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Twenty-fourth meeting

Montreal, Canada, 17 to 22 August 2020

Item 2 of the provisional agenda*

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

INTRODUCTION

1. The twenty-fourth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice will be held in Montreal, Canada, at the headquarters of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), from 17 to 22 August 2020. Registration of participants will commence at 10 a.m. on Sunday, 16 August 2020.
2. The Subsidiary Body was established under Article 25 of the Convention on Biological Diversity. In addition, the Nagoya Protocol, in its Article 27, provides that any subsidiary body established by or under the Convention may serve the Nagoya Protocol. Similarly, the Cartagena Protocol, in its Article 30, provides that any subsidiary body established by or under the Convention may serve the Protocol, upon a decision by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol.
3. The purpose of the present document is to facilitate preparations for the meeting by Parties and observers.

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

4. The meeting will be opened at 10 a.m. on Monday, 17 August 2020. Statements will be made by the Chair of the Subsidiary Body and the Executive Secretary.

ITEM 2. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

Election of officers

5. Pursuant to rule 26, paragraph 3, of its rules of procedure, the Conference of the Parties at its fourteenth meeting, held in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt, in November 2018, elected Mr. Hesiquio Benitez Diaz (Mexico) as Chair of the Subsidiary Body for a term of office extending until the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
6. Following the elections held at the twenty-second and twenty-third meetings of the Subsidiary Body, followed by communications from the Governments of Belarus and Ukraine, the composition of the Bureau of the twenty-fourth meeting of the Subsidiary Body, is as follows: Mr. Adams Toussaint (Saint Lucia); Ms. Helena Brown (Antigua and Barbuda), alternate for the Nagoya Protocol for Saint Lucia; Mrs. Marina Von Weissenberg (Finland); Mrs. Tia Stevens (Australia); Mr. Gaute Voigt-Hanssen (Norway), alternate for the Cartagena Protocol and Nagoya Protocol for Australia; Mr. Larbi Sbai (Morocco); Mrs. Marie-May Muzungaile (Seychelles); Mr. Moustafa M.A. Fouda (Egypt), alternate

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for the Nagoya Protocol for Morocco; Ms. Kongchay Phimmakong (Lao People's Democratic Republic); Ms. Gwen Sisor (Palau); Ms. Senka Barudanovic (Bosnia and Herzegovina); and Mr. Volodymyr Domashlinets (Ukraine); Mr. Mr. Dzmitry Lukashanets (Belarus), alternate for the Cartagena Protocol for Bosnia and Herzegovina.

7. In order to have staggered terms of office within the Bureau, the Subsidiary Body will elect five new members to serve on the Bureau for a term commencing at the end of the twenty-fourth meeting and ending at the close of the twenty-fifth meeting in order to replace the members from Finland, Antigua and Barbuda, Morocco, Ukraine and the Lao People's Democratic Republic.

8. One of the Bureau members will be elected as rapporteur for the meeting on basis of a recommendation by the Bureau.

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

9. The draft provisional agenda for the twenty-fourth meeting of the Subsidiary Body has been prepared by the Executive Secretary in consultation with the Bureau.¹

10. The Subsidiary Body will be invited to consider the provisional agenda for its twenty-fourth meeting (CBD/SBSTTA/24/1) for adoption and to agree on the proposed organization of work (annex I).

11. In line with the budget adopted by the Conference of the Parties² it is proposed that all agenda items be considered in plenary (see annex I). Selected agenda items will be introduced by a keynote presentation in line with decisions of the Conference of the Parties and taking into account experience from the previous meetings of the Subsidiary Body.³

12. A list of pre-session documents for the meeting is provided in annex II.

ITEM 3. POST-2020 GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK

13. At its fourteenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties adopted the preparatory process for the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework ([decision 14/34](#), annex) and 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 open-ended intersessional working group (decision 14/34, para. 16). Decision 14/34 requires that the preparatory process be knowledge-based and that it includes provision for analytical work prepared in accordance with recommendation [SBSTTA-XXI/1](#) and [decision 14/35](#). Among the key information sources identified are national reports, assessments prepared by the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) and other bodies and relevant peer reviewed literature, as well as the fifth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook*. [Decisions 14/1](#) (para. 9) and 14/35 (paras. 1, 5) provide further specifications in this regard. The Co-Chairs of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework were requested 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 at its twenty-fourth meetings with the view to integrating the outcomes of those meetings along with other considerations into draft framework (decision 14/34, para. 19).

