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**FINANCIAL MECHANISM: ELEMENTS OF GUIDANCE TO THE GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT
FACILITY**

Draft recommendation submitted by the Chair

The Subsidiary Body on Implementation,

Taking note of the draft proposals for a four-year outcome-oriented framework of programme priorities for the eighth replenishment period (July 2022 to June 2026) of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund and other related matters (CBD/SBI/3/6/Add.4),

Taking note also of the report on the full assessment of funding necessary and available for the implementation of the Convention and its Protocols for the eighth replenishment period of the Global Environment Facility and *taking note with concern* of the low rate of response that affects the quality of the scenarios presented,¹

Aware of the progress in the negotiation of the eighth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund and of the favourable attention given to biodiversity in the associated strategy, policy and programming directions for the eighth replenishment period, including for the implementation of the Convention and the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, the Nagoya Protocol and the post-2020 implementation plan and capacity-building action plan for the Cartagena Protocol,

1. *Recommends*, for the consideration of the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting, the four-year outcome-oriented framework of programme priorities of the Convention on Biological Diversity for the eighth replenishment period (2022-2026) of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund contained in the annex to the present recommendation;²

2. *Invites* the participants in the negotiations of the eighth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund to continue to prioritize the implementation of the Convention and the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, the Nagoya Protocol and the draft post-2020 implementation plan and capacity-building action plan for the Cartagena Protocol in the strategy and programming directions for the eighth replenishment period of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund, taking into account, as appropriate, the draft four-year outcome-oriented framework of programme priorities of the Convention on Biological Diversity for the eighth replenishment period (2022-2026) of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund contained in the annex to the present recommendation and promoting the implementation of the three objectives of the Convention on a country-driven basis;

3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to prepare the draft consolidated guidance to the Global Environment Facility for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting, incorporating the following elements:

(a) The draft four-year outcome-oriented framework of programme priorities for the eighth replenishment period referred to in paragraph 2 above;

¹ CBD/SBI/3/6/INF/44.

² The annex would be added to CBD/SBI/3/L.3 as referred in footnote 8 of CBD/SBI/3/L.3.

(b) The updated consolidated previous guidance to the Global Environment Facility, including advice on how the various elements of guidance relate to the targets of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework;

(c) Guidance emanating from the draft decisions of the Conference of the Parties and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meetings of the Parties to the Protocols;

(d) Strategic advice on synergies received from biodiversity-related conventions, relevant to the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, pursuant to paragraphs 3, 9 and 10 of decision XIII/21 and from other relevant agreements and international processes with cooperation mechanisms established with the Convention on Biological Diversity.

4. *Recommends* that the Conference of the Parties includes the following paragraphs in its consolidated guidance to the Global Environment Facility at its fifteenth meeting:

(a) *Requests* the Global Environment Facility to include in its report to the Conference of the Parties and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meetings of the Parties to the Protocols an explanation of how GEF-8, through the elements of its programming directions is contributing to the implementation of the Convention and its Protocols and to [each 2030 target[, milestone] and 2050 goal of] the post-2020 global biodiversity framework [and its monitoring framework] [, taking into account the priorities and needs identified by recipient countries];

[(b) *Invites* the Global Environment Facility to support Parties in their effort to enhance policy coherence as part of biodiversity mainstreaming to facilitate the implementation of the post2020 global biodiversity framework.]

Annex

FOUR-YEAR OUTCOME-ORIENTED FRAMEWORK OF PROGRAMME PRIORITIES OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY FOR THE EIGHTH REPLENISHMENT PERIOD (2022-2026) OF THE GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY TRUST FUND

Objective

1. This four-year outcome-oriented framework of programme priorities provides guidance to the Global Environment Facility (GEF) for the eighth replenishment period (GEF-8), 2022-2026, and is within the context of the GEF mandate to provide resources to achieve global environmental benefits and the mandate provided to the GEF by the Conference of the Parties. It utilizes the Convention and the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and the Convention's Protocols to set priorities for the financial mechanism. In particular, the goals[, milestones] and targets of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework provide direction for the outcomes of this four-year framework[, bearing in mind that GEF-8 and GEF-9 will together cover the expected eight years to the 2030 deadlines of those [milestones and] targets, while recognizing that the three objectives of the Convention should be considered [in a balanced manner] by the GEF when designing and implementing biodiversity strategy and programming directions].

