategy to support the implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and adopted recommendation 3/5.

55. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider a draft decision arising from SBI recommendation 3/5, reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions (CBD/COP/15/2).

Item 9 D. Gender plan of action

56. The Conference of the Parties in decision 14/34, in paragraph 2 (c) of its annex, stated that the process for developing the post-2020 global biodiversity framework will be gender responsive by systematically integrating a gender perspective and ensuring appropriate representation, particularly of women and girls, in the process. In addition, the Conference of the Parties in decision [14/18](#), paragraph 6,

⁶ Further information is available on the meeting page for the expert workshop on the monitoring framework for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework at: <https://www.cbd.int/meetings/ID-OM-2022-01>

requested the Executive Secretary to undertake a review of implementation of the 2015-2020 Gender Plan of Action in order to identify gaps, best practices and lessons learned. In response to these decisions, and the findings of the review of implementation of the 2015-2020 Gender Plan of Action, which indicated that a new gender plan of action would be needed to support the implementation of a gender-responsive post-2020 global biodiversity framework, a draft gender plan of action for the post-2020 period was prepared for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its third meeting.

57. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider a draft decision arising from SBI recommendation 3/3, reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions (CBD/COP/15/2).

Related matters

58. The Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions and the Subsidiary Body on Implementation have prepared several draft recommendations which are also relevant to the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. These matters are addressed under other agenda items as follows: WG8J recommendation 11/2 on new programme of work and institutional arrangements (agenda item 10), SBI recommendations 3/6 on resource mobilization and 3/7 on the financial mechanism (agenda item 12), SBI recommendation 3/8 on capacity-building, technical and scientific cooperation, technology transfer, knowledge management and communication (agenda item 13), SBI recommendation 3/12 on cooperation with other conventions, international organizations and initiatives (agenda item 15), SBI recommendation 3/11 on mechanisms for reporting, assessment and review of implementation (agenda item 14), and SBI recommendation 3/15 on mainstreaming of biodiversity within and across sectors and other strategic actions to enhance implementation (agenda item 16).

Item 10. Enhancing integration with respect to provisions related to Article 8(j) and related provisions

Item 10 A. Development of a new programme of work and institutional arrangements on Article 8(j) and related provisions

59. The fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties in its decision [14/17](#), paragraph 12, requested the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions at its eleventh meeting, to develop proposals for possible future work, including proposals for a second phase of work on the Plan of Action on Customary Sustainable Use, as well as institutional arrangements and their modus operandi for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its third meeting in order to inform the development of a fully integrated programme of work on Article 8(j) and related provisions, as part of the post-2020 biodiversity framework, which takes into account developments in other relevant international forums and organizations. Accordingly, the Working Group prepared recommendation 11/2.

60. The Conference of the Parties is expected to consider the draft decision contained in recommendation 11/2, reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions (CBD/COP/15/2).

Item 10 B. In-depth dialogue on Article 8(j) and related provisions

61. The Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions at its eleventh meeting, conducted an in-depth dialogue on the contribution of the traditional knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous peoples and local communities, and cultural diversity to the post 2020 global biodiversity framework and prepared recommendation 11/1.

62. The Conference of the Parties is expected to consider a draft decision contained in recommendations 11/1 reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions (CBD/COP/15/2).

Item 10 C. Recommendations from the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

63. The Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions at its eleventh meeting, reviewed recommendations from the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues to the Convention on Biological Diversity and prepared recommendation [11/4](#).

64. The Conference of the Parties is expected to consider the draft decision contained in recommendation 11/4, reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions (CBD/COP/15/2).

Item 11. Digital sequence information on genetic resources

65. In paragraph 6 of decision [14/20](#), the Conference of the Parties noted a divergence of views among Parties regarding benefit-sharing from the use of digital sequence information on genetic resources, committed to working towards resolving this divergence and established a process to do so. The process included the submission of views, the commissioning of studies and work by an Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group (AHTEG). The Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework was to consider the outcomes of the AHTEG and make recommendations to the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting on how to address digital sequence information on genetic resources in the context of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

66. At the first part of its third meeting, the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework considered a note by the Executive Secretary providing an overview of the intersessional activities undertaken up to that time, including the outcomes of the AHTEG and a series of activities organized by the Co-Chairs of the Working Group to facilitate informal information exchange. In light of the discussions during the meeting, the Co-Chairs of the Working Group and the Executive Secretary established an Informal Co-Chairs' Advisory Group on digital sequence information on genetic resources to provide advice and feedback in advance of the second part of the third meeting of the Working Group.

