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Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity Sixteenth meeting

Cali, Colombia, 21 October–1 November 2024 Item 2 of the provisional agenda\*

**Organizational matters** 

## Annotated provisional agenda

### Introduction

- 1. Following the invitation of the Government of Colombia, the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity will be held in Cali, Colombia, from 21 October to 1 November 2024, concurrently with the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from Their Utilization. A high-level opening ceremony will be held on 20 October.
- 2. The meetings will be preceded by the fifth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, to be held from 16 to 18 October.
- 3. Preparatory meetings of regional groups may be held on 20 October.
- 4. The Secretariat will prepare a compilation of the draft decisions recommended by the subsidiary bodies or developed in the light of earlier decisions and recommendations.<sup>1</sup>

## Item 1 Opening of the meeting

- 5. The opening of the meeting will take place at 10 a.m. on 21 October, jointly with the opening of the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol.
- 6. The meeting will be opened by the President of the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties or his representative. At the opening session, participants will hear a welcoming address by representatives of the presidency and of the host country.
- 7. The Executive Secretary will address the participants and highlight the main issues before the Conference of the Parties to the Convention and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meetings of the Parties to the Protocols.

<sup>\*</sup> CBD/COP/16/1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> CBD/COP/16/2.

8. Representatives of regional groups, indigenous peoples and local communities, as well as of a limited number of other groups, may also make statements.

#### Item 2

## Organizational matters

Election of the President

9. At the opening session, the President of the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the Minister of Ecology and Environment of China, Huang Runqiu, or his representative, will call for the election of a representative of the host country as President of the sixteenth meeting. The term of office of the President of the sixteenth meeting will begin immediately following the election and end with the election of a successor at the seventeenth meeting.

Officers other than the President

- 10. In accordance with rule 21 of the rules of procedure, in addition to a president, 10 vice-presidents, one of whom acts as Rapporteur, are to be elected from among the representatives of the Parties present at the meeting.
- 11. At its fifteenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties elected 10 members of the Bureau for a term of office commencing upon the closure of the fifteenth meeting and ending at the closure of the sixteenth meeting. The Bureau for the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties comprises the following members, in addition to the President:

Khangeziwe Mabuza (Eswatini)<sup>2</sup>

Abderahmane Zino Izourar (Algeria)

Krishneel Nand (Fiji)

Somaly Chan (Cambodia)

Teona Karchava (Georgia)

Angela Lozan (Republic of Moldova)

Gillian Guthrie (Jamaica)

Maria Teresa Becerra Ramírez (Colombia)

Eric Schauls (Luxembourg)

Norbert Bärlocher (Switzerland)

- 12. At its sixteenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention will elect Bureau members whose terms of office will commence upon the closure of the meeting, in accordance with rule 21 of the rules of procedure.
- 13. Regional groups are urged to submit their nominations at the opening of the meeting to enable the elections to take place at an early stage in the meeting and for the newly elected members of the Bureau to attend, as observers, the Bureau meetings to be held during the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, thus ensuring a smooth transition between outgoing and incoming Bureau members.<sup>3</sup>

Election of officers of subsidiary bodies and other meetings

14. Rule 26 of the rules of procedure provides that the chairperson of any subsidiary body shall be elected by the Conference of the Parties. At the present meeting, the Conference of the Parties will

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> In replacement of Hlobsile Sikhosana (Eswatini), who had been elected by the Conference of the Parties at the resumed second part of its fifteenth meeting.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Where necessary, substitute officers will be elected by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol.

therefore need to elect the Chairperson of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the Chairperson of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, to preside over the respective bodies for a term of office commencing at the closure of the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and ending at the closure of the seventeenth meeting. According to the established regional rotation, it is expected that the Chairperson of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice will be elected from the African States and that the Chairperson of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation will be elected from the Latin American and Caribbean States.

15. Further information on the procedures for the election of officers will be provided in document CBD/COP/16/INF/2.

## Adoption of the agenda

- 16. The provisional agenda was prepared by the Secretariat in accordance with rules 8 and 9 of the rules of procedure, with guidance from the Bureau and taking relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties into account.
- 17. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to adopt the agenda of the present meeting, pursuant to the rules of procedure, on the basis of the provisional agenda.