14. The Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework at its first meeting, with reference to the findings of the global assessment report on biodiversity and ecosystem services prepared

¹ At its twelfth meeting, the Conference of the Parties established the Subsidiary Body on Implementation and specified that the Subsidiary Body on Implementation and the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice should carry out their respective functions taking into account their role and functions with a view to ensuring complementarity in their work and avoiding overlap (see decision XII/26, annex). This will be taken fully into account in the preparation for the various agenda items

² See decision XIII/32.

³ Detailed plans will be developed in consultation with the Bureau of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and will be communicated to Parties well ahead of the meeting, together with the names of presenters and the scope of the presentations.

by the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, invited the Subsidiary Body to provide elements concerning guidance on specific goals, specific, measurable, achievable, result-based and time-bound (SMART) targets, indicators, baselines, and monitoring frameworks, relating to the drivers of biodiversity loss, for achieving transformational change, within the scope of the three objectives of the Convention (recommendation WG2020-1/1, para. 7).

15. The Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at its twenty-third meeting considered the scientific and technical evidence base for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, in the light of decisions 14/1, 14/34 and 14/35 and recommendation WG2020-1/1, and adopted recommendation SBSTTA-23/1, including a draft decision for the Conference of the Parties. In this recommendation, the Subsidiary Body, among other things:

(a) Welcomed the *Global Assessment Report on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services* and other reports of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services as well as the special reports of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, took note of the information presented in the note by the Executive Secretary on the evidence base for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, and invited the Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework to consider this information in its deliberations;

(b) Took note of the information documents provided on indicators, and requested the Executive Secretary to submit the relevant documents for peer review, and, in collaboration with other members of the Biodiversity Indicators Partnership, to prepare an analysis of the use of indicators in the sixth national reports, and, drawing upon this information as well as the inputs to the peer review and other relevant information, to prepare a document that identifies the range of relevant existing indicators, baselines, baseline dates, or other appropriate methods for monitoring changes in biodiversity, indicator gaps, and, where relevant, options for filling such gaps and for a monitoring framework for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, taking into account the outcomes of the second meeting of the Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework;

(c) Requested the Executive Secretary to invite written submissions from Parties and others seeking views, particularly on the possible targets, indicators and baselines related to the drivers of biodiversity loss as well as on species conservation and the mainstreaming of biodiversity across sectors, to be compiled and made available for the consideration of the Working Group at its second meeting and the Subsidiary Body at its twenty-fourth meeting.

16. The Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework at its second meeting considered the Zero Draft of the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework and invited the Subsidiary Body to carry out a scientific and technical review of the updated goals and targets, and related indicators and baselines, of the draft global biodiversity framework, as well as the revised appendices to the framework, and to provide advice to the Working Group at its third meeting (recommendation WG2020-2/1, para. 3). It further requested the preparation of a number of documents (paras 4, 5 and 6), as detailed below.

17. In the light of the foregoing, the Subsidiary Body will have before it:

(a) The fifth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook* and its summary for policymakers (CBD/SBSTTA/24/2);

(b) Updated elements of the draft post-2020 global biodiversity framework (CBD/POST2020/PREP/2/1), prepared by the Co-Chairs of the Working Group with the support of the Executive Secretary and under the oversight of the Bureaux of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and of the Conference of the Parties, serving to update, in accordance with recommendation WG2020-2/1, paragraph 4, those elements of the draft framework that were reviewed by the Working Group at its second meeting, taking into account the annex to the report on the meeting and the submissions received in response to notification 2019-108.⁴ This document will be

⁴ The submissions are available at: <https://www.cbd.int/conferences/post2020/submissions/2019-108>

further updated and revised by the Co-Chairs of the Working Group to take into account the outcomes of the twenty-fourth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and other meetings before being made available for the consideration of the Working Group at its third meeting as a first draft of the global biodiversity framework in line with the request contained in recommendation WG2020-2/1, para. 7;

(c) Scientific and technical information to support the review of the draft framework (CBD/SBSTTA/24/3) prepared by the Executive Secretary in accordance with recommendation WG2020-2/1, paragraphs 3 and 6, building on the document referred to in subparagraph (b) above and supported by an information document with an analyses of the linkages between the proposed goals, targets and monitoring framework of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and the Sustainable Development Goals within the scope of the Convention;

(d) The updated tables from the appendices to the draft framework (CBD/SBSTTA/24/2/Add.1) prepared by the Co-Chairs of the Working Group and the Executive Secretary in accordance with recommendation WG2020-2/1, paragraph 5, based on document CBD/WG2020/3/3/Add.1 and updated in the light the outcomes of the second meeting of the Working Group, and taking into account the submissions received in response to notification 2019-108;

(e) An information document prepared by the Executive Secretary in collaboration with the members of the Biodiversity Indicators Partnership further to recommendation SBSTTA-23/1, paragraph 13, which identifies the range of relevant existing indicators, baselines, baseline dates, or other appropriate methods for monitoring changes in biodiversity, indicator gaps and, where relevant, options for filling such gaps and for a monitoring framework for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, taking into account the outcomes of the second meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework.

