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FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME OF THE OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP AND ALLOCATION OF TASKS TO OTHER INTERSESSIONAL BODIES AND PROCESSES

Note by the Executive Secretary

I. BACKGROUND

1. Decision [14/34](#) of the Conference of the Parties sets out the process for developing the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and established an Open-ended Working Group to support the process. In the same decision, the Conference of the Parties also requested 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 to contribute to the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and to support the work of the Working Group.¹ In various decisions adopted at its fourteenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties allocated specific tasks to these bodies. Similarly, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meetings of the Parties to the Cartagena and Nagoya Protocols also adopted decisions with implications for the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. Further, the Conference of the Parties also adopted several decisions which set out, more generally, some of the issues that need to be considered when developing the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

2. Decision 14/34 notes that the elements of work relevant for the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework to be undertaken by the Convention's intersessional bodies and processes will be mutually supportive, avoiding duplication of efforts.² In the same decision, the Conference of the Parties requested the Co-Chairs of the Working Group to provide further guidance on the elements of work to develop the post-2020 global biodiversity framework to be undertaken by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, the Subsidiary Body on Implementation and the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions, and to integrate the outcomes of those meetings along with other considerations into its draft framework, and to develop it further with a view to submitting the final draft framework to the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting.³

3. Pursuant to the above, the present note has been prepared, under the guidance of the Co-Chairs of the Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, as an input to the further development of the work programme of the Working Group between now and the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. Section II provides an overview of relevant decisions adopted under the Convention and its Protocols, section III provides a possible allocation of tasks to other bodies and

¹ Decision 14/34, paras. 16-18.

² Ibid., annex, para. 6.

³ Ibid., para. 19.

processes for the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, and section IV provides a draft recommendation for the consideration of the Working Group.

II. RELEVANT DECISIONS

4. Several decisions adopted under the Convention and its Protocols make requests for the consideration of issues related to the post-2020 global biodiversity framework through various processes and meetings:

(a) Decision 14/34 requests the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions to provide recommendations concerning the potential role of traditional knowledge, customary sustainable use and the contribution of the collective actions of indigenous peoples and local communities to the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, in support of the work of the Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework;

(b) Decision [CP-9/7](#) of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety sets out a process for developing the biosafety component of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework;

(c) Decision [NP-3/15](#) of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol recommends that the findings on general issues of compliance⁴ as well as the outcomes of the first assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Protocol, as contained in decision NP-3/1, be considered in the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. It also requested that the Compliance Committee at its next meeting consider how to support and promote compliance with the Nagoya Protocol within the post-2020 global biodiversity framework;

(d) Decision 14/20 establishes a science- and policy-based process on digital sequence information on genetic resources with an extended Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group. The Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework is to consider the outcomes of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group and make recommendations on how to address digital sequence information on genetic resources in the context of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework;

(e) Decision [14/22](#) affirms that resource mobilization will be an integral part of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and initiates 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. Under the process for considering this issue, the Executive Secretary is requested to convene a panel of experts to prepare reports on several issues related to the development of a resource mobilization component for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework to help inform the work of the Working Group and the Conference of the Parties;

(f) Decision [14/23](#) welcomes the successful conclusion of the seventh replenishment of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund, and expresses appreciation for the continuing financial support from Parties and Governments for carrying out the tasks under the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 in its remaining years, and for supporting the implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework in its first two years;

(g) Decision [14/3](#) establishes the Informal Advisory Group on Mainstreaming of Biodiversity, to advise the Executive Secretary and the Bureau on further development of the proposal for a long-term approach to mainstreaming biodiversity, including on ways to integrate mainstreaming adequately into the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, to be submitted to the Subsidiary Body on Implementation for consideration at its third meeting.

5. In addition to the decisions above, a number of other decisions highlight issues to be considered in the post-2020 framework. These include the linkages between biodiversity and climate change

⁴ Findings and recommendations of the Compliance Committee on general issues of compliance as a contribution to the assessment and review of the Nagoya Protocol are contained in annex I to the report of the Compliance Committee under the Nagoya Protocol on the work of its second meeting (CBD/NP/MOP/3/2).

(decision 14/5), the conservation and sustainable use of wild and managed pollinators (decision 14/6), the linkages between gender and biodiversity (decision 14/18), knowledge management under the Convention and its Protocols (decision 14/25), the process for aligning national reporting under the Convention and its Protocols (decision 14/27), and the evaluation of the effectiveness of policy measures (decision 14/28).

