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### **Financial mechanism\***

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

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Reaffirming* the importance of the full application of the provisions of Article 20, in particular paragraphs 2 and 3, and Article 21, in particular paragraphs 1 and 3, of the Convention on Biological Diversity<sup>1</sup> and of access for all eligible Parties to the financial mechanism for the full implementation of the Convention,

*Welcoming* the valuable role of the Global Environmental Facility as the institutional structure operating the financial mechanism of the Convention on an interim and ongoing basis,

*Reaffirming* the commitment of the Conference of the Parties to reviewing the effectiveness of the financial mechanism periodically, as reflected in the memorandum of understanding with the Council of the Global Environment Facility,<sup>2</sup>

*Reaffirming also* the importance of the review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism in the context of the implementation of the Convention and its Protocols, strategies and programmes,

*Noting with concern* the lack of financial voluntary contributions to finance the implementation of the terms of reference for a full assessment of the amount of funds needed for the implementation of the Convention and its Protocols for the ninth replenishment period of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund,<sup>3</sup> resulting in the use of the core budget and in a limited report for the consideration of the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting,

*Recognizing* the integrated and indivisible nature of the components of the Framework, which include considerations for its implementation (sect. C of the Framework), implementation and support mechanism and enabling conditions (sect. I) and responsibility and transparency (sect. J),

*Noting with concern* that no project proposals were submitted in the first half of the GEF-8 cycle from eligible countries to support the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety

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<sup>1</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

<sup>2</sup> Decision III/8, annex.

<sup>3</sup> Decision 15/15, annex III.

to the Convention<sup>4</sup> and that only three project proposals were submitted from eligible countries to support the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from Their Utilization to the Convention and also recognizing the need to improve the understanding of possible causes thereof,

*Welcoming* the actions taken by the Global Environment Facility through the funding of its biodiversity focal area to support recipient countries, while emphasizing the need to further scale up the mobilization of resources to respond to the challenges and needs of developing countries, in contributing to the implementation of the Convention, its Protocols and the KMGBF,

*Noting* that a number of eligible Parties have not yet accessed support from the Global Environment Facility, in particular for the revision and updating of national biodiversity strategies and action plans and national biodiversity finance plans aligned with the Framework,

*Noting* the contributions of the integrated programmes of the Global Environment Facility towards achieving the targets of the Framework and that all of the integrated programmes contribute towards achieving Targets 8, 10, 11, 20, 21, 22 and 23,

*Welcoming* the significant portion of other focal area resources under the Global Environment Facility that contribute to the implementation of the Framework,

*Welcoming also* the efforts by the Global Environment Facility to harness synergies among other biodiversity-related conventions and to address multiple environmental challenges in a holistic manner,

*Highlighting* the contribution of indigenous peoples and local communities to the implementation of the Convention, and welcoming the support that the Global Environment Facility currently provides to them,

*Noting with appreciation* the enhanced support provided by the Global Environment Facility to indigenous peoples and local communities for the implementation of the Framework, including through the aspirational programming share of 20 per cent at portfolio level by 2030 in the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund,

*Underlining* the continued efforts to improve the strategic guidance provided by the Conference of the Parties to the Global Environment Facility as the institutional structure operating the financial mechanism of the Convention on an interim and ongoing basis,

*Recognizing* that the resources of the Global Environment Facility are allocated in a predictable manner through its Trust Fund as a result of the implementation of the System for Transparent Allocation of Resources, that improvements have been made in terms of the timely disbursements of funds to eligible countries and that the streamlining of the Global Environment Facility project cycle is also likely to have a positive impact on the timely disbursements of funds,

*Welcoming* the efforts by the Global Environment Facility to support policy coherence and streamlining measures,

*Recognizing also* the importance of strengthening country leadership, ownership and accountability with regard to activities supported by the Global Environment Facility,

*Recognizing further* that, over the years, the Global Environment Facility has taken steps to enhance the quality of its reports,

[*Recalling* the importance of [appropriate] burden sharing among the developed country Parties in the implementation of [biodiversity obligations] [including in its contributions to the GEF],]

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<sup>4</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2226, No. 30619.

