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#### Review of implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, including means of implementation

### Review of implementation: progress in national target setting and updating of national biodiversity strategies and action plans

Note by the Secretariat

#### I. Introduction

1. In section J of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework,<sup>1</sup> the Conference of the Parties stated that the successful implementation of the Framework required responsibility and transparency, which would be supported by effective mechanisms for planning, monitoring, reporting and review, forming an agreed, synchronized and cyclical system. The system includes national biodiversity strategies and action plans, revised or updated in alignment with the Framework and its goals and targets as the main vehicle for implementation of the Framework, including national targets communicated in a standardized format, and was further elaborated in the enhanced multidimensional approach to planning, monitoring, reporting and review adopted in decision [15/6](#).

2. In its decision [15/6](#), the Conference of the Parties requested Parties to revise and update their national biodiversity strategies and action plans, aligned with the Framework and its goals and targets, including those related to means of implementation, and to submit them by the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. It also requested Parties not in a position to do so by that time to communicate national targets reflecting, as applicable, all the goals and targets of the Framework, including those related to all means of implementation, in accordance with the reporting template provided in annex I to the decision, as a stand-alone submission, by the sixteenth meeting, in advance of the full submission of the national biodiversity strategies and action plans. In order to facilitate the submission of national targets in accordance with the reporting template, the Secretariat developed and made available an online reporting tool.<sup>2</sup>

3. In the same decision, the Conference of the Parties decided to include in the enhanced multidimensional approach a global analysis of information in national biodiversity strategies and action plans, including national targets, to assess the contribution towards the Framework, for

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\* CBD/SBI/5/1.

<sup>1</sup> Decision 15/4, annex.

<sup>2</sup> Available at <https://ort.cbd.int/>.

consideration at its sixteenth meeting and each subsequent meeting. It also requested the Executive Secretary to coordinate the preparation of the global analysis.

4. Still in the same decision, the Conference of the Parties decided that, on the basis of its analysis and review of implementation at its subsequent meetings, it would consider and provide additional recommendations, as necessary, with a view to achieving the goals and targets of the Framework.

5. The present note provides an analysis of progress by Parties in the establishment of national targets and the revision or updating of national biodiversity strategies and action plans and is provided in conjunction with three addenda:

(a) An analysis of national biodiversity strategies and action plans revised or updated in alignment with the Framework;<sup>3</sup>

(b) An analysis of the national targets established by Parties in alignment with the Framework;<sup>4</sup>

(c) A summary of findings from the dialogues on national biodiversity strategies and action plans.<sup>5</sup>

6. The information provided in the present note reflects the information available as at 12 October 2024. However, owing to the time required to perform a more in-depth analysis, documents CBD/SBI/5/2/Add.1/Rev.1 and CBD/SBI/5/2/Add.2/Rev.2 only include information available as at the dates stated in those documents. The lists of Parties having submitted national biodiversity strategies and action plans and national targets before 12 October 2024 are included in annexes I and II, respectively.

7. Recognizing the timelines set out in decision 15/6, as referred to in paragraph 2 above, it is expected that more Parties will have submitted national targets by the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and that some will have also submitted their updated national biodiversity strategies and action plans. Consequently, revised versions of the present note and its addenda will be prepared just in advance of the present meeting, as necessary. It is to be noted that all national biodiversity strategies and action plans and national targets are accessible on the website of the Convention once they have been submitted by means of the online reporting tool, which also provides customizable dashboards that summarize the submissions.<sup>6</sup>

8. At its fifth meeting, the Subsidiary Body on Implementation is expected to review the implementation of the Framework, including means of implementation, in particular with respect to the establishment of national targets and the updating of national biodiversity strategies and action plans. In the light of the review, the Subsidiary Body is also expected to adopt a recommendation for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting, under agenda item 8 of that meeting. The present note and its addenda are intended to support the Subsidiary Body in its analysis.

9. In addition, during its meeting, the Subsidiary Body is expected to convene a pilot open-ended forum for voluntary country review of implementation. In preparing their interventions for that forum, Parties are invited to reflect on the findings described in the present note and its addenda. On the basis of its experience in conducting the forum, the Subsidiary Body may also wish to make a recommendation on its further development for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting, under agenda item 10 of that meeting.