2. In that regard, it is envisaged that following the adoption of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and the conclusion of the GEF-8 replenishment under their respective processes, the GEF will include in its report to the Conference of the Parties an explanation on how GEF-8, through the elements of its programming directions, is contributing to the implementation of the Convention and its Protocols, and to [each 2030 target [, milestone] and 2050 goal of] the post-2020 global biodiversity framework[and its monitoring framework] [, taking into account the priorities and needs identified by recipient countries].

3. This four-year outcome-oriented framework of programme priorities recognizes that the post-2020 global biodiversity framework is [an overarching framework] of [high] relevance to all biodiversity-related conventions and [agreements, and] seeks to promote the implementation of complementary measures that may enhance programmatic synergies and efficiencies, among the Convention, its Protocols and other biodiversity-related conventions [and agreements], relevant to the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and mandate of the Global Environment Facility.

Elements

4. The four-year outcome-oriented framework of programme priorities for the period 2022–2026 consists of the following elements to which effective implementation support is to be provided [through a specific dedicated window]:

(a) The post-2020 global biodiversity framework, including its goals[, milestones] and targets which define the outcomes being sought;

(b) National biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs);

(c) National biodiversity finance plans;

(d) The [balanced] implementation of the three objectives of the Convention;

(e) The implementation support mechanisms adopted under the Convention associated with the post-2020 global biodiversity framework related to: mobilizing sufficient-resources [from all sources] towards implementing the framework and achieving its goals and targets; mainstreaming; capacity building and development; generation, management and sharing of knowledge for effective biodiversity planning, policy development and coherence, decision-making and implementation; and technical and scientific cooperation, technology transfer and innovation. In particular:

(i) The resource mobilization strategy;

(ii) The long-term strategic framework for capacity-building and development beyond 2020;

[(iii) The long-term strategic approach to mainstreaming biodiversity;]

[(iv) The updated plan of action on subnational governments, cities and other local authorities for biodiversity, and;]

[(v) The gender plan of action for the post-2020 period.]

(f) The mechanisms for planning, reporting, monitoring, [stocktaking], assessment and review of the implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework;

(g) The enabling conditions outlined in the post-2020 global biodiversity framework required for its implementation;

(h) The implementation plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (2021-2030) and the capacity-building action plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (2021-2030);

(i) The guidance to the Global Environment Facility on programme priorities to support the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing adopted by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol at its fourth meeting, contained in appendix I;³

Additional strategic considerations⁴

5. The GEF-8 biodiversity strategy and programming directions should support the rapid and effective implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework [by contributing to resource mobilization from all sources,] including through increased GEF funding [, which is adequate, predictable, sustainable, timely and accessible] and through allocations dedicated to the biodiversity focal area and co-benefits for

³ To be added following its adoption by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol at its fourth meeting.

⁴ Additional elements could be added in the light of the conclusions of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework[, such as global biodiversity impact fund].

biodiversity across other focal areas and global programmes, including integrated programmes [, recognizing the need for streamlined programming and approval process to enable timely disbursement of resources]].⁵

6. The GEF-8 biodiversity strategy and programming directions should recognize the contribution of multi-country, regional, transboundary and global projects, to the implementation of the objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity, its Protocols and the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, including to the implementation of global initiatives adopted under the Convention and its Protocols, and multi-country, regional, transboundary and global initiatives that leverage contributions from biodiversity-related conventions and agreements.