*Recognizing* and considering the living in harmony with nature and the living well in balance and harmony with Mother Earth to achieve human well-being, a healthy planet, and economic prosperity for all people,

1. *Notes with appreciation* the report of the Council of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting;

1.bis *Welcomes* the report of the Global Environment Facility for the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties<sup>5</sup> and takes note of the report on the sixth review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism for the Convention on Biological Diversity<sup>6</sup> and its Protocols;<sup>7</sup>

### **Global Environment Facility Trust Fund**

2. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility, in collaboration with the Executive Secretary, to encourage recipient countries to submit project proposals in support of the implementation of Target 17 of the Framework and the Implementation Plan<sup>8</sup> and Capacity-building Action Plan<sup>9</sup> for the Cartagena Protocol;

3. *Invites* relevant Parties to the Cartagena Protocol to access proactively the notional allocations available for the Protocol from the eighth replenishment programming directions;

4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary and the Global Environment Facility to promote the sharing of experience and knowledge in project development and implementation in support of the implementation of Target 13 of the Framework;

5. *Invites* relevant Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from Their Utilization to access proactively the notional allocations available for the Protocol from the eighth replenishment programming directions;

5.bis *Requests* the Global Environment Facility to identify, in collaboration with recipient countries, the causes for the underutilization of the notional allocations available for the Protocols and to propose adequate measures to address those issues in order to increase their use and include the related information in its next report of the Council to the Conference of the Parties;

6. *Encourages* the Global Environment Facility to continue to explore potential opportunities for maximizing the contribution of its integrated programmes to the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, including through dedicated support to indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth;

7. *Encourages* the Global Environment Facility and recipient countries to maintain the contribution of the international waters focal area to the implementation of the Framework and to extend that practice to other focal areas, including climate change, land degradation, and chemicals and waste, in line with different national circumstances and priorities;

8. *Invites* developed country Parties and other Parties which voluntarily assume the obligations of developed country Parties and other governments to participate in the ninth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund to support eligible developing countries, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States as well as countries with economies in transition;

8.bis *Requests* the Global Environmental Facility (GEF) and its Council to consider how to integrate Mother Earth Centric Actions in GEF and GBFF programming directions;

<sup>5</sup> CBD/COP/16/8.

<sup>6</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

<sup>7</sup> CBD/COP/16/INF/25.

<sup>8</sup> Decision CP-10/3, annex.

<sup>9</sup> Decision CP-10/4, annex.

8.ter *Underscores* the importance of providing adequate and predictable support to developing countries for preparing and updating national reports, national biodiversity strategies and action plans, and national biodiversity finance plans or similar instruments;

### **Global Biodiversity Framework Fund**

9. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Global Environment Facility for the establishment and operationalization of the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund;

10. *Notes with appreciation* the contributions made to the capitalization of the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund by donor countries and other governments, namely, Austria, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Japan, Luxembourg, New Zealand, Norway, Spain and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, as well as the Government of Quebec, which amount to about 396.0 million United States dollars;

10.bis *Underscores* the need to significantly scale up the mobilization of adequate and predictable resources made available to the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund to contribute to the timely implementation of the Framework in particular for its Target 19;

11. *Invites* developed country Parties and other Parties which voluntarily assume the obligations of developed country Parties and other countries, as well as the private and financial sectors and philanthropic organizations, non-governmental organizations and non-sovereign entities and other stakeholders, to make contributions or further contributions to the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund in order for it to continue its rapid capitalization to support the implementation of the Framework, to complement existing support and to scale up financing to ensure the timely implementation of the Framework, taking into account the need for adequacy, predictability and the timely flow of funds, to contribute to the quantitative ambition set in Target 19;

11.bis *Regrets* the lack of contributions from the private and financial sectors and philanthropic organizations, non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders to the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund and requests the GBFF to explore ways to enhance its resource mobilization and report the progress to Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth session;

[12.bis.alt2 *Requests* the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund to explore ways to enhance and strengthen predictability in financing the timely implementation of the Framework[, in particular through a voluntary indicative scale of contributions and multi-annual pledges, and present a report thereon for the consideration of the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth session];]

13. *Welcomes* the aspirational programming share of 20 per cent by 2030 from the total amount of resources allocated under the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund to support actions by indigenous peoples and local communities and urges the Global Environment Facility to ensure that country-driven projects contributing to that target are designed and implemented in consultation and partnership with indigenous peoples and local communities;

14.bis. *Welcomes* that a share of 25 per cent of the GBFF's resources is to be programmed through International Finance Institutions that are GEF implementing agencies;