III. MEETINGS OF THE WORKING GROUP

6. Decision 14/34 sets out that the Working Group will meet at least twice in the intersessional period. In the light of the work required by this group, the need to coordinate with other processes and taking into consideration the timing of relevant meetings, arrangements have been made for the Working Group to meet three times. Elements for the preliminary agendas of these meetings are presented below:

(a) *First meeting* – The first meeting of the Working Group will take place in Nairobi from 27 to 30 August 2019. The meeting agenda includes a report from the consultation process to date, seeks agreement on the way forward and begins considering elements of the structure and scope of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework on the basis of a Co-Chairs' text on this issue. The outcomes of the first meeting of the Working Group will be reflected in the report of the meeting. The work of the first meeting of the Working Group will provide the basis for its subsequent meetings. The Co-Chairs, on the basis of the discussions of the Working Group and subsequent consultation processes, will prepare a revised Co-Chairs' text describing possible elements of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework in more detail for the second meeting of the Working Group;

(b) *Second meeting* – The second meeting of the Working Group will take place in Kunming, China, from 24 to 28 February 2020. The meeting agenda will include a detailed discussion on the scope and content of the major elements of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework on the basis of the discussions held during the first meeting, the additional consultations undertaken since then, and the submissions received as well as the relevant outcomes of the eleventh meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions and the twenty-third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice. The second meeting will also begin more substantial discussions on the wording of the different elements of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. The outcomes of the second meeting will be reflected in the report of the Working Group on that meeting, and on this basis, the Co-Chairs will develop a further revised Co-Chairs text describing the elements of the scope and content of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework for the third meeting of the Working Group;

(c) *Third meeting* – The third meeting of the Working Group is planned to be held in Bogota from 27 to 31 July 2020. The overall purpose of the meeting will be to conclude discussions on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework so that a text can be submitted to the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting. While this text may have unresolved issues, it will provide a draft of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework that brings together the results of the previous meetings of the Working Group and consultations, as well as submissions and the outcomes of the processes undertaken under the Protocols to the Convention, and the Convention's subsidiary bodies (the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, the Subsidiary Body on Implementation and the Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions) as described in the annex below.

7. The focus of each meeting of the Working Group, as set out above, should be considered tentative. The actual agenda of each meeting will be informed by the progress made at previous meetings. In addition, the Working Group at each meeting will need to consider the results of consultations and submissions as well as the work undertaken by the Convention's subsidiary bodies. Thus, a degree of flexibility and adaptive management will be required in planning the work of the Working Group.

IV. POSSIBLE ALLOCATION OF TASKS TO OTHER BODIES AND PROCESSES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE POST-2020 GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK

8. Decision 14/34 notes that the elements of work relevant for the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework to be undertaken by the intersessional bodies and processes will be

mutually supportive, avoiding duplication of efforts.⁵ In this sense, the Working Group will both benefit from and contribute to the work of the Convention's other subsidiary bodies.

9. The existing decisions of the Conference of the Parties, as described in the section above, already make provisions for the consideration of some issues by the meetings of the Convention's subsidiary bodies. In most cases, the issues identified above could be accommodated under existing agenda items of the relevant bodies as they fall within their existing mandates.

10. At its first meeting, the Working Group may identify issues that should be considered by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, the Subsidiary Body on Implementation and the Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and related Provisions. Some issues that the Working Group may wish to request these bodies to consider, on the basis of the results of the regional consultations and submissions received on the discussion documents, are presented in the annex below, along with those issues already decided by the Conference of the Parties at its fourteenth meeting. The Co-Chairs of the Working Group will work closely with the Bureaus of the Conference of the Parties and the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice in developing the agendas for the intersessional meetings to ensure that they are effective in delivering on need identified in support of post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

11. The Co-Chairs have also identified the need for some thematic consultations and workshops beyond those foreseen in the processes established by the decisions emanating from the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. These have been reflected in the annex below. These thematic consultations and workshops will allow the issues identified to be explored in greater detail before they are addressed by the Working Group. The Co-Chairs, in consultation with the Executive Secretary and the chairs of the thematic consultations, will use the results of the discussions to inform the preparation of relevant documentation for subsequent meetings of the Working Group.