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<sup>3</sup> CBD/SBI/5/2/Add.1/Rev.1.

<sup>4</sup> CBD/SBI/5/2/Add.2/Rev.1.

<sup>5</sup> CBD/SBI/5/2/Add.3.

<sup>6</sup> The feature for the analysis of national targets of the online reporting tool is available at <https://ort.cbd.int/national-targets/analyzer>.

## II. Summary of progress

### A. Submission of national targets aligned with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

10. As at 12 October 2024, 83 Parties had submitted national targets aligned with the Framework through the online reporting tool (see annex II).

11. The analysis summarized in the present note is based on the national targets submitted through the online reporting tool, as the platform that provides the functionality for making submissions in accordance with the template contained in annex I to decision 15/6. A detailed analysis is also provided in document CBD/SBI/5/2/Add.2/Rev.1 and comprises two parts: (a) a summary of how many Parties have submitted national targets, including information on how section C of the Framework was considered in setting the national targets and how the contributions from non-State actors were captured in the submissions; and (b) a goal-by-goal and target-by-target analysis of alignment with the Framework.

12. In the template for the submission of national targets included in annex I to decision 15/6, Parties were requested to provide a mapping of each national target against the goals and targets of the Framework (referred to as the global goals and targets). They were also asked to provide a description of the national targets and an assessment of their alignment with the related global targets; describe the main policy measures; specify the aspects of the global goals or targets covered; describe which considerations listed in section C of the Framework were considered in setting the national targets; list any component, complementary or national indicators that would be used to measure the national targets in addition to the agreed headline and binary indicators; and elaborate the contribution of non-State actors towards the national targets.

13. The 83 Parties that had submitted national targets through the online reporting tool by 12 October 2024 were from the following regions: Africa (33), Asia-Pacific (20), Eastern Europe (6), Latin America and the Caribbean (11) and Western Europe and other States (13). A total of 2,125 national targets were submitted, representing an average of 26 national targets per Party.

14. All Parties that completed the template included in their submissions a mapping of each national target against the global goals and targets of the Framework. In their response to the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011–2020, only around half of Parties had mapped their national targets to the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, and the mapping of national targets to the global goals and targets of the Framework is therefore an achievement.