### **Four-year outcome-oriented framework of biodiversity programme priorities of the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Protocols**

15. *Adopts* the four-year outcome-oriented framework of biodiversity programme priorities of the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Protocols as a main guideline for the ninth replenishment period of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund (July 2026–June 2030), aligned with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, as contained in annex I to the present decision;

16. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility to include in its report to the Conference of the Parties information on its responses to the four-year outcome-oriented framework of biodiversity

programme priorities of the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Protocols and how those responses contribute to the achievement of each target of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, as well as considerations for its implementation (sect. C of the Framework), and the achievement of the objectives of the Convention and its Protocols;

17. *Encourages* the governing bodies of the various biodiversity-related conventions to include a standing item in the agenda of their meetings for the provision of strategic advice, as appropriate, concerning national actions that may support collaboration, cooperation and synergies, as appropriate, to achieve the objectives of the Convention and its Protocols and the goals and targets of the Framework, which may be referred to the Global Environment Facility through the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, and to request their respective secretariats to communicate such advice to the Executive Secretary of the Convention;

18. *Invites* the secretariats of the biodiversity-related conventions to participate in and provide input to the inter-secretariat consultation to be convened by the Executive Secretary when developing the inputs of the Secretariat to draft programming directions and policy recommendations for the negotiations of the ninth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund, in which the Facility will participate in line with paragraph 7 of the memorandum of understanding between the Conference of the Parties and the Council of the Global Environment Facility;<sup>10</sup>

### **Funding needs assessment**

19. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to compile and transmit, as soon as practical, the information on funding needs received from all eligible country Parties to the Secretariat of the Global Environment Facility and the participants in the negotiations of the ninth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund;

20. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary to draw upon the experience and lessons learned in implementing the terms of reference for the assessment of funding needs from the Global Environment Facility for the implementation of the Convention and its Protocols and prepare draft terms of reference for conducting the fifth determination of funding needs for the period of the tenth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund, for the period from July 2030 to June 2034, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its sixth meeting and the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth meeting;

### **Further guidance to the Global Environment Facility**

21. *Takes note* of the consolidated previous guidance to the Global Environment Facility contained in the annex to document CBD/COP/16/6/Add.1;

22. *Adopts* the additional guidance to the Global Environment Facility contained in the annex II to the present decision, and requests the Council of the Global Environment Facility to include information regarding the implementation of the additional guidance in its reports to the Conference of the Parties;

22.bis *Requests* the Subsidiary Body on Implementation to consider, at its next session prior to the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, draft elements for further guidance developed in response to its recommendation 4/4 contained in CBD/COP/16/2/Rev.1 as well as additional text proposals submitted at the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;<sup>11</sup>

23. *Recalls* paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 of decision XII/30 of the Conference of the Parties of 17 October 2014 and requests the Executive Secretary to continue to liaise with the various biodiversity-related conventions and the Global Environment Facility in order to explore opportunities to enhance

<sup>10</sup> Decision III/8, annex.

<sup>11</sup> Submission by Plurinational State of Bolivia, available at: <https://www.cbd.int/doc/interventions/6717c9819a0ecc27c502d552/GEF%20Financial%20Mechanism.docx>

support from the Facility for countries with regard to activities relevant to the implementation of the various biodiversity-related conventions;

24. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility to continue to support partnerships with indigenous peoples and local communities, [people of African descent,] women and youth and recognize and promote their contributions to the implementation of the targets of the Framework;

25. *Also requests* the Global Environment Facility to inform the Conference of the Parties on how it is taking into account the voluntary guidelines on safeguards in biodiversity financing mechanisms developed under the Convention, recalling in that regard paragraph 6 of decision 14/15 of 29 November 2018;

26. *Further requests* the Global Environment Facility to explore ways to further improve, facilitate access to and increase direct funding for indigenous peoples and local communities, [people of African descent,] women and youth ensuring that these resources support their rights and knowledge systems;

### **Review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism**

27. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility to continue strengthening its efforts to mobilize resources to support the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity, its Protocols and, in particular, the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, including by mobilizing voluntary contributions from developed country Parties and other Parties which voluntarily assume the obligations of developed country Parties and other countries, and other sources, such as multilateral development banks, the private sector and philanthropic organizations, as well as through sustainable finance instruments, in order to improve the predictability, adequacy, and timely flow of funds and contribute to closing the biodiversity financing gap;