67. At the second part of its third meeting, the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework considered information on the work done by the Informal Co-Chairs' Advisory Group and agreed to WG2020 recommendation 3/2 which set out some agreed features of a solution for fair and equitable benefit-sharing on digital sequence information on genetic resources and requested additional intersessional work by the Informal Co-Chairs' Advisory Group.

68. The recommendation also included elements of a draft decision for consideration by the Conference of the Parties.

69. The fourth meeting of the Working Group held in Nairobi from 21 to 26 June 2022, continued negotiations on digital sequence information, building on the work of the third meeting of the Working Group and drawing upon the intersessional work to date of the Informal Co-Chairs' Advisory Group, and prepared recommendation 4/2, which includes revised elements of a draft decision for consideration by the Conference of the Parties.

70. It is expected that the draft decision for the Conference of the Parties will be further developed by the Working Group at its fifth meeting, taking into account information from the further work by the Informal Co-Chairs' Advisory Group (CBD/WG2020/5/3).

71. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider this item on the basis of the recommendations from the third, fourth and fifth meetings of Working Group. This agenda item will be considered jointly with the corresponding item on the agenda of the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol.

Item 12. Resource mobilization and the financial mechanism

Item 12 A. Resource mobilization

72. In decision [14/22](#), the Conference of the Parties affirmed that resource mobilization would be an integral part of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and decided to initiate preparations on this component at an early stage in the process of developing the framework, in full coherence and coordination with the overall process for the post-2020 framework (para. 14). In the same decision, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to contract a panel of experts on resource mobilization to undertake a number of activities and prepare reports to contribute to the overall process for the post-2020

framework and for consideration by the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework and by the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting (para. 15).

73. The reports of the expert panel, in particular the contribution of the panel to the resource mobilization component, were considered by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its third meeting, based on documentation prepared by the Executive Secretary (CBD/SBI/3/5/Add.1 and CBD/SBI/3/5/Add.2/Rev.1) and are also made available for the information of the Conference of the Parties. The Subsidiary Body prepared a draft decision, contained in SBI recommendation 3/6, reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions (CBD/COP/15/2). The Subsidiary Body on Implementation also mandated an informal consultative process on resource mobilization and recommended that the outcomes of the work of the Subsidiary Body and the informal consultative process be made available for consideration by the Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, as well as the Conference of the Parties. Accordingly, a report on the informal consultative process is being made available as an information document. In addition, document CBD/COP/15/11 provides a final report on the information submitted by Parties through the financial reporting framework established by decisions XI/4 and XII/3.

74. Under this item, the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting may wish to consider the aforementioned documentation, in particular the draft decision contained in SBI recommendation 3/6.

Item 12 B. Financial mechanism

75. In decision [14/23](#), the Conference of the Parties requested the Subsidiary Body at its third meeting to prepare proposals for a four-year outcome-oriented framework of programme priorities for the eighth replenishment period (July 2022-June 2026) of the Trust Fund of the Global Environment Facility for the Convention and its Protocols, aligned with the draft post-2020 global biodiversity framework. It adopted the terms of reference for and mandated a full assessment of the amount of funds needed for the implementation of the Convention and its Protocols during the eighth replenishment period of the Trust Fund of the Global Environment Facility. It also requested the preparation of the terms of reference for the sixth review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting.

76. At its third meeting, the Subsidiary Body on Implementation considered these matters in the light of documentation prepared by the Executive Secretary, including an interim report by the Global Environment Facility and a report by the contracted team of experts on the funding needs assessment. The Subsidiary Body prepared a recommendation for the consideration of the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting (SBI recommendation 3/7). The recommendation includes a draft decision that addresses, among other things, guidance to be provided to the Global Environment Facility in accordance with decisions III/8 and 14/23. In its recommendation, the Subsidiary Body also provided guidance to the Executive Secretary concerning the preparation of the draft consolidated guidance to the Global Environment Facility for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting.

77. At its fifteenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties is expected to consider this item in light of SBI recommendation 3/7, a note by the Executive Secretary (CBD/COP/15/10) and the report of the Global Environment Facility (CBD/COP/15/8) and to adopt a decision on this item including guidance to the Global Environment Facility.