### Organization of work

- 18. In accordance with established practice, the Conference of the Parties may wish to establish two working groups to support the work conducted in plenary.
- 19. As decided by the Conference of the Parties in paragraph 3 of decision XII/27, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol in paragraph 1 of decision BS-VII/9 and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol in paragraph 1 of decision NP-1/12, ordinary meetings of the Conference of the Parties are held within a two-week period that also includes the meetings of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meetings of the Parties to the Protocols.
- 20. Accordingly, the proposed organization of work of the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol is set out in document CBD/COP/16/1/Add.2, common to all three meetings. The document also includes a division of responsibilities between the plenary and the two working groups. The organization of work has been prepared taking into account the experience gained since 2016 with the concurrent convening of the meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meetings of the Parties to the Protocols. It is thus envisaged that the two working groups will also address issues related to the Cartagena and Nagoya Protocols.
- 21. Organizational matters, reports of intersessional and regional preparatory meetings and reports on administrative and budgetary matters, as well as the consideration of draft decisions and final matters would be considered in plenary sessions.
- 22. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider and adopt the proposed organization of work.
- 23. If the two working groups are established, the Conference of the Parties would need to elect a chair for each.
- 24. Interpretation will be available for plenary sessions and sessions of the working groups.
- 25. A list of documents for the meeting is provided in the annex.

## Report on the credentials of representatives to the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties

26. Rule 18 of the rules of procedure states that:

The credentials of representatives and the names of alternate representatives and advisers shall be submitted to the Executive Secretary of the Conference of the Parties or the representative of the Executive Secretary if possible not later than 24 hours after the opening of the meeting. Any later change in the composition of the delegation shall also be submitted to the Executive Secretary or the representative of the Executive Secretary. The credentials shall be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or, in the case of a regional economic integration organization, by the competent authority of that organization.

- 27. Rule 19 provides that the Bureau of any meeting is to examine the credentials and submit its report to the Conference of the Parties for decision.
- 28. In order to assist Parties in fulfilling the requirements under rule 18, the Acting Executive Secretary issued a notification<sup>4</sup> that included information on requirements for credentials and a link to sample formats for appropriate credentials. Following previous practice, representatives of Parties to the Convention that are also Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and the Nagoya Protocol may submit a single set of credentials for the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol.
- 29. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider and adopt the report on credentials submitted to it by the Bureau.

## Item 4 Pending issues

- 30. At its first meeting, the Conference of the Parties adopted the rules of procedure for its meetings in decision I/1, with the exception of rule 40, paragraph 1, relating to the taking of substantive decisions, which was left in brackets. The Conference of the Parties has considered this outstanding matter at its subsequent meetings but without resolving it conclusively. At the third meeting, consensus was reached concerning some, but not all, of the text in brackets.
- 31. In its decision I/6, the Conference of the Parties adopted the financial rules for the administration of the trust fund for the Convention. Paragraphs 4 and 16 of those rules contain bracketed text. Paragraph 4 deals with the scale of assessments for the apportionment of contributions by Parties to the trust fund, while paragraph 16 deals with the adoption of decisions regarding the trust fund. The paragraphs have been considered at subsequent meetings of the Conference of the Parties but without reaching any agreement. The text therefore remains bracketed.
- 32. Since it is not expected that the matter can be resolved at the present meeting, it is suggested to postpone its consideration to a future meeting.

#### Item 5

### Date and venue of future meetings of the Conference of the Parties

33. In accordance with paragraph 2 of rule 4 of its rules of procedure, the Conference of the Parties decides at each ordinary meeting on the date and duration of the next ordinary meeting. In accordance with paragraph 1 of rule 4, ordinary meetings are to be held every two years.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Notification No. 2024-038 of 26 April 2024.