28. *Also requests* that the Global Environment Facility:

(a) Further increase flexibility in project cycle, for developing countries, in particular for least developed countries and small island developing states;

(b) Consider increasing support for sustained programmatic approaches and capacity-building;

(c) Continue to enhance country and local ownership, including through addressing the capacity support available to operational focal points and reviewing the role of the implementing agencies, while considering broadening the base of implementing agencies, with a view to promoting more direct engagement of national entities in developing countries;

(d) Further explore modalities to enhance the effectiveness of processes for funding activities under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from Their Utilization and to encourage take-up by countries;

(e) Further promote support for indigenous peoples and local communities, including by promoting their leadership of and partnership in projects, recognizing indigenous knowledge as a basis for activities supported by the Global Environment Facility and using targeted indicators to monitor projects, and consider establishing a funding target to support the priorities of indigenous peoples and local communities across the biodiversity programme of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund as whole;

(f) Contribute to the implementation of the whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach for the Framework by continuing to enhance effective engagement with civil society organizations, women and youth, indigenous peoples and local communities, the private sector, philanthropic and conservation organizations and other major stakeholder groups;

29. *Further requests* that the Global Environment Facility:

(a) Consider linking implementation outcomes in the Results Measurement Framework of the ninth replenishment of its Trust Fund, annual performance reviews and strategic country cluster evaluations to the objectives of multilateral environment agreements, such as those of the Convention;

(b) Enhance efforts to meet all its current reporting requirements, and in that regard include information on projects on biological diversity that it funds outside the Convention and on its response to the needs assessments prepared by the Conference of the Parties under the memorandum of understanding between the Conference of the Parties and the Council of the Global Environment Facility,<sup>12</sup> so as to enable the Conference of the Parties to improve the quality of its guidance;

(b.bis) Ensure that reporting to the Conference of the Parties includes data regarding IPLCs, in particular disaggregated data where available;

(c) Explore alternative programming modalities, procedures and processes for facilitating and expediting access to increased financial resources for enabling activities;

[30. *Requests* the Council of the Global Environment Facility to explore ways to enhance equitable geographical representation within and between its constituencies, including with due consideration of the elements outlined in the report of the sixth review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism,<sup>13</sup>

30.bis *Also requests* the Council of the Global Environment Facility to ensure the effective engagement of indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth in decision-making, given their contribution to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity;]

31. *Invites* the Assembly of the Global Environment Facility, in the context of the ninth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund, to consider reforms to its governance on the basis of the recommendations by its Council [with respect to para 33 and 33bis];

32. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility, to continue to liaise with the Secretariat of the Green Climate Fund in line with their respective mandates, with a view to enhancing collaboration and support for the Convention, including through the Long-Term Vision<sup>14</sup>;

33. *Further requests* the Executive Secretary to prepare draft terms of reference for the seventh review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism, ensuring that the review includes the views from and possible impacts on the rights of indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its sixth meeting and the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth meeting.

## **Annex I**

### **Four-year outcome-oriented framework of biodiversity programme priorities of the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Protocols for the ninth replenishment period of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund (2026–2030)**

#### **A. Objective**

1. The present four-year outcome-oriented framework of biodiversity programme priorities serves as guidance related to the Convention on Biological Diversity<sup>15</sup> and its Protocols for the Global Environment Facility for the ninth replenishment period of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund (2026–2030).

<sup>12</sup> Decision III/8, annex.

<sup>13</sup> CBD/COP/16/INF/25.

<sup>14</sup> Long-Term Vision on Complementarity, Coherence, and Collaboration between the Green Climate Fund and the Global Environment Facility, GEF/C.60/08, Global Environment Facility, 2021.

<sup>15</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

2. The framework is provided by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention based on the expectation that it will be used by the Secretariat of the Global Environment Facility and the participants in the replenishment negotiations in determining the programming directions and policy recommendations for the ninth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund.

3. The framework is provided within the context of the mandate of the Global Environment Facility to provide resources for achieving global environmental benefits and the mandate provided to the Facility by the Conference of the Parties in the memorandum of understanding between the Conference of the Parties and the Council of the Global Environment Facility.<sup>16</sup>

4. The framework uses the Convention and its Protocols and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework<sup>17</sup> to set the strategic priorities for the financial mechanism of the Convention, which are expected to be operationalized by the Global Environment Facility through its programming directions for the ninth replenishment period.