Item 13. Capacity-building and technical and scientific cooperation and knowledge management and communication

Item 13 A. Capacity-building and technical and scientific cooperation

78. In decision [14/24](#), the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to prepare a draft long-term strategic framework for capacity-building beyond 2020 through a process outlined in the annex to decision 14/24 and to submit the draft for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its third meeting and subsequently by the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting. Additionally, the

Executive Secretary was requested, in collaboration with partners, to further promote and facilitate technical and scientific cooperation and prepare proposals for an inclusive process to review and renew technical and scientific cooperation programmes to support the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and submit the proposals for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at their meetings prior to the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

79. Pursuant to the above decisions, a draft long-term strategic framework for capacity development to support implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, prepared with input from a global thematic consultation held in Rome and an online discussion forum, was considered by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its third meeting.

80. In addition, draft proposals to strengthen technical and scientific cooperation in support of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework proposals, prepared with input from the Informal Advisory Committee of the Clearing-House Mechanism, were considered by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at its twenty-third meeting. A revised version of those proposals prepared pursuant to SBSTTA recommendation 23/6 was considered by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its third meeting. At its third meeting, the Subsidiary Body on Implementation also requested the Executive Secretary to commission an inclusive process to review and renew technical and scientific cooperation programmes and to submit a report for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting.

81. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider this agenda item on the basis of a draft decision based on SBI recommendation 3/8, including a draft long-term strategic framework for capacity-building and development to support implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework (contained in annex I to SBI recommendation 3/8). It will also have for its consideration proposals to strengthen technical and scientific cooperation in support of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework (annex II to SBI recommendation 3/8), draft terms of reference of the informal advisory group on technical and scientific cooperation (annex III), as well as the aforementioned report of the review of technical and scientific cooperation programmes (CBD/COP/15/12). An updated report on the implementation of the short-term action plan of capacity-building 2016-2020 and a summary progress report on technical and scientific cooperation, including progress with the implementation of the Bio-Bridge Initiative will also be made available for the information of participants.

Item 13 B. Knowledge management

82. In decision [14/25](#), the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to implement various activities related to knowledge management under the Convention and its Protocols and the clearing-house mechanism and to submit a progress report to the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its third meeting. These included, inter alia, development of a knowledge management component as a part of the preparatory process for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, further support for the implementation of the work programme for the clearing-house mechanism, implementation of the web strategy for the Convention and its Protocols, promotion of communities of practice and knowledge networks and collaboration with partners on relevant knowledge management initiatives and tools.

83. The Subsidiary Body on Implementation considered these matters at its third meeting.

84. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider this agenda item on the basis of the draft decision arising from SBI recommendation 3/10, taking into account a progress report by the Executive Secretary on the implementation of the work programme for the Clearing-House Mechanism made available as an information document.

Item 13 C. Communication

85. In decision [14/26](#), the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to continue the implementation of the framework for a global communications strategy and to develop, in collaboration with various partners, themes and background material around which Parties, other Governments, relevant

organizations and indigenous peoples and local communities can organize communication and public awareness campaigns on the current state of biodiversity and the preparation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

86. The Subsidiary Body on Implementation considered a progress report on activities carried out by the Executive Secretary in the context of the above decision and adopted a recommendation proposing additional activities.

87. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider this agenda item on the basis of the draft decision arising from SBI recommendation 3/18.

Item 14. Mechanisms for planning, monitoring, reporting and review

88. In decision 14/29, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to further develop, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, options to enhance review mechanisms, with a view to strengthening the implementation of the Convention. Additionally, in paragraph 18 of decision 14/34, the Conference of the Parties requested the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, at its third meeting, to contribute to the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework by complementing it with elements related to means to support and review implementation

89. The Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its third meeting considered a proposal for an enhanced review mechanism and prepared recommendation 3/11, including a draft decision for the Conference of the Parties. The Subsidiary Body on Implementation also requested the Executive Secretary to facilitate an extended peer review of the proposed annexes to the decision. The annexes provide draft guidance for national biodiversity strategies and action plans (including a template for national targets aligned with the post-2020 global biodiversity framework), templates for seventh and eight national reports, *modus operandi* for an SBI open-ended forum for country-by-country review, and a template for voluntary commitments from non-State actors. Accordingly, Parties and observers were invited to provide comments on the draft annexes which, subsequently, were further discussed at a workshop held on the margins of the fourth meeting of the Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework.⁷ The Subsidiary Body on Implementation further recommended that the outcomes of its work and of the extended peer review of the annexes be made available to the Working Group.

90. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider this agenda item on the basis of a draft decision arising from SBI recommendation 3/11, taking into account also the relevant deliberations of the Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework. The recommendation is complemented by the draft annexes developed further to SBI recommendation 3/11.

Item 15. Cooperation with other conventions and international organizations

Item 15 A. Programme of work of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services

91. In decision [14/36](#), paragraph 9, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to prepare, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, and for subsequent consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting, proposals to be considered for inclusion in the work programme towards 2030 of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (the Platform) with a view to supporting the implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

⁷ The draft annexes were available for comments both prior to and after the second part of SBI-3 (Notifications 2022-001, 2022-018). The report of the workshop is available as CBD/ID/WS/2022/1/1 and relevant documents sent are available at: <https://www.cbd.int/meetings/IDWS-2022-01>

92. In paragraph 10 of the same decision, the Conference of the Parties also requested the Executive Secretary, further to decision [XII/25](#), to develop modalities for the systematic consideration of all deliverables of the Platform, taking into consideration the findings of the review of the Platform,⁸ with a view to optimizing their use in support of the implementation of the Convention.

93. At its twenty-fourth meeting, the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice considered a review of the Platform's deliverables to date and how they have been considered under the Convention, to address the request to develop modalities for the systematic consideration of all deliverables. The Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice was provided with an update on the work programme of the Platform, including the new elements towards 2030, agreed by the Plenary of the Platform at its seventh meeting, and its implementation. The Subsidiary Body also considered suggested elements of a proposal for a further request by the Convention to be considered for inclusion in the work programme. The Subsidiary Body prepared recommendation 24/3 on this matter.

94. Since the discussions of the Subsidiary Body on this matter,⁹ the Platform has held two further Plenary sessions. The Executive Secretary, in cooperation with the IPBES Secretariat, has prepared a document on outcomes of these plenary sessions that are relevant to the work of the Convention (CBD/COP/15/-).

95. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider this matter on the basis of a draft decision contained in the compilation of draft decisions (CBD/COP/15/2), based on SBSTTA recommendation 24/3, taking into account also the updated information in CBD/COP/15/13.

Item 15 B. Cooperation with other conventions and international organizations

96. In decision [14/30](#), the Conference of the Parties provided guidance on cooperation with other conventions, international organizations and initiatives, including efforts to enhance synergies among conventions. The Executive Secretary was requested, subject to the availability of resources, to continue to support the work of the informal advisory group on synergies and to organize a workshop to facilitate discussions among Parties of the various biodiversity-related conventions, with a view to enhancing their participation in the design of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

97. At its third meeting, the Subsidiary Body on Implementation considered cooperation with other conventions, international organizations and initiatives on the basis of a note by the Executive Secretary¹⁰ and several information documents. Among other things, these addressed the outcomes and recommendations of the consultation workshops among parties to the various biodiversity-related conventions on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework (the Bern workshops). The Subsidiary Body on Implementation prepared recommendation 3/12 on this matter.

98. Under this item, the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting is expected to consider the draft decision contained in SBI recommendation 3/12, reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions (CBD/COP/15/2), taking into account updated information provided by the Executive Secretary and partner organizations (CBD/COP/15/14).

Item 16. Mainstreaming of biodiversity within and across sectors

Item 16 A. Mainstreaming of biodiversity within and across sectors: Long-term strategic approach to mainstreaming biodiversity

99. In decision 14/3, paragraph 17, the Conference of the Parties decided to establish a long-term strategic approach to mainstreaming and, in paragraphs 19(b) and (c), requested the Executive Secretary to

⁸ Decision IPBES-6/1 on implementation of the first work programme of the Platform.

⁹ The recommendation was prepared and approved during the first part of SBSTTA-24 in May/June 2021 and was not discussed further before being formally adopted at the resumed session in March 2022.

¹⁰ CBD/SBI/3/10.

develop it further by working with the Informal Advisory Group established as per paragraph 18 of the decision and with terms of reference provided in annex II. The result of this work was considered by the Subsidiary Body of Implementation at its third meeting and the outcome of its considerations is reflected in recommendation 3/15.