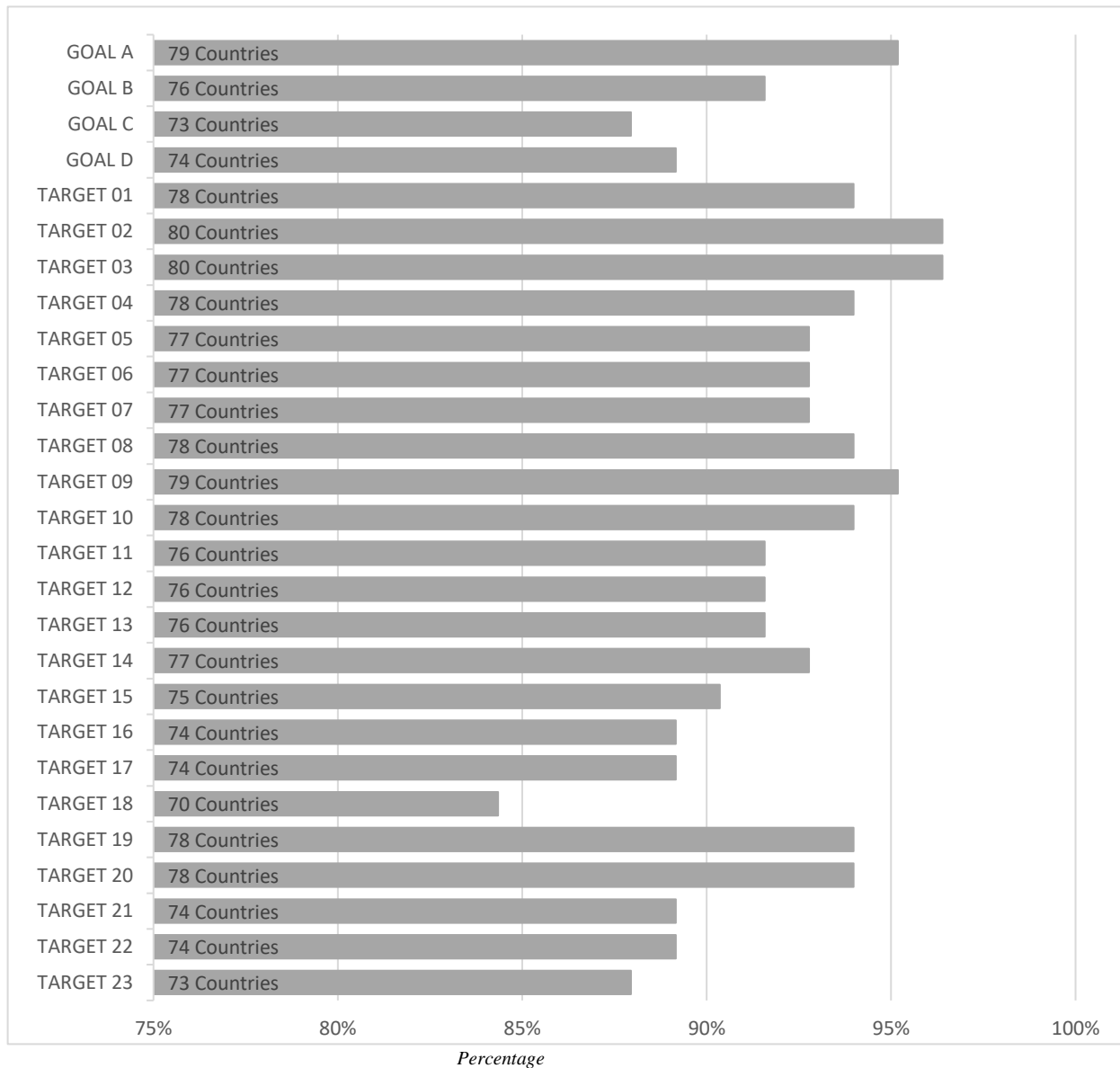
15. On average, each Party had national targets aligned with 22 of the 23 global targets. This represents a very high level of coverage of the Framework by Parties. A total of 60 Parties (72 per cent) addressed every target of the Framework through a national target, and 77 Parties (93 per cent) covered at least 17 of the 23 global targets. When looking at the Parties covering the goals of the Framework, 72 Parties (87 per cent) addressed all four global goals through their national targets.

16. For Goals A and B and Targets 1 to 15, 19 and 20 of the Framework, more than 90 per cent of Parties submitted at least one associated national target. Slightly fewer Parties submitted national targets linked with Goals C and D and with Target 16, 17, 18, 21, 22 and 23. The lower coverage of those targets is linked to some of the challenges described by Parties in the national biodiversity strategy and action plan dialogues, such as those associated with the integration of the Cartagena and Nagoya Protocols, targets that are addressing issues not previously addressed by a goal or target adopted under the Convention and setting targets on cross-cutting issues.

17. The number and percentage of Parties covering each global goal and target with at least one national target is summarized in figure I.

Figure I

**Number and percentage of Parties covering each global goal and target with at least one national target**



18. As noted above, in the template for the submission of national targets adopted in decision 15/6, Parties were requested to make an assessment of the extent to which their national targets were aligned with the global targets. That assessment of the alignment is summarized in figure II.

19. Approximately 76 per cent of the national targets submitted by Parties included information on how the considerations set out in section C were taken into account. During the regional and subregional dialogues on national biodiversity strategies and action plans, Parties often noted difficulties in taking section C into account in the development of their national targets, and some noted that the considerations set out in section C would be addressed as part of the further development of their national biodiversity strategies and action plans.