5. It is recognized that, in the present framework of programme priorities, the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework should be used as a strategic plan for the implementation of the Convention and its Protocols over the period 2022–2030.

6. In particular, the goals and targets of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework provide the direction for the outcomes of the present four-year framework, bearing in mind that the ninth replenishment period coincides with the four-year period leading up to the 2030 deadline for achieving the targets, while recognizing that each of the three objectives of the Convention should be addressed by the Global Environment Facility in a balanced manner when designing and implementing its programming directions and policy recommendations for the ninth replenishment.

7. The integrated and indivisible nature of the components of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, which include considerations for its implementation (sect. C of the Framework), implementation and support mechanism and enabling conditions (sect. I) and responsibility and transparency (sect. J), are recognized in the present framework, as is the operationalization of the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund and its complementary support for the Global Environment Facility in facilitating the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.

8. Recognizing that the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework is relevant to all biodiversity-related conventions and other multilateral environmental agreements, the present framework seeks to promote the implementation of complementary measures that may enhance programmatic synergies and efficiencies among the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Protocols and other biodiversity-related conventions, multilateral environmental agreements and frameworks, relevant to the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and the mandate of the Global Environment Facility[, in a manner consistent with the existing mandates][, improving transparency and avoiding double counting].

## **B. Elements**

9. The four-year outcome-oriented framework of biodiversity programme priorities for the period 2026–2030 includes the following elements under the Convention and its Protocols to which effective implementation support is to be provided:

- (a) The balanced implementation of the three objectives of the Convention;
- (b) The Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, including each of its goals and all of its targets, which define the outcomes being sought;

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<sup>16</sup> Decision III/8, annex.

<sup>17</sup> Decision 15/4, annex.



- (c) National biodiversity strategies and action plans, including National Targets on Biodiversity;
- (d) National biodiversity finance plans or similar instruments;
- (e) The mechanisms and strategies adopted under the Convention to strengthen the means of implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework [for mobilizing sufficient resources towards implementing the Framework and achieving its goals and targets; capacity-building and development, while noting the obligations set out in Articles 20 and 21 of the Convention]; in particular eligible activities under the following mechanisms:
- (i) The revised strategy for resource mobilization;<sup>18</sup>
  - (ii) The long-term strategic framework for capacity-building and development;<sup>19</sup>
  - (iii) The knowledge management strategy to support the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework;<sup>20</sup>
- (f) Eligible activities under the plans of action adopted under the Convention to support the effective and inclusive implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, including:
- (i) The Plan of Action on Subnational Governments, Cities and Other Local Authorities for Biodiversity (2023–2030);<sup>21</sup>
  - (ii) The Gender Plan of Action (2023–2030);<sup>22</sup>
  - (iii) The global action plan on biodiversity and health;<sup>23</sup>
- (g) The monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework<sup>24</sup> and the enhanced multidimensional approach to planning, monitoring, reporting and review;<sup>25</sup>
- (h) The Implementation Plan<sup>26</sup> and Capacity-building Action Plan<sup>27</sup> for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity;<sup>28</sup>
- (i) The capacity-building and development action plan<sup>29</sup> for the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from Their Utilization to the Convention on Biological Diversity;<sup>30</sup>
- (j) The guidance on programme priorities to support the implementation of the Protocols, adopted by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol at its fifth meeting and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol at its eleventh meeting, contained in enclosures I and II, respectively.<sup>31</sup>

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<sup>18</sup> Decisions 15/7 and 16/--.

<sup>19</sup> Decision 15/8, annex I.

<sup>20</sup> Decision 16/--.

<sup>21</sup> Decision 15/12, annex.

<sup>22</sup> Decision 15/11, annex.

<sup>23</sup> Decision 16/--.]<sup>24</sup> Decisions 15/5 and 16/--.

<sup>24</sup> Decisions 15/5 and 16/--.

<sup>25</sup> Decision 15/6.

<sup>26</sup> Decision CP-10/3, annex.

<sup>27</sup> Decision CP-10/4, annex.

<sup>28</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2226, No. 30619.

<sup>29</sup> Decision NP-5/--.

<sup>30</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 3008, No. 30619.