100. Further to this recommendation, the Executive Secretary invited Parties, other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities, relevant stakeholders and partners, to review the long-term strategic approach to mainstreaming biodiversity and its action plan and to submit their views. A compilation of submissions received is made available in an information document.¹¹

101. Under this item, the Conference of the Parties may wish to consider the draft decision contained in SBI recommendation 3/15, reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions (CBD/COP/15/2), taking into account the compilation of views provided in an information document.

Item 16 B. Engagement with subnational governments, cities and other local authorities to enhance implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework

102. At its third meeting, under item 11 of its provisional agenda, the Subsidiary Body on Implementation considered a proposal submitted by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland concerning engagement with subnational governments, cities and other local authorities to enhance implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.¹²

103. The Subsidiary Body adopted a recommendation to the Conference of the Parties on this matter, including a plan of action on subnational governments, cities and other local authorities for biodiversity under the Convention on Biological Diversity, 2021-2030 (recommendation 3/14).

104. The Conference of the Parties is expected to consider the draft decision contained in SBI recommendation 3/14, including a plan of action on subnational governments, cities and other local authorities for biodiversity under the Convention on Biological Diversity (2021-2030).

105. Updates on the Edinburgh Process and the Edinburgh Declaration, and on other information relevant to the proposed plan of action on subnational governments, cities and other local authorities for biodiversity under the Convention on Biological Diversity, 2021-2030 is provided for information. In line with decision X/22, paragraph 6, an informal seventh summit meeting held at the margins of the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, will contribute to the engagement of subnational governments, cities and other local authorities.

Item 17. Review of the effectiveness of processes under the Convention and its Protocols

106. At its thirteenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention adopted decision [XIII/26](#), developing criteria for reviewing, at its fourteenth and fifteenth meetings, experience with holding the meetings of Conference of the Parties concurrently with the meetings of the Parties to the Cartagena and Nagoya Protocols, and requested the Executive Secretary to prepare a review, using the criteria, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation. The second and final review prepared by the Executive Secretary was considered by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, at its third meeting. In light of the circumstances arising from the COVID-19 pandemic, the Subsidiary Body also considered the challenges and opportunities of conducting meetings through online modalities,

107. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider this item on the basis of the draft decision arising from SBI recommendation 3/13, reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions (CBD/COP/15/2). The meetings of the Parties to the Cartagena and Nagoya Protocols will also consider this recommendation.

¹¹ The original submissions are available at <https://www.cbd.int/notifications/2022-025>.

¹² [CBD/SBI/3/19](#)

Item 18. Multi-year programme of work of the Conference of the Parties

108. In its decision XII/31, the Conference of the Parties adopted its multi-year programme of work up to the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (planned for 2020). At its fifteenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties may wish to update its programme of work, focussing on the biennium to its sixteenth meeting, in light of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and other relevant decisions, taking into account information prepared by the Secretariat (CBD/COP/15/15).

VI. FURTHER TECHNICAL ISSUES

Item 19. Protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures

109. At its fourteenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties adopted the definition of other effective area-based conservation measures, welcomed voluntary guidance on the integration of protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures into the wider land- and seascapes and on mainstreaming these into sectors, and voluntary guidance on governance and equity, as well as scientific and technical advice on other effective area-based conservation measures, and encouraged Parties and invited others to make use of this guidance and advice. Among other things, the Conference of the Parties also encouraged Parties and invited others to take into account the considerations in achieving Aichi Biodiversity Target 11 in marine and coastal areas (decision [14/8](#)).

110. The Conference of the Parties is invited to take note of the status of implementation of decision 14/8 and Aichi Biodiversity Target 11 taking into account information prepared by the Secretariat.

Item 20. Marine and coastal biodiversity

Item 20 A. Ecologically or biologically significant marine areas

111. In decision [14/9](#), the Conference of the Parties invited the description of areas that meet the criteria for ecologically or biologically significant marine areas in the North-East Atlantic. Accordingly, the Executive Secretary organized a workshop in September 2019 which described areas that may meet criteria for ecologically or biologically significant marine areas in the North-East Atlantic Ocean and adjacent areas. The outcomes of the workshops were reviewed by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at its twenty-third meeting, in accordance with procedures established through prior decisions of the Conference of the Parties.

112. At its twenty-third meeting, the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice considered this information and, in its recommendation 23/4, prepared a draft decision for the consideration of the Conference of the Parties.