- 34. In its decision XIII/33, the Conference of the Parties decided that its sixteenth meeting would be held in Türkiye and agreed that, in line with paragraph 1 of rule 21 of the rules of procedure, with respect to the rotation of the office of the President among the five United Nations regions, starting from the seventeenth meeting, the President of the Conference of the Parties should be elected from among the five regions in the following order: Eastern European States; Latin American and the Caribbean States; African States; Asia-Pacific States; and Western European and other States.
- 35. Accordingly, the Conference of the Parties invited Parties to undertake consultations on the hosting of the meetings of the Conference of the Parties that would follow the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, with a view to nominating a president from among the Parties of their respective regions.
- 36. In its decision 14/38, the Conference of the Parties invited Parties from the Eastern European region to notify the Executive Secretary of their offers to host the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol.
- 37. In its decision 15/35, the Conference of the Parties, noting the withdrawal by the Government of Türkiye of its offer to host the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, owing to the challenges of recovery from the damage caused by the tragic earthquakes suffered by the country in February 2023, requested the Executive Secretary to expedite consultations with Parties on the date and venue of the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol. Subsequently, an offer from the Government of Colombia to host these meetings was accepted by the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties.
- 38. An update on the matter, including any offer made by one or more Parties, will be provided to the Conference of the Parties for its consideration.
- 39. Elements of a draft decision prepared by the Secretariat will also be provided in the compilation of draft decisions.<sup>5</sup>

### Reports of intersessional and regional preparatory meetings

- 40. The President will inform the Conference of the Parties of the results of the meetings of the subsidiary bodies held during the intersessional period and of the corresponding reports, on the understanding that the substantive issues arising therefrom will be considered under the appropriate agenda item.
- 41. The reports that will be presented at the sixteenth meeting include the following:
- (a) Reports of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice on its twenty-fifth and twenty-sixth meetings;
  - (b) Reports of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation on its fourth and fifth meetings;
- (c) Report of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Intersessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention on its twelfth meeting;
- (d) Reports of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Benefit-sharing from the Use of Digital Sequence Information on Genetic Resources of its first and second meetings.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> CBD/COP/16/2.

## Administration of the Convention and budget for the trust funds

- 42. The Conference of the Parties to the Convention, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol, at their fifteenth, tenth and fourth meetings, respectively, adopted an integrated budget for the 2023–2024 biennium and requested the Executive Secretary to prepare proposals for an integrated budget for the 2025–2026 biennium.
- 43. Accordingly, and further to decision 15/34, as well as decisions CP-10/14 and NP-4/1, the Conference of the Parties will have before it notes by the Secretariat on: (a) the administration of the Convention and its Protocols, including the respective trust funds; and (b) the proposed budget for the programme of work of the Convention and its Protocols for the biennium 2025–2026, including each of the trust funds. Further information on the requirements for the trust fund for additional voluntary contributions in support of approved activities, including a summary of the financial implications of draft decisions, and a report on the functional review of the Secretariat will also be provided.
- 44. Furthermore, at its fourth meeting, the Subsidiary Body on Implementation adopted recommendation 4/14 on administrative and budgetary matters, which included a draft decision for consideration by the Conference of the Parties concerning, inter alia, the process for the appointment of the Executive Secretary.
- 45. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to adopt an integrated budget, including the budget for the trust fund for the Convention, on the basis of the proposals of the Secretariat, and to consider the draft decision from the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, as provided in the compilation of draft decisions.

#### Item 8

# Progress on the preparation of targets and updating of national biodiversity strategies and action plans by Parties in line with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

- 46. By its decision 15/4, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention adopted the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework. By its decision 15/6, it adopted an enhanced multidimensional approach to planning, monitoring, reporting and review, including national biodiversity strategies and action plans, revised or updated in alignment with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and its goals and targets, as the main vehicle for the implementation of the Framework. In the same decision, it requested Parties to submit their revised or updated national biodiversity strategies and action plans by its sixteenth meeting or, if they were not in a position to do so, to communicate their national targets by that time.
- 47. At its fourth meeting, the Subsidiary Body on Implementation considered progress to date in national target setting and the updating of national biodiversity strategies and action plans and adopted recommendation 4/1. The recommendation did not contain a draft decision for the Conference of the Parties.
- 48. At its fifth meeting, the Subsidiary Body on Implementation will consider progress by Parties in the preparation of national targets and the updating of national biodiversity strategies and action plans aligned with the Framework. The Subsidiary Body will have before it a summary of progress and an analysis of the information contained in the national biodiversity strategies and action plans

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> CBD/COP/16/3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> CBD/COP/16/4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> CBD/COP/16/4/Add.1 and CBD/COP/16/4/Add.2, respectively.

towards the implementation of the Framework. The Subsidiary Body will also pilot an open-ended forum for voluntary country review to discuss progress and experiences.

49. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider agenda item 8 on the basis of the work of the Subsidiary Body and to adopt a decision based on a recommendation to be adopted by the Subsidiary Body at its fifth meeting.

#### Item 9

## Digital sequence information on genetic resources

- 50. In its decision 15/9, the Conference of the Parties agreed, among other things, that the benefits from the use of digital sequence information on genetic resources should be shared fairly and equitably and it established a multilateral mechanism for benefit-sharing from the use of digital sequence information on genetic resources, including a global fund. It also established a fair, transparent, inclusive, participatory and time-bound process to further develop and operationalize the mechanism, including through an ad hoc open-ended working group tasked with undertaking the further development of the mechanism and making recommendations to the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting.
- 51. The Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Benefit-sharing from the Use of Digital Sequence Information on Genetic Resources held two meetings. It discussed the issues for further consideration set out in the annex to decision 15/9 and the development of the multilateral mechanism, including a global fund, taking into account a synthesis of views on the further development and operationalization of the multilateral mechanism, a compilation of lessons learned from other international funding mechanisms, studies commissioned by the Secretariat further to requests in decision 15/9 and information from informal intersessional activities undertaken between its two meetings.
- 52. The Conference of the Parties will have before it a note prepared by the Secretariat containing additional information on resource mobilization<sup>10</sup> and will be invited to adopt a decision to operationalize the multilateral mechanism and its global fund on the basis of recommendation 2/1 of the Working Group, as reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions, taking also into account the outcome of the third meeting of the Advisory Committee on Resource Mobilization.<sup>11</sup> Agenda item 9 will be considered in conjunction with the corresponding item on the agenda of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol.

#### Item 10

### Mechanisms for planning, monitoring, reporting and review

53. The Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework is supported by a monitoring framework and an enhanced multidimensional approach to planning, monitoring, reporting and review, adopted in decisions 15/5 and 15/6, respectively.

Monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

- 54. Also in its decision 15/5, the Conference of the Parties established the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Indicators to advise on the further operationalization of the monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework. At its twenty-fifth meeting, the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice considered document CBD/SBSTTA/25/2, which included an update on the work of the Expert Group, and adopted recommendation 25/1.
- 55. At its twenty-sixth meeting, the Subsidiary Body considered document CBD/SBSTTA/26/2, which built upon recommendation 25/1, the final outcomes of work of the Expert Group on Indicators

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> CBD/COP/16/5.

<sup>11</sup> CBD/RM/AC/2024/2/2.

and the outcomes of the work of other groups that had provided information to the Expert Group (i.e. the Technical Expert Group on Financial Reporting, further to decision 15/7, and the Ad Hoc Openended Intersessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention in relation to the development of the four traditional knowledge indicators, further to decision 15/22). The outcomes of the work of the Expert Group on Indicators are contained in its final report<sup>12</sup> and two information documents.<sup>13</sup> The Subsidiary Body adopted recommendation 26/1, in which it requested the Executive Secretary to extend the deadlines for submitting views on documents CBD/SBSTTA/26/INF/14 and CBD/SBSTTA/26/INF/20 and to invite Parties to submit views on document CBD/SBSTTA/26/INF/19. The relevant information documents will be revised accordingly and made available for the present meeting.

- 56. In its recommendation 26/1, the Subsidiary Body invited the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Benefit-sharing from the Use of Digital Sequence Information on Genetic Resources to develop options for the indicators on the sharing of benefits from the use of digital sequence information for possible inclusion in the monitoring framework. At its second meeting, the Working Group made a recommendation in this regard (recommendation 2/1, para. 1), which will be reflected in the compilation of draft decisions.
- 57. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to update and complete the monitoring framework on the basis of the draft decision arising from recommendation 26/1 of the Subsidiary Body and recommendation 12/4 of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Intersessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions, as reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions.