<sup>31</sup> Subject to any additional guidance on programme priorities for the ninth replenishment period of the Global Environment Facility that is adopted by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meetings of the Parties to the Protocols.

**C. Strategic considerations**

10. The programming directions and the policy recommendations for the ninth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility, as they relate to the Convention and its Protocols and their financial mechanism established under Article 21 of the Convention, operated by the Facility on an interim and ongoing basis, in accordance with Article 39 of the Convention, should:

(a) Be developed in a fully transparent and inclusive manner, with a view to ensuring that the projects funded by the Global Environment Facility during its ninth replenishment period to support biodiversity objectives are developed on a context-specific and country-driven basis, addressing the priority needs identified by the recipient countries;

(b) Support the rapid and effective implementation of the Framework, including by contributing to a significantly enhanced mobilization of resources, including Global Environment Facility funding that is adequate, predictable, sustainable, timely and accessible to all Parties eligible to receive support through the financial mechanism of the Convention and its Protocols, as determined under the Convention itself and by the Conference of the Parties. While such funding may be provided to eligible Parties by the Global Environment Facility primarily through allocations under programming directions dedicated to the biodiversity focal area, there can be co-benefits for biodiversity arising from other focal areas and global programmes and through the integrated programmes, heightening the need for streamlined programming and an approval process that enables the timely disbursement of resources;

(c) Build upon support being provided under the eighth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility and the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund;

(d) Take into account coherence with, and synergies among, country-driven programmes and priorities set out in national biodiversity strategies and action plans to support the implementation of the Framework;

(e) Promote engagement with eligible recipient countries to support national resource mobilization and the development, implementation and update of national biodiversity finance plans;

(f) Promote the achievement of global environmental benefits and sustainable development pathways which ensure the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the utilization of genetic resources and are carbon-neutral and pollution-free, including by encouraging coherence and complementarity among the Global Environment Facility focal areas of biodiversity, land degradation, international waters, climate change mitigation and adaptation, and chemicals and waste, and its integrated programmes, within the context of country-driven priorities and programmes;

(g) Reflect the fact that the implementation of biodiversity-related conventions and multilateral environmental agreements, in the context of national biodiversity strategies and action plans, may contribute to the objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Protocols and the goals and targets of the Framework;

(h) Promote cooperation and complementarity in the implementation of the three objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the related objectives of the other conventions served by the Global Environment Facility, as well as those of other biodiversity-related conventions and multilateral environmental agreements, while considering synergies and recognizing the potential contributions of those instruments to the objectives of the Convention, its Protocols and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, and the reciprocated contributions to their own objectives;

(i) Reinforce the efforts of the Global Environment Facility to mobilize and engage with all stakeholders, including the private sector, indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth;

(j) Take into account the important contribution that can be made by transboundary, multi-country, regional and global projects to the implementation of the objectives of the Convention, its Protocols and the Framework, including towards the implementation of global initiatives adopted under the Convention and its Protocols, and transboundary, multi-country, regional and global initiatives that leverage contributions from biodiversity-related conventions and multilateral agreements;

(k) Promote and implement, as appropriate, nature-based solutions and or ecosystem-based approaches.<sup>32</sup>

11. The outcome and indicators for the ninth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility and associated monitoring processes should be effective in their ability to assess the contribution of programming to the attainment of the three objectives of the Convention, the implementation of its Protocols and the implementation of the Framework, including by measuring the co-benefits for biodiversity across all relevant activities of the Facility.

12. The Global Environment Facility, in its ninth replenishment period, should:

(a) Ensure that the level of funding to be made available to recipient countries is commensurate with the ambition of the Framework and the needs and challenges faced by recipient countries;

(b) Explore ways to continue to improve access to funding for eligible countries;

(c) Explore ways to further support capacity-building and to improve direct access to funding by indigenous peoples and local communities embodying traditional lifestyles and holding traditional knowledge, innovations and practices relevant to the conservation of biological diversity and the sustainable use of its components and to support activities and initiatives of women and youth that enhance biodiversity;

(d) Provide capacity-building and support for eligible Parties to enhance the full and effective representation and participation of indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth in the implementation of the Framework;

(e) Further interact and cooperate with multilateral development banks and other public and private financial institutions with the aim of facilitating the integration of the objectives of the Convention and its Protocols, the goals and targets of the Framework and the contributions of other biodiversity-related conventions and multilateral environmental agreements into their activities and encourage these institutions to report on funding contributing to the implementation of those objectives;

(f) Continue to enhance its policies regarding governance and the standards that its implementing partners are held to in order to improve its efficiency and effectiveness in delivering sustainable results.