113. Also in decision 14/9, the Conference of the Parties considered the process for describing areas that meet the EBSA criteria and requested the Executive Secretary to continue work in this regard. Further to that decision, the Executive Secretary convened an expert workshop in Brussels in February 2020 to identify options for modifying the description of ecologically or biologically significant marine areas and describing new areas. The outcomes of this workshop were considered by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at its twenty-fourth meeting.

114. At its twenty-fourth meeting, the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice considered this information, but was unable to complete discussions on this matter. Thus in its recommendation 24/10, the Subsidiary Body noted that the work on this issue was not completed due to the extraordinary circumstances resulting from the limitations on in-person meetings caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, and the need to urgently negotiate the post-2020 global biodiversity framework as well as the availability of delegates who participated in the fourth session of the intergovernmental conference on an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction. The Subsidiary Body requested the Executive Secretary to facilitate consultations among Parties, other

Governments and relevant stakeholders, with a view to advancing discussions on this matter. Accordingly, an online forum was organized by the Secretariat from 14 to 21 September 2022, and the report will be made available as CBD/EBSA/OM/2022/1/1.¹³

115. The Conference of the Parties is expected to consider this matter taking into account recommendation 24/10, the discussions at its twenty-fourth meeting, and the above-noted intersessional work.

Item 20 B. Conservation and sustainable use of marine and coastal biodiversity

116. In decisions XII/23, XIII/10, and XIII/11 respectively, the Conference of the Parties adopted the priority actions to achieve Aichi Biodiversity Target 10 for coral reefs and closely associated ecosystems, took note of the voluntary practical guidance on preventing and mitigating the impacts of marine debris on marine and coastal biodiversity and habitats, and adopted the voluntary specific workplan for biodiversity in cold-water areas within the jurisdictional scope of the Convention, and requested the Executive Secretary to facilitate the sharing of information, related to these tools. In decision 14/10, the Conference of the Parties took note of this work, and requested the Executive Secretary to continue to work on the compilation and synthesis of information related to (a) the impacts of anthropogenic underwater noise on marine and coastal biodiversity, and means to avoid, minimize and mitigate these impacts, and (b) experiences with the application of marine spatial planning. Accordingly, the Executive Secretary provided, as information for the Subsidiary Body, compilations and synthesis of information and experiences on the above-noted topics.

117. Further, in decision [14/10](#), Conference of the Parties welcomed the capacity-building and partnership activities being facilitated by the Executive Secretary through the Sustainable Ocean Initiative at the national, regional and global levels, in collaboration with Parties and relevant organizations, including collaborative efforts among the Secretariat, the United Nations Environment Programme, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, regional seas conventions and action plans, regional fishery bodies, large marine ecosystem projects/programmes and other relevant regional initiatives to strengthen cross-sectoral cooperation at the regional scale in order to accelerate progress to achieve the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and relevant Sustainable Development Goals through the Sustainable Ocean Initiative Global Dialogue with Regional Seas Organizations and Regional Fishery Bodies, and requested the Executive Secretary to continue these activities.

118. Further, in decision 14/10, Conference of the Parties, welcomed the cooperation between the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the Fisheries Expert Group of the Commission on Ecosystem Management under the International Union for Conservation of Nature, and the Secretariat to support, and improve reporting on, the achievement of Aichi Biodiversity Target 6, and requested the Executive Secretary to continue this cooperation.

119. Accordingly, the Executive Secretary provided, as information for the Subsidiary Body, compilations and synthesis of information and experiences on the above-noted topics.

120. At its twenty-fourth meeting, the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice considered the information reflecting the above-noted work activities and relating outputs, but was unable to complete discussions on this matter. Thus, in its recommendation 24/9, the Subsidiary Body noted that the work on this issue was not completed due to the extraordinary circumstances described in paragraph 113.

121. In the same recommendation, the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice requested the Executive Secretary, in advance of the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, and subject to the availability of financial resources, to facilitate consultations among Parties, other Governments and relevant stakeholders, including indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth, with a view to advancing discussions on the conservation and sustainable use of marine and coastal

¹³ The full documentation for the online discussion forum on ecologically or biologically significant marine areas in preparation for the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties is available at: <https://www.cbd.int/meetings/006267>

biodiversity. It further recognized that the outcomes of these consultations would help to form the basis for focused deliberations on this issue at the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and requested that dedicated time be given to this issue in the organization of work for the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. Accordingly, an online forum was organized by the Secretariat from 8 to 15 June 2022, and the report is available as CBD/MCB/OM/2022/1/1.¹⁴

122. The Conference of the Parties is expected to consider this matter taking into account recommendation 24/9, the discussions at its twenty-fourth meeting, and the above-noted intersessional work.

