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DRAFT ELEMENTS OF A POSSIBLE DECISION OPERATIONALIZING THE POST-2020 GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK

Note by the Executive Secretary

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The post-2020 global biodiversity framework will be contained in an annex to a decision of the Conference of the Parties. The present document, which has been prepared by the Co-Chairs of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework in cooperation with the Executive Secretary, contains possible elements of such a decision for the information of the Working Group at its third meeting. These elements, which were previously issued for the Working Group at the first session of its third meeting as an appendix to document CBD/WG2020/3/3, have been revised in the light of the discussions during the Working Group, the resumed sessions of the twenty-fourth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation.

2. It is envisaged that the Conference of the Parties serving, respectively, as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing, will also adopt decisions endorsing the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and containing additional provisions to operationalize the framework with their respective contexts.

II. THE POST-2020 GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK

3. The Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework may wish to adopt a recommendation along the following lines:

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

Recommends that the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting adopt a decision that includes the following elements, taking into account also the conclusions of the twenty-fourth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific and Technical and Technological Advice and the third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation:

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling its decision [14/34](#), in which it adopted the preparatory process for the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and decided to establish an open-ended intersessional working group to support its preparation,

Noting the outcomes of the first,¹ second² and third³ meetings of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework,

Also noting the outcomes of the eleventh meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions, of the twenty-third and twenty-fourth meetings of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and of the third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation,

Expressing its gratitude to the Co-Chairs of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, Mr. Francis Ogwal (Uganda) and Mr. Basile van Havre (Canada), for supporting the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework,

Welcoming the submissions by Parties and observers providing views on the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework,

Recalling the principles of the Rio Declaration on the Environment and Development,⁴

Emphasizing the need for a balanced and enhanced implementation of the Convention's three objectives,

Recognizing that the fulfilment of biodiversity targets and obligations by developing countries depends, in part, on calls for the effective implementation by developed countries of the provisions of the Convention in Articles 16, 20 and 21,

Recognizing that the post-2020 global biodiversity framework represents a flexible framework designed to be useful and relevant to all biodiversity-related conventions, agreements and processes,

Also recognizing that the post-2020 global biodiversity framework will support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals,

Recalling the conclusions of the fifth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook*,⁵ the second edition of the *Local Biodiversity Outlooks*⁶ and the *Global Assessment Report on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services* of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services⁷ that, despite some progress, none of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets⁸ has been fully achieved and that this undermines the attainment of the 2050 Vision for Biodiversity and other international goals and objectives,

1. *Alarmed* by the continued loss of biodiversity and the threat that this poses to nature and human well-being and the prospects for reaching the three objectives of the Convention;

¹ CBD/WG2020/1/5.

² CBD/WG2020/2/4.

³ CBD/WG2020/3/5

⁴ Rio Declaration on the Environment and Development (A/CONF.151/26/Rev.1 (Vol.I)), United Nations publication Sales No. E.93.1.8.

⁵ Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (2020). *Global Biodiversity Outlook 5*. Montreal, Canada.

⁶ Forest Peoples Programme, International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity, Indigenous Women's Biodiversity Network, Centres of Distinction on Indigenous and Local Knowledge and Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (2020). *Local Biodiversity Outlooks 2: The contributions of indigenous peoples and local communities to the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011–2020 and to renewing nature and cultures. A complement to the fifth edition of Global Biodiversity Outlook*. Moreton-in-Marsh, England: Forest Peoples Programme. Available at: www.localbiodiversityoutlooks.net.

⁷ IPBES (2019): *Global Assessment Report on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services*. E. S. Brondizio, J. Settele, S. Díaz, and H. T. Ngo (editors). IPBES secretariat, Bonn. 1,148 pages. <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.3831673>.

⁸ See decision X/2, annex.