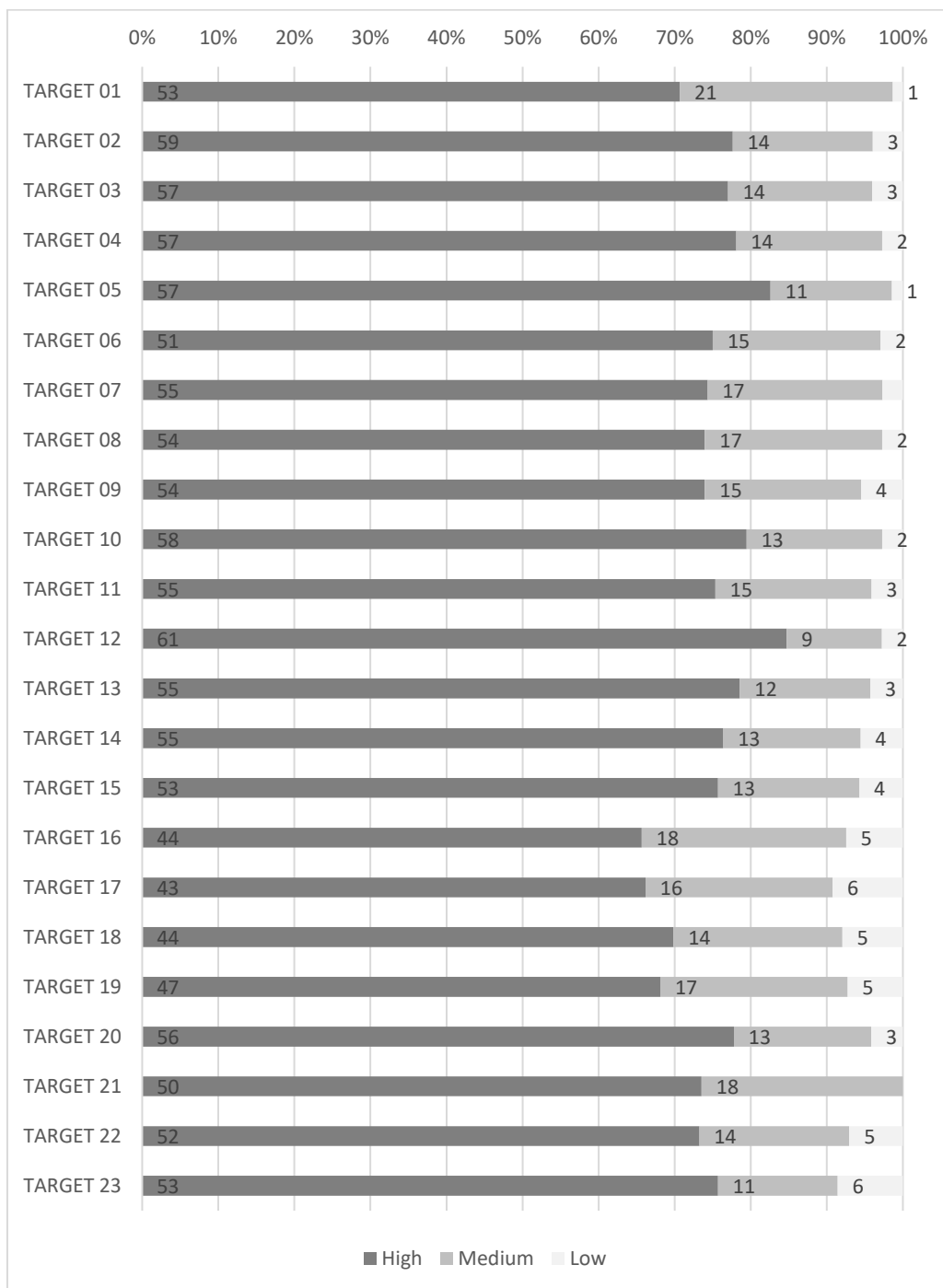
20. More than half of the Parties included component, complementary or national indicators in their national target submissions.<sup>7</sup> During the dialogues, some Parties noted challenges in developing

<sup>7</sup> Headline and binary indicators are automatically populated against national targets on the basis of the global goals and targets that they are linked to. As a result, their coverage is not addressed in the present note.

monitoring plans for their national biodiversity strategies and action plans and national targets. Moreover, some noted that they would first finalize their national targets before identifying the indicators.

21. Twenty-three Parties (28 per cent) included information on the contribution of non-State actors towards their national targets. During the dialogues, Parties noted difficulties in engaging with and capturing the commitments of non-State actors. How such commitments can be captured will be further discussed by the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting, under the agenda item on mechanisms for planning, monitoring, reporting and review.