#### **D. Reporting**

13. Following the conclusion of the ninth replenishment of its Trust Fund, the Global Environment Facility will include in its reports to the Conference of the Parties a description of how the ninth replenishment has responded to the four-year outcome-oriented framework of biodiversity programme priorities and, through the elements of its programming directions, is contributing to the implementation of the Convention and its Protocols and each goal and target of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and the monitoring framework for the Framework.<sup>33</sup>

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<sup>32</sup> As defined in UNEP/EA.5/Res.5

<sup>33</sup> Decision 15/5, annex I.

**Enclosure I<sup>34</sup>****Additional elements for the four-year outcome-oriented framework of biodiversity programme priorities of the Convention on Biological Diversity for the ninth replenishment period of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund (2026–2030) to support the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from Their Utilization**

Elements for the four-year outcome-oriented framework of programme priorities for the ninth replenishment period of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund (2026–2030) to support the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from Their Utilization to the Convention on Biological Diversity,<sup>35</sup> adopted by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol at its fifth meeting, comprise:

- (a) Strengthen its funding dedicated to the Cartagena Protocol to support eligible Parties in implementing the Protocol, including its implementation plan and its capacity-building action plan;
- (b) Continue to provide support to eligible Parties for undertaking activities in the following areas, on the basis of their demands:
  - (i) Development and implementation of legal, administrative and other measures to implement the Cartagena Protocol;
  - (ii) Risk assessment and risk management;
  - (iii) Detection and identification of living modified organisms;
  - (iv) Public awareness, education and participation;
  - (v) Socioeconomic considerations;
  - (vi) Liability and redress;
  - (vii) National reporting, information-sharing and the Biosafety Clearing-House;
  - (viii) Knowledge-sharing and technology transfer;
  - (ix) The implementation of action plans to achieve compliance with the Cartagena Protocol.

**Enclosure II<sup>36</sup>****Additional elements for the four-year outcome-oriented framework of biodiversity programme priorities of the Convention on Biological Diversity for the ninth replenishment period of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund (2026–2030) to support the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety**

Elements for the four-year outcome-oriented framework of programme priorities for the ninth replenishment period of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund (2026–2030) to support the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity,<sup>37</sup> adopted by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol at its eleventh meeting, comprise:

- (a) Support eligible Parties with the implementation of the capacity-building and development action plan for the Nagoya Protocol;

<sup>34</sup> Subject to the adoption of additional guidance on programme priorities for the ninth replenishment period of the Global Environment Facility by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol.

<sup>35</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 3008, No. 30619.

<sup>36</sup> Subject to the adoption of additional guidance on programme priorities for the ninth replenishment period of the Global Environment Facility by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol.

<sup>37</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2226, No. 30619.

- (b) Continue to provide support to eligible Parties for undertaking activities in the following areas:
- (i) Specific priorities for continued capacity-building and development to support the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol;
  - (ii) Integration and mainstreaming of access and benefit-sharing on genetic resources and traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources in policies and activities related to biodiversity and sustainable development;
  - (iii) Development of long-term institutional capacities for managing, monitoring and evaluating national access and benefit-sharing frameworks.

## **Annex II**

### **Additional guidance to the Global Environment Facility**

The Conference of the Parties:

#### **Biodiversity and Health**

1. Requests the Global Environment Facility to provide financial assistance to all recipient countries, including eligible capacity-building and development activities, for national, subnational and regional projects that address the Global Action Plan on Biodiversity and Health.

#### **National biodiversity strategies and action plans**

2. Requests the Global Environment Facility and its implementing agencies to provide timely support to all eligible Parties, aligned with national circumstances and needs, upon request, to enable them to revise or update their national biodiversity strategies and action plans.

#### **Clearing-house mechanism**

3. Requests the Global Environment Facility, in accordance with its mandate, to consider funding requests from developing country Parties, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States among them, and Parties with economies in transition, to enable them to implement the programme of work for the clearing-house mechanism for the period 2024–2030.

#### **Knowledge management**

4. Requests the Global Environment Facility, in accordance with its mandate, to provide support for knowledge management within country-driven projects.