Enhanced multidimensional approach to planning, monitoring, reporting and review

- 58. In its decision 15/6, the Conference of the Parties identified further work required to develop or finalize elements of the enhanced multidimensional approach to planning, monitoring, reporting and review. Those elements included the concrete procedures for the global review of collective progress in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, the development of the modus operandi for an open-ended forum for voluntary country review under the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, the reporting of commitments from non-State actors and the finalization of the template for the seventh and eighth national reports. The Subsidiary Body on Implementation was requested to follow up on those elements, while the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice was requested to provide advice on scientific, technical and technological inputs for the global review.
- 59. At its twenty-fifth meeting, the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice considered a document on scientific, technical and technological inputs for the global review<sup>14</sup> and adopted recommendation 25/2.
- 60. At its fourth meeting, the Subsidiary Body on Implementation considered a draft modus operandi for the Open-ended Forum on Voluntary Country Review<sup>15</sup>, proposed procedures for the global review, building upon the discussions held at the twenty-fifth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice,<sup>16</sup> and the templates for the seventh and eighth national reports and for the reporting of commitments from non-State actors, and adopted recommendation 4/2. The Subsidiary Body also requested the Executive Secretary to invite Parties to submit views on the proposed procedures for the global review contained in document CBD/SBI/4/4/Add.2/Rev.1.
- 61. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to adopt a decision on the basis of recommendation 4/2, as reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions, taking into account the views submitted on the procedures for the global review, as well as the experience of the Open-ended

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> CBD/IND/AHTEG/2024/6/2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> CBD/SBSTTA/26/INF/14 and CBD/SBSTTA/26/INF/19.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> CBD/SBSTTA/25/3.

<sup>15</sup> CBD/SBI/4/4/Add.1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> CBD/SBI/4/4/Add.2/Rev.1.

Forum for Voluntary Country Review conducted under the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its fifth meeting and any recommendations of the Subsidiary Body related thereto.

#### Item 11

### Resource mobilization and financial mechanism

#### Resource mobilization

- 62. By its decision 15/7, the Conference of the Parties adopted a strategy for resource mobilization for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, as contained in annex I to the decision, and decided to review the strategy at its sixteenth meeting and to explore the current biodiversity finance landscape and proposals for a global instrument on biodiversity finance. To support this work, it established an advisory committee on resource mobilization that would report to the Subsidiary Body on Implementation and to the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting against terms of reference contained in annex II to the decision. In the same decision, it requested the Global Environment Facility (GEF) to establish a special trust fund to support the implementation of the Framework and decided to assess the progress of the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund at its future meetings.
- 63. At its fourth meeting, the Subsidiary Body considered a note by the Secretariat containing elements of a draft recommendation prepared by the Advisory Committee on Resource Mobilization.<sup>17</sup> The Subsidiary Body adopted recommendation 4/3, on resource mobilization, which contained a draft decision for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting.
- 64. In its recommendation, in order to enable the Advisory Committee to complete its mandate, the Subsidiary Body requested the Committee to convene a third meeting to consider relevant outcomes of the second meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Benefit-sharing from the Use of Digital Sequence Information on Genetic Resources and to report its conclusions to the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting.
- 65. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider the draft decision included in recommendation 4/3, as reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions, taking into account document CBD/COP/16/5.
- 66. In considering agenda item 11, the Conference of the Parties may wish to consider a submission by the Plurinational State of Bolivia, 18 which proposed the consideration of a "road map for the operationalization of financial resources for Target 19, paragraph (f), of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework" under agenda item 11.

#### Financial mechanism

- 67. Pursuant to decisions <u>15/15</u>, <u>CP-10/6</u> and <u>NP-4/8</u>, the Subsidiary Body on Implementation considered at its fourth meeting a note by the Secretariat concerning the financial mechanism and guidance to GEF, <sup>19</sup> as well as a preliminary report of the GEF Council. <sup>20</sup>
- 68. The Subsidiary Body adopted recommendation 4/4, which contained a draft decision for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> CBD/SBI/4/5. An exploration of the current biodiversity finance landscape was also provided as document CBD/SBI/4/INF/10, an updated version of which will be provided as an information document for the present meeting.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> Conveyed to the Executive Secretary by a note verbale from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of 18 July 2024, which was after the provisional agenda had been produced. The proposal will be made available as an information document.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> <u>CBD/SBI/4/6.</u> See also <u>CBD/SBI/4/INF/16</u>, <u>CBD/SBI/4/INF/17</u>, <u>CBD/SBI/4/INF/18</u> and <u>CBD/SBI/4/INF/19</u>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> CBD/SBI/4/6/Add.1.