Item 21. Invasive alien species

123. In decision [14/11](#) the Conference of the Parties established an Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on invasive alien species to provide advice or develop elements of technical guidance on management measures on invasive alien species to be implemented by broad sectors to facilitate achieving Aichi Biodiversity Target 9 and beyond. In the same decision the Conference of the Parties also requested the Executive Secretary to explore with the Secretariat of the United Nations Economic and Social Council, the World Customs Organization and the Inter-agency Liaison Group on Invasive Alien Species, regarding the possibility of developing a system of classification and labelling for consignments of living organisms that pose a hazard or a risk to biological diversity, supplementary to and in line with existing international standards.

124. At its twenty-fourth meeting, the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice prepared a draft decision for the consideration of the Conference of the Parties, which includes elements related to the report of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group and its elements of technical guidance, and a possible peer-review process to review annexes contained in the draft decision.

125. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider these matters on the basis of the draft decision arising from SBSTTA recommendation 24/8, reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions (CBD/COP/15/2).

Item 22. Sustainable Wildlife Management

126. In decision [14/7](#), the Conference of the Parties welcomed the voluntary guidance for a sustainable wild meat sector, recognizing that it does not necessarily apply to all the Parties.

127. The Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, at its twenty-third meeting, took note of the information presented by the Executive Secretary on actions taken pursuant to decision 14/7 and its associated information documents.

128. The Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice requested the Executive Secretary to identify actions to fully reflect, address and integrate the findings of the gender gap analysis in the implementation of the voluntary guidance for a sustainable wild meat sector.

129. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider this matter on the basis of the draft decision arising from SBSTTA recommendation 23/3.

130. The Conference of the Parties will also have before it for its information a report on the work of the Collaborative Partnership on Sustainable Wildlife Management.

Item 23. Biodiversity and climate change

131. Further to decision [14/5](#), the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, at its twenty-third meeting, considered a review of new scientific and technical information, including

¹⁴ The full documentation for the online discussion forum on conservation and sustainable use of marine and coastal biodiversity in preparation for the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties is available at: <https://www.cbd.int/meetings/006258>

traditional knowledge and the findings of *Global Warming of 1.5°C, an IPCC special report on the impacts of global warming of 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels and related global greenhouse gas emission pathways, in the context of strengthening the global response to the threat of climate change, sustainable development, and efforts to eradicate poverty*,¹⁵ with respect to (a) the impacts of climate change on biodiversity and on communities that depend on ecosystem services and functions, particularly indigenous peoples and local communities, and (b) the role of ecosystems and their integrity, for climate change adaptation, mitigation and disaster risk reduction, and ecosystem restoration and sustainable land management, and a report on potential implications of the above for the work of the Convention.

132. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider this matter on the basis of the draft decision arising from SBSTTA recommendation 23/2.

Item 24. Biodiversity and agriculture

133. In decision [14/30](#) paragraph 24 (b), the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to review the implementation of the International Initiative for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Soil Biodiversity, in consultation with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations under the framework of the Global Soil Partnership as well as other interested partners, and present an updated draft plan of action for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at a meeting held prior to the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

134. At its twenty-fourth meeting, the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice considered a review of the implementation of the International Initiative for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Soil Biodiversity and a draft plan of action 2020-2030 for the International Initiative for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Soil Biodiversity, prepared together with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and other partners. The Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice also considered the report on the *State of knowledge of soil biodiversity: status, challenges and potentialities* prepared by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the Intergovernmental Technical Panel on Soils, the Global Soil Partnership, the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Global Soil Biodiversity Initiative, and the European Commission.

135. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider this matter on the basis of the draft decision arising from SBSTTA recommendation [24/6](#), reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions (CBD/COP/15/2). The report on the *State of knowledge of soil biodiversity: status, challenges and potentialities* is available as an information document.