18. This agenda item will be introduced with a presentation of the final report on the fifth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook* and a briefing by the Co-Chairs of the Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework on the status of the preparation of the framework.

19. The Subsidiary Body is expected to review documents CBD/SBSTTA/24/3 and Add.1 (elements related to the components of goals and targets, elements for monitoring and indicators), taking into account CBD/SBSTTA/24/2 and CBD/POST2020/PREP/2/1, and to make recommendations to the Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework at its third meeting and to the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting, as appropriate. It is also expected that the Subsidiary Body will request the Co-Chairs of the Open-ended Working Group and the Executive Secretary to take into account the results of its deliberations when preparing further documentation for the Working Group, including the preparation a first draft of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

ITEM 4. SYNTHETIC BIOLOGY

20. At its fourteenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties considered the issue of synthetic biology on the basis of the outcomes of a meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Synthetic Biology (AHTEG) held in 2017 and 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.

21. The Conference of the Parties decided to extend the AHTEG on Synthetic Biology, with renewed membership, as well as the Open-ended Online Forum on Synthetic Biology to support the deliberations of the AHTEG, taking into account the work on risk assessment under the Cartagena Protocol.

22. The AHTEG was requested to:

(a) Provide advice on the relationship between synthetic biology and the criteria for identifying new and emerging issues (decision IX/29, para. 12);

- (b) Address various aspects of technological developments in synthetic biology;
- (c) Recommend options for carrying out the regular horizon scanning, monitoring and assessing of developments referred to above.

23. The Conference of the Parties requested the Subsidiary Body to consider the work of the Open-ended Online Forum and the AHTEG on Synthetic Biology, and to note the preliminary analysis⁵ done by the Executive Secretary and to consider further analyses and advice from the AHTEG of the relationship between synthetic biology and the criteria set out in [decision IX/29](#), paragraph 12, in order to contribute to the completion of the analysis requested in [decision XII/24](#), paragraph 2.

24. The Subsidiary Body will have before it 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). The report of the online discussions, the synthesis of the submissions of information and the full report of the meeting of the AHTEG will be made available as information documents. In addition, further to its recommendation 23/7, the Subsidiary Body may wish to take into account two proposals related to synthetic biology considered at its twenty-third meeting as part of the process for considering potential new and emerging issues.

25. The Subsidiary Body is expected to review the information provided and make a recommendation to the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting.

ITEM 5. RISK ASSESSMENT AND RISK MANAGEMENT OF LIVING MODIFIED ORGANISMS

26. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, in [decision CP-9/13](#) decided to establish a process for the identification and prioritization of specific issues regarding risk assessment of living modified organisms for consideration by the meeting of the Parties with a view to developing further guidance on risk assessment on the specific issues identified, taking into account the annex I to the decision.⁶

27. The process comprises:

- (a) The commissioning of studies to inform the application of annex I of the decision to two issues: (i) living modified organisms containing engineered gene drives and (ii) living modified fish;
- (b) The collection and synthesis of relevant information provided by Parties, other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities, and relevant organizations;
- (c) A moderated discussion through an online forum on risk assessment and risk management;
- (d) A meeting of an ad hoc technical expert group, established in decision CP-9/13 with the following terms of reference:
 - (i) Review the studies on LMOs containing engineered gene drives and living modified fish and perform an analysis according to annex I of the decision, supported by the data in the studies;
 - (ii) Consider the needs and priorities for further guidance and gaps in existing guidance identified by Parties with regard to specific topics of risk assessment and prepare an analysis;

⁵ SBSTTA/22/INF/17.

⁶ CP-9/13, annex I (Identification and prioritization of specific issues of risk assessment of living modified organism that may warrant consideration).

- (iii) Make recommendations on the need for guidance to be developed on risk assessment of LMOs containing engineered gene drives and living modified fish, and on any adjustments needed to annex I of decision CP-9/13.

28. The discussions in the Online Forum on Risk Assessment and Risk Management were held from 13 January to 1 February 2020 while the meeting of the AHTEG was held from 30 March to 3 April 2020.