**Figure II**  
**Percentage of alignment of national targets with the global targets**



**B. Updating national biodiversity strategies and action plans**

22. National biodiversity strategies and action plans are the principal instrument for the implementation of the Convention at the national level, and almost all Parties (99 per cent) have developed at least one of those, thereby complying with Article 6 of the Convention.<sup>8</sup>

<sup>8</sup> Article 6 (a) of the Convention provides that each contracting Party must, in accordance with its particular conditions and capabilities, develop national strategies, plans or programmes for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity or

23. As at 12 October 2024, 24 Parties had submitted their revised or updated national biodiversity strategies and action plans in an official language, pursuant to the request by the Conference of the Parties in paragraph 6 of its decision 15/6 (see annex I) and 2 Parties submitted, but not in an official language. A detailed analysis of the national biodiversity strategies and action plans is provided in document CBD/SBI/5/2/Add.1/Rev.1. The methodology used for the analysis is explained in that document.

24. The regional and subregional dialogues on national biodiversity strategies and action plans described in section C below have revealed that many Parties have made significant progress in revising and updating their national biodiversity strategies and action plans. Many Parties shared their intention to submit national targets by the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties first and their national biodiversity strategies and action plans shortly thereafter.

25. Since the entry into force of the Convention in 1993, 193 Parties to the Convention have prepared at least one national biodiversity strategy and action plan. Of those submitted before the adoption of the Framework, 71 covered a period up to 2030, 1 covered a period up to 2035 and 16 covered a period up to 2050. Although those 88 strategies and plans remain temporally valid, it is expected that they will be revised or updated in alignment with the Framework and its goals and targets, as requested by the Conference of the Parties in its decision 15/6.

### **C. Dialogues on national biodiversity strategies and action plans**

26. Since August 2023, the Secretariat, in collaboration with various Parties and organizations, has been holding regional and subregional dialogues to provide Parties with opportunities to share experiences and lessons learned in revising or updating their national biodiversity strategies and action plans. All Parties will have been invited to participate in a dialogue between the fifteenth and the sixteenth meetings of the Conference of the Parties. The list of dialogues, their locations and the partners involved are listed in document CBD/SBI/5/2/Add.3.

27. The dialogues are also aimed at facilitating the open-ended forum for voluntary country review, to be trialled at the present meeting, by providing information on regional and subregional successes and challenges in the development and implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans. The dialogues have also provided an opportunity for capacity-building through the sharing of national experiences and lessons learned and contribute to improving subregional and regional collaboration.

28. A summary of the experiences and findings from the dialogues is provided in document CBD/SBI/5/2/Add.3. The following points have come to light during the dialogues held thus far:

- (a) The importance of a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach;
- (b) The need to engage a broad range of stakeholders, in particular to take into account section C of the Framework, on considerations for its implementation;
- (c) The importance of integrating the Protocols and relevant multilateral environmental agreements in order to promote synergetic implementation;
- (d) The need for guidance on the scientific and technical aspects of support for national target setting;
- (e) The importance of national circumstances and capabilities for revising or setting targets;
- (f) The need for capacity support, in particular around issues related to monitoring;
- (g) The importance of developing a national biodiversity financing plan and the value of promoting exchanges and mutual learning among Parties;

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adapt for that purpose existing strategies, plans or programmes that reflect, inter alia, the measures set out in the Convention relevant to the contracting Party concerned.

(h) For countries that receive funds from the Global Environment Facility for revising or updating their national biodiversity strategies and action plans, the importance of strong coordination between the implementing agency and the national focal points for the Convention for providing a sound foundation for project implementation and facilitating full ownership of the process by countries.

### III. Recommendation

29. In the light of its analysis of information provided in national biodiversity strategies and action plans and national targets, the Subsidiary Body on Implementation may wish to adopt a recommendation for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting, under agenda item 8 of the meeting, along the following lines:

*The Subsidiary Body on Implementation,*

*Recalling* decisions XIII/25 of 9 December 2016, 14/28 of 25 November 2018 and 15/6 of 19 December 2022 of the Conference of the Parties,

*Having considered* the information provided in document CBD/SBI/5/2 and its addenda,<sup>9</sup>

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

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Recalling* its decision 15/6 of 19 December 2022,

*Expressing appreciation* to the Parties that hosted the regional and subregional dialogues on national biodiversity strategies and action plans and the Parties and organizations that provided financial and logistical support for their organization,

*Noting with appreciation* the support provided to eligible countries by the Global Environment Facility and its implementing agencies for facilitating the revision and updating of national biodiversity strategies and action plans,