Item 25. Biodiversity and health

136. In paragraph 13 of decision [14/4](#), the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of financial resources, and invited the World Health Organization, in collaboration, as appropriate, with other members of the Inter-agency Liaison Group on Biodiversity and Health as well as other partners to develop integrated science-based indicators, metrics and progress measurements tools on biodiversity and health, to develop targeted messaging approaches on mainstreaming biodiversity for the health sector, and to develop a draft global action plan to mainstream biodiversity and health linkages into national policies, strategies, programmes and accounts.

137. In paragraph 14 of the same decision, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of resources, and invited the World Health Organization, along with other members of the Inter-agency Liaison Group on Biodiversity and Health, and other partners, as appropriate, to collaborate to promote and facilitate dialogues and to co-convene further regional and subregional capacity-building workshops on issues related to health and biodiversity, to compile information on relevant research, experiences and best practices on a number of issues, and to explore a mechanism that would

¹⁵ Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, 2018. Available at <http://www.ipcc.ch/report/sr15/>.

facilitate access to, regularly update, synthesize and disseminate scientific literature and other reports on health and biodiversity.

138. At its twenty-fourth meeting, the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice considered a report on activities undertaken to mainstream biodiversity-health linkages and a draft global action plan for biodiversity and health. Due to limited time, the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice prepared a streamlined recommendation on this matter.

139. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider this matter on the basis of the draft decision arising from SBSTTA recommendation 24/7, reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions (CBD/COP/15/2).

Item 26. Nature and Culture

140. The Conference of the Parties, in paragraph 25 of decision [14/30](#), has recognized that the Joint Programme of Work on the links between biological and cultural diversity has been a useful platform for collaboration between the Secretariat and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in pursuit of common objectives with respect to nature and culture.

141. The Conference of the Parties, in paragraph 26 of the same decision, requested the Executive Secretary to consult with the Secretariat of UNESCO with a view to preparing options for possible elements of work aimed at a rapprochement of nature and culture in the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. The options were to be considered by the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions at its eleventh meeting, and the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at its twenty-third meeting

142. The Conference of the Parties is invited to consider this matter on the basis of a draft decision contained in the compilation of draft decisions (CBD/COP/15/2) on the basis of WG8J recommendation [11/3](#) and SBSTTA recommendation [23/5](#), and taking into account SBI recommendation [3/12](#) (para. 1).

Item 27. Synthetic biology

143. At its fourteenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties adopted decision [14/19](#). In this decision, among other things, the Conference of the Parties agreed that broad and regular horizon scanning, monitoring and assessing of the most recent technological developments is needed for reviewing new information regarding the potential positive and potential negative impacts of synthetic biology vis-à-vis the three objectives of the Convention and those of the Cartagena Protocol and Nagoya Protocol.

144. The Conference of the Parties also decided to extend the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group (AHTEG) on Synthetic Biology. The AHTEG was requested to provide advice on various issues in order to support Parties deliberations. A document containing a summary of the intersessional activities related to this agenda item, including a summary of the submissions of information and the outcomes of the moderated online discussions under the Open-ended Online Forum on Synthetic Biology and the AHTEG meeting (CBD/SBSTTA/24/4/Rev.1) was presented to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, and the Subsidiary Body prepared recommendation 24/4

145. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider this matter on the basis of the draft decision arising from SBSTTA recommendation 24/4, reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions (CBD/COP/15/2).

VII. FINAL MATTERS

Item 28. Other matters

146. The Conference of the Parties may wish to consider other matters raised and accepted for discussion, in accordance with rule 12 of the rules of procedure and paragraph 7 of decision [IV/16](#).

147. Under this agenda item, the President is expected to inform the plenary about the outcome of the high-level segment to be held from 15 to 17 December 2022.

Item 29. Adoption of the report

148. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider and adopt the report on the work of part II of its meeting on the basis of the draft report prepared by the Rapporteur.

149. The reports of parts I (CBD/COP/15/4) and II will together constitute the proceedings of the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

150. The Conference of the Parties may also wish to annex to its report the outcomes of the high-level segment of its meeting, and other events organized in conjunction with its meeting. In accordance with established practice, the Conference of the Parties may wish to authorize the Rapporteur to complete the final report after the meeting, with the guidance of the President and assistance of the Secretariat.

Item 30. Closure of the meeting

151. It is expected that the President will close the meeting by 6 p.m. on 19 December 2022.

Annex

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CBD/WG2020/4/4 Report of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework on its fourth meeting

CBD/WG2020/5/- Report of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework on its fifth meeting

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