#### **Capacity-building and development, technical and scientific cooperation and technology transfer**

5. Requests the Global Environment Facility, including through the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund, in accordance with its mandate, to continue to support eligible activities in country-driven projects that include technical and scientific cooperation, technology transfer and capacity-building for the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.

6. Also requests the Global Environment Facility, including through the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund, in accordance with their mandates, and invites the Kunming Biodiversity Fund and other funds, to support, as appropriate, the operationalization and eligible activities of the regional and subregional technical and scientific cooperation support centres in developing country Parties, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States among them, and Parties with economies in transition as part of country-driven projects.

### **Monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework**

7. Requests the Global Environment Facility to continue to provide adequate, timely and predictable financial resources to support capacity-building and development to contribute to the development and implementation of national biodiversity monitoring systems to support the reporting efforts of Parties, in response to requests by eligible Parties, according to its mandate.

### **Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety**

8. Requests the Global Environment Facility, and invites other relevant funds, to continue to make funds available to Parties in support of activities related to the Biosafety Clearing-House and national biosafety websites.

9. Requests the Global Environment Facility to assist eligible Parties by providing speedy access to the means of implementation at the scale required to cover the scope and speed of the assistance needed, including for strengthening the infrastructure for the detection and identification of living modified organisms, establishing regional networks of laboratories, undertaking capacity-building activities and developing or acquiring certified reference materials, and urges Parties to submit appropriate proposals in that context to the Global Environment Facility to enable support for such activities.

10. Also requests to the Global Environment Facility:

(a) To make funds available in a timely manner to support eligible Parties in preparing and submitting their fifth national reports under the Cartagena Protocol;

(b) To strengthen its funding dedicated to the Cartagena Protocol to support eligible Parties in implementing the Protocol, including its implementation plan and its capacity-building action plan;

(c) To continue to provide support to eligible Parties for undertaking activities in the following areas, on the basis of their demands:

(i) Development and implementation of legal, administrative and other measures to implement the Cartagena Protocol;

(ii) Risk assessment and risk management;

(iii) Detection and identification of living modified organisms;

(iv) Public awareness, education and participation;

(v) Socioeconomic considerations;

(vi) Liability and redress;

(vii) National reporting, information-sharing and the Biosafety Clearing-House;

(viii) Knowledge-sharing and technology transfer;

(ix) The implementation of action plans to achieve compliance with the Cartagena Protocol;

[(d) To further explore modalities to reform its operations, including through the consideration of ring-fenced funding to support the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol and the use of global and regional projects, in such a manner as to enable it to fulfil effectively its responsibilities in operating the financial mechanism for the Protocol, and report on those matters to the Conference of the Parties to the Convention at its seventeenth meeting;]<sup>38</sup>

(e) To simplify the process for the submission of biosafety project proposals;

<sup>38</sup> Subject to changes based on the outcomes of the discussions from the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.

(f) To facilitate capacity-building activities, including through webinars, on designing biosafety projects;

### **Nagoya Protocol**

11. Requests the Global Environment Facility to provide adequate financial resources for the implementation of the capacity-building and development action plan for the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from Their Utilization contained in the annex to the present decision.

12. Requests the Global Environment Facility and the implementing agencies to facilitate the relevant processes in a timely manner in order to ensure that support is provided to Parties that submit their letters of endorsement.

13. Also requests to the Global Environment Facility:

(a) To make funds available in a timely manner to support eligible Parties in preparing and submitting their first national reports under the Nagoya Protocol;

(b) To strengthen its funding dedicated to supporting eligible Parties in implementing the Nagoya Protocol;

(c) To support eligible Parties with the implementation of the capacity-building and development action plan for the Nagoya Protocol;

(d) To continue to provide support to eligible Parties for undertaking activities in the following areas:

(i) Specific priorities for continued capacity-building and development to support the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol;

(ii) Integration and mainstreaming of access and benefit-sharing on genetic resources and traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources in policies and activities related to biodiversity and sustainable development;

(iii) Development of long-term institutional capacities for managing, monitoring and evaluating national access and benefit-sharing frameworks;

(e) To examine options to support the implementation of the Protocol, in order to enable the Global Environment Facility to fulfil its responsibilities in operating the financial mechanism for the Protocol most effectively, and to report on those matters to the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth meeting.