1. *Welcomes* the efforts made by Parties to align their national targets and national biodiversity strategies and action plans with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework;<sup>10</sup>

2. *Congratulates* the [...] Parties, listed in annex I, that have updated their national biodiversity strategies and action plans in the light of the Framework;

3. *Notes with satisfaction* that [...] Parties, listed in annex II, have developed national targets aligned with the global targets of the Framework;

4. *Urges* Parties that have yet not done so to submit their national targets aligned with the Framework as soon as possible using the template adopted in decision 15/6 and the online reporting tool developed by the Secretariat;

5. *Encourages* Parties that have not yet done so to submit their national biodiversity strategies and action plans as soon as possible, and urges all Parties to do so before the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;

6. *Takes notes* of the outcomes of the dialogues on national biodiversity strategies and action plans, including the points highlighted in paragraph 28 of document CBD/SBI/5/2;

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<sup>9</sup> CBD/SBI/5/2/Add.1, CBD/SBI/5/2/Add.2 and CBD/SBI/5/2/Add.3.

<sup>10</sup> Decision 15/4, annex.

<sup>11</sup> To be updated with the latest information at the time of adoption.



7. *Welcomes* the views shared by Parties during the open-ended forum for voluntary country review trialled at the fifth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, and takes note of the summary of the forum prepared by the Chair of the Subsidiary Body;<sup>12</sup>

8. *Urges* Parties to implement their national biodiversity strategies and action plans, including their national targets.

30. The Subsidiary Body on Implementation may also wish to recommend that, at its sixteenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties, in considering recommendation [4/2](#) of the Subsidiary Body, take into account the experience of the Subsidiary Body in conducting the pilot open-ended forum for voluntary country review.

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<sup>12</sup> CBD/SBI/5/4, annex XX.

## Annex I

### List of Parties having submitted a national biodiversity strategy and action plan to the Secretariat aligned with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework since December 2022, as at 12 October 2024

|    | <i>Party</i>          | <i>Date of receipt by the Secretariat</i> |
|----|-----------------------|---|
| 1  | Afghanistan           | 28 July 2024                              |
| 2  | Australia             | 27 September 2024                         |
| 3  | Austria <sup>13</sup> | 3 May 2024                                |
| 4  | Burkina Faso          | 15 August 2024                            |
| 5  | Canada                | 21 June 2024                              |
| 6  | China                 | 25 January 2024                           |
| 7  | Cuba                  | 31 July 2024                              |
| 8  | European Union        | 14 November 2023                          |
| 9  | France                | 11 December 2023                          |
| 10 | Hungary               | 28 August 2023                            |
| 11 | Indonesia             | 12 September 2024                         |
| 12 | Ireland               | 8 February 2024                           |
| 13 | Italy <sup>14</sup>   | 9 July 2024                               |
| 14 | Japan                 | 11 July 2023                              |
| 15 | Jordan                | 11 August 2024                            |
| 16 | Luxembourg            | 7 November 2023                           |
| 17 | Malaysia              | 31 July 2024                              |
| 18 | Malta                 | 23 September 2024                         |
| 19 | Mexico                | 22 August 2024                            |
| 20 | Norway <sup>16</sup>  | 7 October 2024                            |
| 21 | Republic of Korea     | 2 August 2024                             |
| 22 | Slovenia              | 10 September 2024                         |
| 23 | Spain                 | 30 January 2023                           |
| 24 | Suriname              | 16 July 2024                              |
| 25 | Tonga                 | 27 September 2024                         |
| 26 | United Arab Emirates  | 9 October 2024                            |

<sup>13</sup> Not submitted in an official language.

<sup>14</sup> Only the summary was submitted in an official language.