V. SUGGESTED CONCLUSION

12. The Open-ended Working Group may wish to adopt a conclusion along the following lines:

The Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework,

Noting the preparatory process for the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework adopted in decision 14/34 and that issues relevant to the post-2020 global biodiversity will be considered at upcoming intersessional meetings under the Convention and its Protocols,

1. *Takes note* of the list of meetings, consultations and workshops on the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework contained in the annex to the present draft conclusion ("the workplan") and *notes* that the implementation of the workplan will require flexibility in order to adapt to changing circumstances and to respond to emerging opportunities;

2. *Requests* the Co-Chairs to take into account the results of the consultations, meetings and processes, and any associated submissions, as contained in the annex, when preparing documentation for meetings of the Open-ended Working Group;

3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, and the bureaus of the Conference of the Parties and the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, when preparing for relevant meetings, to take into account the considerations described in the note by the Executive Secretary on the future work programme of the Open-ended Working Group and allocation of tasks to other intersessional bodies and processes;⁶

4. *Invites* the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, the Subsidiary Body on Implementation and the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) to bring to the attention of the Working Group any additional recommendations relevant to the post-2020 global

⁵ Decision 14/34, annex, paragraph 6.

⁶ CBD/WG2020/1/4

biodiversity framework emerging from their deliberations prior to the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;

5. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to keep the preparation timeline on the post-2020
webpage up to date.

Annex

**POSSIBLE ALLOCATION OF TASKS TO OTHER BODIES AND PROCESSES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE
POST-2020 GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK**

<i>Date and location</i>	<i>Meeting</i>	<i>Element of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework</i>	<i>Mandate</i>	<i>Role/modality</i>	<i>Resource Availability</i>
27-30 August 2019, Nairobi, Kenya	First meeting of the Working Group	Scope and list of contents of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework	Decision 14/34	Results will be annexed to the report of the meeting and used by the Co-Chairs for developing the next version of the Co-Chairs' text	Secured
4-6 September 2019, Japan	United Nations University workshop on landscapes and seascapes approaches	Potential landscape and seascape approaches		A report of the workshop will be made available to WG2020-2.	Secured
1-3 October 2019, Dushanbe, Tajikistan	Thematic consultation on area-based measures for conservation of species and habitats	Protected areas and other area-based measures conservation of species and habitats		A report of the consultation will be made available to WG2020-2.	Secured
22-24 October 2019 Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	Thematic consultation on ecosystem restoration	Ecosystem restoration		A report of the consultation will be made available to WG2020-2.	Secured
22-25 October 2019, Montreal, Canada	Liaison Group on the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	Biosafety	Decision CP-9/7	The Liaison Group is to prepare a draft of the biosafety component of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework ⁷ which will be submitted to WG2020-2.	Secured
6-8 November 2019, Montreal, Canada	Thematic consultation on marine environment	Marine ecosystems		A report of the consultation will be made available to WG2020-2.	Secured

⁷ The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol also set out a process for developing a specific Implementation Plan for the Cartagena Protocol as a follow-up to the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety for the period 2011-2020. This process does not foresee that the Implementation Plan would be considered by the Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework.

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20 November 2019, Montreal, Canada (to be confirmed)	Briefing on review approaches and mechanisms	Mechanisms for review of implementation	Decision 14/29	An overview of potential approaches and mechanisms for enhanced review of implementation and examples from other relevant approaches will be presented and discussed to inform later workshops and consultations	To be identified
20 - 22 November 2019, Montreal, Canada	Eleventh meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity (WG8(j))	Traditional knowledge, innovations and practices	Decision 14/34	WG8J provides recommendations to the second meeting of the Working Group concerning the potential role of traditional knowledge, customary sustainable use and the contribution of the collective actions of indigenous peoples and local communities to the post-2020 global biodiversity framework	Secured
		Requests from the first meeting of the Working Group		WG8J will consider any additional requests resulting from the first meeting of the Working Group and provide its recommendation to the second meeting of the Working Group	
24 November, Montreal, Canada (between WG8J-11 and SBSTTA-23)	Informal briefing by the Co-Chairs of the Working Group			The Co-Chairs of the Working Group will provide a briefing of the progress made under the working group during its first meeting and through subsequent consultations and submissions	Secured
25 - 29 November 2019, Montreal, Canada	Twenty-third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA-23)	Science base and evidence	Decision 14/35	The progress in preparing the fifth edition of the <i>Global Biodiversity Outlook</i> and its draft messages and the conclusions from the IPBES Assessments will be considered. SBSTTA will transmit to the Working Group any results or conclusions from its deliberations which may be relevant to the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework for consideration by the Working Group	Secured