- 69. At its sixteenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties will have before it a note by the Secretariat containing additional elements of a draft decision,<sup>21</sup> the report on the sixth review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism<sup>22</sup> and the GEF report to the Conference of the Parties.<sup>23</sup>
- 70. The draft decision contained in recommendation 4/4 of the Subsidiary Body and the elements of a draft decision contained in document CBD/COP/16/6 will be consolidated in the compilation of draft decisions. On the basis of its review of the consolidated draft and of the decisions on the financial mechanism of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol at its eleventh meeting and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol at its fifth meeting, the Conference of the Parties will be invited to adopt a decision containing guidance to GEF related to: (a) the GEF trust fund; (b) the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund; (c) the four-year outcome-oriented framework of programme priorities; (d) a funding needs assessment; and (e) the review of effectiveness of the financial mechanism.

## Item 12 Capacity-building and development, technical and scientific cooperation, clearing-house mechanism and knowledge management

Capacity-building and development, and technical and scientific cooperation

- 71. Pursuant to requests by the Conference of the Parties in its decision 15/8, the Subsidiary Body on Implementation considered at its fourth meeting notes by the Secretariat<sup>24</sup> that included recommendations on procedures and possible indicators for the monitoring of the long-term strategic framework for capacity-building and development<sup>25</sup> and the mechanism to strengthen technical and scientific cooperation,<sup>26</sup> as well as options on modalities for the operationalization of the global coordination entity of the mechanism, prepared with advice from the Informal Advisory Group on Technical and Scientific Cooperation.
- 72. At its fourth meeting, the Subsidiary Body adopted recommendation 4/5 on those matters, which included a draft decision for consideration by the Conference of the Parties, as reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions. Further to recommendation 4/5, the Secretariat has prepared a document on guidance for the regional and subregional support centres of the technical and scientific cooperation mechanism in developing their workplans to address the capacity-building needs identified by Parties, and an estimate of the resources required for the various options for hosting and operationalizing the global coordination entity of the mechanism.<sup>27</sup>
- 73. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to adopt a decision on the basis of recommendation 4/5, taking the aforementioned document into account.

Clearing-house mechanism and knowledge management

74. Pursuant to a request by the Conference of the Parties in its decision <u>15/16</u>, the Secretariat prepared, in collaboration with the Informal Advisory Group on Technical and Scientific Cooperation, a proposal for the programme of work of the clearing-house mechanism for the period 2024–2030, updated in line with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, and submitted it for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its fourth meeting.<sup>28</sup> The Secretariat also provided a summary report on the actions taken by the Secretariat to further develop

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> CBD/COP/16/6.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> CBD/COP/16/7.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> CBD/COP/16/8.

 $<sup>^{24}</sup>$  CBD/SBI/4/7 and CBD/SBI/4/7/Add.3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> Decision <u>15/8</u>, annex I.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> Decision <u>15/8</u>, annex II.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> CBD/COP/16/9.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> CBD/SBI/4/7/Add.1.

the central portal of the clearing-house mechanism and to facilitate efforts by Parties to establish, sustain and further develop their national clearing-house mechanisms.

- 75. Pursuant to a request by the Conference of the Parties in its decision 15/16, the Secretariat also developed, with the support of the Informal Advisory Group on Technical and Scientific Cooperation, a draft knowledge management strategy to support the implementation of the Framework. The draft strategy was peer-reviewed by Parties,<sup>29</sup> reviewed by the Ad Hoc Open-ended Intersessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention at its twelfth meeting<sup>30</sup> and considered by the Subsidiary Body at its fourth meeting.<sup>31</sup>
- 76. At its fourth meeting, the Subsidiary Body adopted recommendation 4/6 on those matters, which included a draft decision for consideration by the Conference of the Parties, as reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to adopt a decision on that basis.

## Item 13 Cooperation with international organizations and bodies established under other conventions

- 77. Pursuant to requests by the Conference of the Parties in its decision 15/13, the Secretariat prepared document CBD/SBI/4/10, in which it provided information on cooperation with other conventions and international organizations, including the consideration by their governing bodies of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, and the Bern III Conference on Cooperation among the biodiversity-related conventions for the implementation of the Framework. At its fourth meeting, the Subsidiary Body on Implementation adopted recommendation 4/9, which contained a draft decision for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting.
- 78. A note by the Secretariat<sup>32</sup> contains updated information on decisions of the governing bodies of other conventions and international organizations on the Framework, information on activities that have been conducted since May 2024 and an outline of information provided by the secretariats of other conventions, international organizations and initiatives in accompanying information documents.
- 79. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider the draft decision contained in recommendation 4/9, as reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions, and, taking account of the additional information noted above, to adopt a decision on that matter.