## Annex II

### List of Parties having submitted national targets aligned with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework through the online reporting tool, as at 12 October 2024

|    | <i>Party</i>                     | <i>Date of publication</i> |
|----|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1  | Algeria                          | 1 August 2024              |
| 2  | Angola                           | 13 September 2024          |
| 3  | Austria                          | 1 August 2024              |
| 4  | Azerbaijan                       | 20 July 2024               |
| 5  | Bangladesh                       | 29 September 2024          |
| 6  | Benin                            | 30 September 2024          |
| 7  | Bhutan                           | 25 July 2024               |
| 8  | Bosnia and Herzegovina           | 2 August 2024              |
| 9  | Burkina Faso                     | 16 August 2024             |
| 10 | Burundi                          | 25 July 2024               |
| 11 | Cambodia                         | 29 July 2024               |
| 12 | Cameroon                         | 23 August 2024             |
| 13 | Canada                           | 20 September 2024          |
| 14 | Central African Republic         | 15 September 2024          |
| 15 | Chad                             | 12 September 2024          |
| 16 | China                            | 6 September 2024           |
| 17 | Colombia                         | 17 September 2024          |
| 18 | Comoros                          | 1 August 2024              |
| 19 | Costa Rica                       | 2 August 2024              |
| 20 | Croatia                          | 2 August 2024              |
| 21 | Cuba                             | 25 July 2024               |
| 22 | Czechia                          | 31 July 2024               |
| 23 | Democratic Republic of the Congo | 2 August 2024              |
| 24 | Djibouti                         | 15 August 2024             |
| 25 | Dominican Republic               | 20 September 2024          |
| 26 | Ecuador                          | 31 August 2024             |
| 27 | Equatorial Guinea                | 13 September 2024          |
| 28 | Eswatini                         | 31 July 2024               |
| 29 | Ethiopia                         | 5 July 2024                |
| 30 | European Union                   | 1 July 2024                |
| 31 | Fiji                             | 8 October 2024             |
| 32 | Finland                          | 19 August 2024             |
| 33 | France                           | 31 July 2024               |
| 34 | Gabon                            | 9 September 2024           |
| 35 | Ghana                            | 1 August 2024              |
| 36 | Guatemala                        | 13 August 2024             |

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| 37 | Guinea   | 8 October 2024    |
| 38 | Honduras   | 31 July 2024      |
| 39 | Hungary  | 2 July 2024       |
| 40 | India  | 10 September 2024 |
| 41 | Indonesia  | 12 September 2024 |
| 42 | Ireland  | 20 August 2024    |
| 43 | Israel   | 9 August 2024     |
| 44 | Japan  | 31 July 2024      |
| 45 | Jordan   | 3 August 2024     |
| 46 | Kenya  | 31 July 2024      |
| 47 | Lao People's Democratic Republic                     | 9 October 2024    |
| 48 | Lebanon  | 2 August 2024     |
| 49 | Lesotho  | 27 September 2024 |
| 50 | Liberia  | 3 August 2024     |
| 51 | Luxembourg   | 30 July 2024      |
| 52 | Madagascar   | 29 July 2024      |
| 53 | Malawi   | 31 July 2024      |
| 54 | Malaysia   | 1 July 2024       |
| 55 | Malta  | 31 July 2024      |
| 56 | Mexico   | 31 July 2024      |
| 57 | Mongolia   | 4 August 2024     |
| 58 | Morocco  | 2 August 2024     |
| 59 | Mozambique   | 31 July 2024      |
| 60 | Nepal  | 1 August 2024     |
| 61 | New Zealand  | 7 October 2024    |
| 62 | Niger  | 31 July 2024      |
| 63 | Nigeria  | 31 July 2024      |
| 64 | Pakistan   | 15 August 2024    |
| 65 | Panama   | 31 July 2024      |
| 66 | Paraguay   | 31 July 2024      |
| 67 | Republic of Korea                                    | 1 August 2024     |
| 68 | Republic of Moldova                                  | 30 July 2024      |
| 69 | Rwanda   | 1 August 2024     |
| 70 | Senegal  | 24 August 2024    |
| 71 | Somalia  | 19 August 2024    |
| 72 | Spain  | 22 July 2024      |
| 73 | Sudan  | 26 July 2024      |
| 74 | Sweden   | 3 July 2024       |
| 75 | Togo   | 25 July 2024      |
| 76 | Uganda   | 4 October 2024    |
| 77 | United Arab Emirates                                 | 1 August 2024     |
| 78 | United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | 1 August 2024     |

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| 79 | Uzbekistan                         | 7 August 2024  |
| 80 | Vanuatu                            | 1 August 2024  |
| 81 | Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) | 2 August 2024  |
| 82 | Yemen                              | 1 August 2024  |
| 83 | Zimbabwe                           | 9 October 2024 |

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