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Draft recommendation submitted by the Chair

The Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice

Recommends that, at its seventeenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties adopt a decision along the following lines:

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling its decision [16/18](#) of 1 November 2024, in which it recognized the urgent need to implement the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework,¹ in particular its Target 6, that increasing the availability and accessibility of information and means of implementation and addressing major knowledge gaps on biological invasions, in particular in developing countries, would result in more robust and effective policy instruments and management actions and that additional efforts and cooperation are particularly needed to improve data collection in the African, Asian, Latin American and Caribbean and the Pacific regions;

Recalling also that, to address the challenges posed by invasive alien species, it highlighted the relevance of coordination and collaboration across sectors in its decisions [XII/17](#) of 10 October 2014, [14/11](#) of 29 November 2018, [15/27](#) of 19 December 2022 and [16/18](#), as well as urged Parties to support the implementation of the One Health approach in its decision [16/18](#),

Recalling further the actions proposed to ensure biodiversity and health co-benefits when addressing invasive alien species, as outlined in the Global Action Plan on Biodiversity and Health,²

Recalling subparagraph 9 (i) of its decision [16/18](#), in which it highlighted the importance of seeking opportunities to enhance coordination and collaboration among countries and international and regional mechanisms, and across sectors, to support the implementation of the One Health approach,

¹ Decision 15/4, annex.

² Decision [16/19](#), annex.

Noting the importance of sustained financing to advance the work on invasive alien species,

Noting also that improved data accessibility and information-sharing are vital for making progress towards Target 6 of the Framework,

Emphasizing the important connection between invasive alien species and climate change,

1. *Notes with appreciation* the work done by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity³ during the current intersessional period, including the hosting of the discussions of the Open-ended Online Forum on Invasive Alien Species and the convening of the fourteenth meeting of the Inter-Agency Liaison Group on Invasive Alien Species;

2. *Encourages* Parties, in accordance with national circumstances and priorities, and invites other Governments, subnational and local governments, relevant organizations, multilateral environmental agreements and indigenous peoples and local communities, as appropriate:

(a) To improve the collection, analysis, availability and sharing of data on impacts, pathways of introduction and spread, especially through international trade, including online trade, occurrences and management measures with regard to invasive alien species identified in their territories, in order to support efforts towards addressing Target 6 of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework;

(b) To consider the use of integrated and collaborative approaches that bring together relevant sectors to address the challenges posed by invasive alien species to biodiversity, nature's contributions to people and human well-being, through, inter alia, cross-sectoral committees;

(c) To strengthen cross-sectoral and cross-border collaboration in order to implement the One Health approach in relation to invasive alien species;

3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of financial resources:

(a) To continue to collaborate with the Inter-Agency Liaison Group on Invasive Alien Species on, among other things:

(i) The compilation of information and lessons learned on how relevant government agencies can improve cross-sectoral collaboration at the national and regional levels, to address the challenges posed by invasive alien species, including through the use of integrated approaches;

(ii) The exploration and proposal of strategies to enable early detection and rapid response to support the collection, sharing and mobilization of data, so as to reduce the time lag between the detection of an invasive alien species and information availability;

(iii) The development of training materials on emerging tools, for example, environmental DNA analysis and artificial intelligence-based detection;

(iv) The organization of knowledge-sharing activities on the use of existing tools and guidance on invasive alien species produced under the Convention;

(b) To continue to improve the invasive alien species portal⁴ on the website of the Convention on Biological Diversity, including by making its content available in the six

³ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

⁴ www.cbd.int/invasive.

official languages of the United Nations, in order to support the implementation of Target 6 of the Framework;

(c) To submit the outcomes of the work described above to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice for consideration at a meeting held before the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