29. The Subsidiary Body will have before it a document containing a summary of the intersessional activities, including a summary of the submissions of information, the outcomes of the moderated online discussions and the outcomes of the meeting of the AHTEG (CBD/SBSTTA/24/5). The commissioned studies, the synthesis of the submissions, the report on the online forum, and the report of the AHTEG will each be made available as information documents.

30. The Subsidiary Body is expected to review the information provided and to make a recommendation to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol at its tenth meeting, including as to whether additional guidance materials on risk assessment are needed for (a) living modified organisms containing engineered gene drives, and (b) living modified fish.

31. Only Parties to the Cartagena Protocol will participate in decision-making on this item during the meeting of the Subsidiary Body.

ITEM 6. MARINE AND COASTAL BIODIVERSITY

32. At its fourteenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties welcomed the report of the Expert Workshop to Develop Options for Modifying the Description of Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas, for Describing New Areas, and for Strengthening the Scientific Credibility and Transparency of this Process (December 2017) and requested the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of financial resources, to identify options for modifying the description of ecologically or biologically significant marine areas, for describing new areas, and for strengthening the scientific credibility and transparency of this process, noting the above-mentioned report and annex II to the decision ([decision 14/9](#), para. 2).

33. In [decision 14/10](#), the Conference of the Parties addressed the issue of marine debris, marine litter and microplastics, recognizing the need for further work on this issue, welcoming the work of the United Nations Environment Assembly's Ad Hoc Open-Ended Expert Group on Marine Litter, and requesting the Executive Secretary to inform this Expert Group of the relevant work undertaken by the Convention, and also to contribute, as relevant, to the work of this Expert Group.

34. In the same decision, the Conference of the Parties addressed anthropogenic underwater noise and marine spatial planning and requested the Executive Secretary to continue to work on the compilation and synthesis of information related to these issues ([decision 14/10](#), para. 5).

35. Also in the same decision, the Conference of the Parties welcomed the capacity-building and partnership activities being facilitated by the Executive Secretary through the Sustainable Ocean Initiative, and expressed its gratitude to the Governments of Japan, France, the Republic of Korea and Sweden, to the European Union, and to many other partners for providing financial and technical support, and requested the Executive Secretary to continue these activities, including on specific themes relating to conservation and sustainable use of marine and coastal biodiversity ([decision 14/10](#), para. 8).

36. Also in [decision 14/10](#), the Conference of the Parties welcomed the 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, including through the Sustainable Ocean Initiative Global Dialogue with Regional Seas Organizations and Regional Fishery Bodies, and requested the Executive Secretary to transmit the outcomes of the first and second meetings of the Sustainable Ocean Initiative Global Dialogue to relevant global and regional processes, and to collaborate with Parties, other

Governments, relevant organizations and donors to facilitate on-the-ground implementation of these outcomes.

37. Finally, in the same decision, the Conference of the Parties addressed the issue of mainstreaming of biodiversity in fisheries, and collaboration with 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, requesting the Executive Secretary to continue this cooperation.

38. The Subsidiary Body will have before it a document providing a report on these issues (CBD/SBSTTA/24/6), and, in annexes, options for modifying the description of ecologically or biologically significant marine areas, describing new areas, and strengthening scientific credibility and transparency of this process.

39. The Subsidiary Body is expected to consider this information and prepare recommendations for the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting.

ITEM 7. BIODIVERSITY AND AGRICULTURE

40. 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 (FAO) 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.

41. The Subsidiary Body will have before it a document providing a summary of the report on the state of knowledge on soil biodiversity prepared by FAO and an updated draft plan of action for the international initiative for the conservation and sustainable use of soil biodiversity (CBD/SBSTTA/24/7). The full FAO report on the state of knowledge on soil biodiversity covering current status, challenges and potentialities, will be available as an information document.

42. This agenda item will be introduced with a keynote presentation by FAO on its Strategy on Biodiversity Mainstreaming across Agricultural Sectors and on the report on the state of knowledge on soil biodiversity covering current status, challenges and potentialities.

43. The Subsidiary Body is expected to consider this information and prepare recommendations for the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting.

ITEM 8. PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL SCIENCE-POLICY PLATFORM ON BIODIVERSITY AND ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

44. In [decision 14/36](#), 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 for a further request to be considered for inclusion in the programme of work towards 2030 of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services with a view to supporting the implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. In 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 Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, taking into consideration the findings of the review of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, with a view to optimizing their use in support of the implementation of the Convention, and to report to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at a meeting to be held prior to the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

45. The Subsidiary Body will have before it a document addressing these requests, taking into account the outcomes of the seventh meeting of the IPBES Plenary, which was held in May 2019.

46. In the light of the above requests the Executive Secretary has prepared document CBD/SBSTTA/24/8 for the consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at its twenty-fourth meeting.