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		Requests from the first meeting of the Working Group		SBSTTA will consider any additional requests resulting from the first meeting of the Working Group and provide its recommendation to the second meeting of the Working Group	
January 2020 (to be confirmed)	Workshop on review approaches and mechanisms	Mechanisms for review of implementation	Decision 14/29	The Workshop will develop options for mechanisms for review of implementation for further consultations and consideration by WG2020-2 and SBI-3	To be identified
January or February 2020 (to be confirmed)	Consultation on Resource mobilisation	Resource mobilization		The report of the consultation will be made available to the second meeting of the Working Group	Secured
21-22 February 2020 (to be confirmed), Kunming, China	Consultation on review approaches and mechanisms	Mechanisms for review of implementation	Decision 14/29	The Workshop will consider options for mechanisms for review of implementation for further consideration by WG2020-2 and SBI-3	To be confirmed
24-28 February 2020, Kunming, China	Second meeting of the Working Group	Scope and content of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework	Decision 14/34	To develop a preliminary text of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework for further elaboration at WG2020-3	Secured
1 March 2020, Kunming, China	Consultation on capacity-building	Capacity building		The report of the consultation will be made available to the SBI-3 and WG2020-3	To be identified
17 to 20 March 2020, Montreal, Canada	Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on digital sequence	Digital sequence information	Decision 14/20	The extended Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Digital Sequence Information makes recommendations on how to address digital sequence information on genetic resources in the context of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework to WG2020-3	Secured

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21-23 April 2020, Montreal, Canada	Compliance Committee under the Nagoya Protocol	Nagoya Protocol/ Access and Benefit Sharing	Decision NP-3/15	The Compliance Committee considers how to support and promote compliance with the Nagoya Protocol within the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. The Committee may make recommendations to the third meeting of the working Group	Secured
18-23 May 2020, Montreal, Canada	Twenty-fourth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA-24)	Validation of goals, targets, indicators	Decision 14/35	SBSTTA will consider the results of the first and second meetings of the Working Group and on that basis make recommendations regarding the scientific and technical elements of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework to the third meeting of the Working Group	Secured
		Requests from the meetings of the Working Group		SBSTTA will consider any requests resulting from the first and second meetings of the Working Group and provide its recommendation to the third meeting of the Working Group	
25-30 May 2020, Montreal, Canada	Third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation (SBI-3)	Resource mobilization	Decision 14/22	SBI will consider the results of the work of a panel of experts to prepare reports on several issues related to the resource mobilization component of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and provide recommendations to the third meeting of the Working Group	Secured
		The financial mechanism	Decision 14/23	SBI will consider the reports of the expert panel established by decision 14/23 as well as views by Parties and provide recommendations to WG2020-3	

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		Mainstreaming	Decision 14/3	SBI will consider the report of the Informal Advisory Group on Mainstreaming of Biodiversity on a long-term strategic approach to mainstreaming, and mainstreaming elements for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, respond to any requests from WG2020-1 and WG2020-2, and provide recommendations to WG2020-3	
		Gender mainstreaming	Decision 14/18	SBI-3 will consider the review of implementation of the 2015-2020 Gender Plan of Action. As part of these deliberations, SBI could also develop a recommendation on the preparation of a new gender strategy or plan for the post-2020 period.	
		Knowledge management under the Convention and its Protocols	Decision 14/25	SBI-3 is expected to consider potential elements related to knowledge management under the Convention and its Protocols and make recommendations to WG2020-3	
		Aligning national reporting under the Convention and its Protocols	Decision 14/27	SBI-3 is expected to consider a range of issues related to national reporting under the Convention and its Protocols. As part of these deliberations, SBI could also develop a recommendation on means to review the implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and to enhance accountability mechanisms.	

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		Possible accountability and review mechanisms	Decision 14/29	SBI will consider options to enhance review mechanisms, with a view to strengthening the implementation of the Convention. SBI will also test a Party-led review process through an open-ended forum at SBI. On the basis of this, SBI may provide a recommendation to the Working Group at its third meeting on this issue for its consideration.	
		Requests from the first and second meetings of the Working Group		SBI will consider any requests resulting from the first and second meetings of the Working Group and provide its recommendation to the third meeting of the Working Group	
27-31 July 2020, Bogota, Colombia	Third meeting of the Working Group		Decision 14/34	On the basis of its previous work and work of the subsidiary bodies and other consultations, the Working Group will develop a text of the post-2020 framework for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting.	Secured