7. The GEF-8 biodiversity strategy and programming directions should recognize that the implementation of biodiversity-related conventions and agreements in the context of national biodiversity priorities and strategies will contribute to the three objectives of the Convention and its Protocols and the goals[, milestones] and targets of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

8. The GEF-8 biodiversity strategy and programming directions should take into account coherence with, and synergies among, country-driven programmes and priorities set out in national biodiversity strategies and action plans to support implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

[9. The GEF-8 biodiversity strategy and programming directions should be developed in a fully transparent and inclusive manner, with a view to [identifying the priority needs of recipient countries and] ensuring that projects to be funded by the GEF during its 8th replenishment in recipient Parties are to be developed on a [context-specific and] country-driven basis.]

10. The GEF-8 biodiversity strategy and programming directions should [strive to] promote agreed global environmental benefits [and development pathways that are nature-positive, carbon-neutral and pollution-free], including through coherence and synergies among the GEF integrated programmes and focal areas of biodiversity, land degradation, international waters, climate change (both mitigation and adaptation), and chemicals and waste, and within the context of country-driven programmes and priorities.

[11. The GEF-8 biodiversity strategy and programming directions should promote and implement, as appropriate, [the ecosystem approach⁶,] [[nature-based solutions as defined by the United Nations Environment Assembly at its fifth session⁷], [as they are actions to protect, conserve, restore, sustainably use and manage natural or modified terrestrial, freshwater, coastal and marine ecosystems, and which address social, [human health, food security], economic and environmental challenges effectively and adaptively[, while simultaneously providing human well-being, ecosystem services and resilience and biodiversity benefits, [respecting indigenous peoples and local communities and human rights,]]] [as well as living well in balance and harmony with Mother Earth as defined by the United Nations Environment Assembly at its first session⁸]]].]

12. The GEF-8 biodiversity strategy and programming directions should promote, synergies, cooperation and complementarity in the implementation of the three objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity with those of the other conventions served by GEF, as well as with other biodiversity-related conventions and agreements, recognizing the important contributions that these instruments can make to the objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity, its Protocols and the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, and vice versa.

[13. [During the GEF-8 period, GEF should further interact and cooperate with multilateral development banks and other public and private financial institutions to integrate the objectives of the Convention on

⁵ Such support under GEF-8 would build upon support being provided under GEF-7.

⁶ Defined in [CBD decision V/6](#)

⁷ Resolution UNEP/EA5/L9/REV.1 adopted at UNEA 5.2

⁸ Resolution 1/10. Different visions, approaches, models and tools to achieve environmental sustainability in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication, [UNEP/EA.1/10](#)

Biological Diversity and its Protocols and the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, as well as the contributions of the other biodiversity-related conventions within their activities and report on funding contributing to their implementation.] / [During the GEF-8 period, the GEF can further interact with all GEF agencies, especially multilateral development banks, and reach out broadly to private sector to raise awareness on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework to enhance information sharing on funding that contribute to its implementation.]

14. The GEF-8 outcome and impact indicators and associated monitoring processes should be effectively used to assess the contribution of the GEF-8 to the implementation of the three objectives of the Convention, the Protocols of the Convention, and the post-2020 global biodiversity framework[, including through measuring the co-benefits for biodiversity across all relevant GEF activities].

[15. The GEF in its eighth replenishment period should explore ways to improve the access to funding for all recipient countries, in particular least developed countries (LDCs) and small island developing States (SIDS), [and for indigenous peoples and local communities][[and to significantly improve access to funding to those countries that are most vulnerable, including the LDCs and SIDS,] which have limited access to external capital, technical capability and inability to self-fund, and may have a particular need for support in the post-pandemic environment].]

16. The GEF-8 biodiversity strategy and programming directions should promote engagement with recipient countries to support national resource mobilization and the development and implementation of national biodiversity finance plans.

17. The GEF-8 biodiversity strategy, programming directions and policy recommendations should reinforce the GEF's efforts to mobilize and engage with different stakeholders including the private sector.

[18. To improve its efficiency and effectiveness in delivering sustainable results during the GEF-8 replenishment period, the GEF should continue to improve its policy framework regarding governance and the standards its implementing partners are held to.]