47. The Subsidiary Body is expected to consider this information and prepare recommendations for the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting.

ITEM 9. BIODIVERSITY AND HEALTH

48. In [decision 14/4](#) the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of financial resources, and invites 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:

(a) To develop integrated science-based indicators, metrics and progress measurements tools on biodiversity and health;

(b) To develop targeted messaging approaches on mainstreaming biodiversity for the health sector, including as part of the delivery on the global communication strategy and messaging approaches as set out in decision XII/2;

(c) To develop a draft global action plan to mainstream biodiversity and health linkages into national policies, strategies, programmes and accounts, in order to further support Parties in the mainstreaming of biodiversity and health linkages, building upon decision XIII/6 and the guidance on integrating biodiversity considerations into One Health approaches, among other holistic approaches.

49. The Conference of the Parties also requested the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of resources, and invited the World Health Organization and other members of the Inter-agency Liaison Group on Biodiversity and Health, and other partners, as appropriate:

(a) To collaborate to promote and facilitate dialogues on biodiversity-health approaches;

(b) To co-convene further regional and subregional capacity-building workshops on issues related to health and biodiversity in all regions;

(c) To compile information on relevant research, experiences and best practices on a number of issues;

(d) To explore a mechanism that would facilitate access to, regularly update, synthesize and disseminate scientific literature and other reports on health and biodiversity, with a view to supporting the development of good practice guidance.

50. The Subsidiary Body will have before it a progress report on these items (CBD/SBSTTA/24/9).

51. This agenda item will be introduced with a keynote presentation by the representative of the World Health Organization.

52. The Subsidiary Body is expected to consider this information and prepare recommendations for the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting.

ITEM 10. INVASIVE ALIEN SPECIES

53. In [decision 14/11](#), the Conference of the Parties decided, subject to the availability of resources, to establish an Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group, 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:

(a) Methods for cost-benefit and cost-effectiveness analysis which best apply to the management of invasive alien species;

(b) Methods, tools and measures for identification and minimization of additional risks associated with cross-border e-commerce in live organisms and the impacts thereof;

(c) Methods, tools and strategies for the management of invasive alien species as it relates to prevention of potential risks arising from climate change and associated natural disasters and land use changes;

(d) Risk analysis on the potential consequences of the introduction of invasive alien species on social, economic and cultural values;

(e) Use of existing databases on invasive alien species and their impacts, to support risk communication.

54. The Executive Secretary was requested to convene a moderated open online discussion forum to support the deliberations of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group.

55. The Executive Secretary was also requested:

(a) 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 the possibility of developing a system of classification and labelling, consistent and in harmony with international agreements, for consignments of living organisms that pose a hazard or risk to biological diversity related to invasive alien species, supplementary to and in line with existing international standards;

(b) To further facilitate development and use of the information on the pathways of introduction and their impact, in collaboration with the Global Invasive Alien Species Information Partnership, taking into account the necessity of monitoring the flow of alien species sold via e-commerce;

56. The Subsidiary Body will have before a document addressing these issues (CBD/SBSTTA/24/10). The full report of the AHTEG will be made available as an information document.

57. The Subsidiary Body is expected to consider the information provided and make a recommendation to the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting.

ITEM 11. OTHER MATTERS

58. Under this item, participants will be invited to raise other matters of relevance to the meeting.

ITEM 12. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

59. Under this item, the Subsidiary Body will consider and adopt its report. In accordance with established practice, the Subsidiary Body is invited to authorize the Rapporteur to complete the final report after the meeting, with the guidance of the Chair and the assistance of the Secretariat.

ITEM 13. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

60. The twenty-fourth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice is scheduled to close at 6 p.m. on Saturday, 22 August 2020.

Annex I

**PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK FOR THE TWENTY-FOURTH MEETING OF THE SUBSIDIARY BODY ON
SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE**

	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	3 p.m. – 6 p.m.
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Tuesday 18 August 2020	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Synthetic biology 5. Risk assessment and risk management of living modified organisms 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Marine and coastal biodiversity
Wednesday 19 August 2020	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Biodiversity and agriculture 8. IPBES programme of work 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 9. Biodiversity and health 10. Invasive alien species
Thursday 20 August 2020	Consideration of conference room papers	Consideration of conference room papers
Friday 21 August 2020	Consideration of conference room papers	Consideration of conference room papers
Saturday 22 August 2020	Consideration of conference room papers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. Other matters 12. Adoption of the report 13. Closure of the meeting

*Annex II***LIST OF WORKING DOCUMENTS**

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