2. *Adopts* the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and its monitoring framework, as contained in annexes I and II to the present decision, as a flexible global framework for action by all Parties and stakeholders to reach the 2050 Vision for Biodiversity and achieve the objectives of the Convention;

3. *Notes* that the post-2020 global biodiversity framework should be implemented in accordance with national priorities and capacities;

4. *Also notes* that adequate, predictable and accessible financial resources are required for effective implementation of the framework;

5. *Further notes* that the implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework will be monitored and assessed through its monitoring framework;

6. *Notes* that the implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity will be supported through other relevant decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting and, in particular, those addressing the following:

(a) The enhanced multidimensional approach to planning, monitoring, reporting and review;⁹

(b) The updated plan of action on subnational governments, cities and other local authorities for biodiversity;¹⁰

(c) The strategy for resource mobilization;¹¹

(d) The long-term strategic framework for capacity-building and development to support nationally determined priorities for the implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework;¹²

(e) The gender plan of action for the post-2020 period;¹³

(f) The communications strategy for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework,¹⁴ which will support and contribute to the implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework;

(g) The long-term approach for mainstreaming and its plan of action;¹⁵

(h) Cooperation with other conventions and international organizations.¹⁶

7. *Recalls* Article 23 of the text of the Convention, and *reiterates* that the role of the Conference of the Parties is to keep the implementation of the Convention under review;

8. *Decides* that, at each of its future meetings, the Conference of the Parties will review progress in the implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, share experiences that are relevant for implementation and provide guidance on means to address any obstacles encountered;

9. *Urges* Parties, in particular developed country Parties, and *invites* other Governments and international financial institutions, regional development banks, and other

⁹ Decision 15/--

¹⁰ Decision 15/--

¹¹ Decision 15/--

¹² Decision 15/--

¹³ Decision 15/--

¹⁴ Decision 15/--

¹⁵ Decision 15/--

¹⁶ Decision 15/--

multilateral financial institutions to provide adequate, predictable and timely financial support to developing country Parties, in particular the least developed countries, small island developing States, as well as countries with economies in transition, to enable the full implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, and *reiterates* the view that the extent to which developing country Parties will implement their commitments effectively under this Convention will depend on the effective implementation by developed country Parties of their commitments under this Convention in connection with financial resources and transfer of technology;

10. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility to provide adequate, timely and predictable financial support to eligible countries with a view to enabling the planning for and implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework as well as for the monitoring and review of its implementation;

11. *Emphasizes* the need for capacity-building activities and the effective sharing of knowledge, in order to support all countries, especially developing countries, in particular the least developed countries, small island developing States and countries with economies in transition, as well as indigenous peoples and local communities, in the implementation of post-2020 global biodiversity framework;

12. *Urges* Parties and other Governments, with the support of intergovernmental and other organizations, as appropriate, to implement the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, consistent and in harmony with the Convention and other relevant international obligations, and, in particular, to enable participation at all levels, with a view to fostering the full and effective contributions of women, youth, indigenous peoples and local communities, civil society organizations, the private and financial sectors, and stakeholders from all other sectors, in the full implementation of the goals and targets of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and the achievement of the objectives of the Convention;

13. *Urges* relevant agreements, processes and organizations to consider the development or updating of relevant strategies and frameworks, as appropriate, as a means of complementing and supporting national actions and of contributing to the implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and, as appropriate, to complement and support national efforts to implement the post-2020 global biodiversity framework;

14. *Invites* the General Assembly of the United Nations to take into account the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and the progress in its implementation when monitoring progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals;

15. *Invites* Parties and other Governments of the other biodiversity-related conventions and other relevant agreements to consider, as appropriate, endorsing the post-2020 global biodiversity framework through relevant governance processes, and contributing to the collaborative, effective and efficient implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework at the forthcoming meetings of the decision-making bodies;

16. *Invites* Parties and other Governments of the other biodiversity-related conventions and other relevant agreements to cooperate in implementing measures to support the effective and efficient implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework across the United Nations system at the forthcoming meetings of the decision-making bodies;

17. *Invites* the United Nations Environment Programme, in particular its regional offices, as well as the United Nations Development Programme and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to facilitate activities designed to support the national and regional implementation of the Convention and the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, in cooperation with other relevant implementation agencies;

18. *Invites* the Environment Management Group and the Biodiversity Liaison Group to identify measures to support the effective and efficient implementation of the post-2020 global

biodiversity framework across the United Nations system and to submit a report on their work to the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting;

19. *Requests* the Executive Secretary:

(a) To promote and facilitate, in partnership with Parties and other Governments, relevant international organizations, including indigenous peoples' and local community organizations, as appropriate, activities to strengthen capacity for the implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework;

(b) To develop, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at a meeting held prior to the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, options for the further enhancement of the implementation of the Convention;

(c) To develop, taking into account the decisions of the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting and previously adopted programmes of work, guidance materials for Parties, including the identification of possible actions and best practices for reaching the goals, targets and other elements of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.