## Item 14 Implementation of Article 8(j) and related provisions

*In-depth dialogue on Article 8(j) and related provisions* 

- 80. Pursuant to requests by the Conference of the Parties in its decision 15/20, the Ad Hoc Openended Intersessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention conducted at its twelfth meeting an in-depth dialogue on the role of languages in the intergenerational transmission of traditional knowledge, innovations and practices, and adopted recommendation 12/1, which included a proposed theme for the next iteration of the in-depth dialogue.
- 81. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider the draft decision contained in recommendation 12/1, as reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> CBD/SBI/4/INF/8.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> See CBD/WG8J/12/4 and recommendation 12/3 of the Working Group.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> CBD/SBI/4/7/Add.2.

<sup>32</sup> CBD/COP/16/10.

Development of a new programme of work and institutional arrangements on Article 8(j) and related provisions of the Convention

- 82. In its decision 15/10, the Conference of the Parties decided to develop a new programme of work on Article 8(j) and other provisions of the Convention related to indigenous peoples and local communities, aligned with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, with the full and effective participation of indigenous peoples and local communities. It also decided to continue the Ad Hoc Open-ended Intersessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions, with the intention to subsequently decide at the present meeting on institutional arrangements and future modus operandi for Article 8(j) and other provisions of the Convention.
- 83. Further to the request in paragraphs 7 and 10 of decision 15/10, the Secretariat convened a meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on the New Programme of Work and Institutional Arrangements on Article 8(j) and Other Provisions of the Convention Related to Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities, in Manaus, Brazil, from 11 to 13 July 2023. At its twelfth meeting, the Ad Hoc Open-ended Intersessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions considered the recommendations from the Expert Group, which resulted in recommendation 12/2.
- 84. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider the draft decision contained in recommendation 12/2, as reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions. To assist in consideration of the matter, the Secretariat will provide further information on budgetary and practical implications of the proposals regarding future institutional arrangements.

Recommendations from the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

- 85. At its twelfth meeting, the Ad Hoc Open-ended Intersessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions reviewed the recommendations from the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues pertaining to the Convention, which resulted in recommendation 12/5.
- 86. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider the draft decision contained in recommendation 12/5, as reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions.

## Item 15 Communications, education and public awareness

- 87. By its decision 15/14, the Conference of the Parties adopted a communications strategy to support the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework. It also requested the Executive Secretary to update the programme of work on communication, education and public awareness for the Convention, in collaboration with the Informal Advisory Committee on Communication, Education and Public Awareness, and to develop further guidance for implementation at the national, subnational and local levels, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its fourth meeting and by the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting.
- 88. Accordingly, at its fourth meeting, the Subsidiary Body considered a related note by the Secretariat<sup>33</sup> and adopted recommendation 4/8, which contained a draft decision for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting. The recommendation also contained suggested actions to align the programme of work on communication, education and public awareness with the Framework.
- 89. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider the draft decision prepared by the Subsidiary Body, as reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions.

## Item 16 Scientific and technical needs to support the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal

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<sup>33</sup> CBD/SBI/4/9.

## Global Biodiversity Framework, including implications for the programmes of work of the Convention

Scientific and technical needs to support the implementation of the Framework

- 90. Pursuant to requests by the Conference of the Parties in paragraphs 8 and 9 of its decision 15/4, the Secretariat prepared document CBD/SBSTTA/25/4, which included the results of an initial rapid analysis of the programmes of work of the Convention in the context of the Framework. The Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice considered the document at its twenty-fifth meeting and adopted recommendation 25/3.
- 91. Pursuant to recommendation 25/3, the Secretariat prepared document CBD/SBSTTA/26/3, which contained the results of a comprehensive review and analysis of existing tools and guidance that could support the implementation of the Framework, an identification of their gaps and redundancies, and technical advice for the adjustment of work undertaken under the Convention. Document CBD/SBSTTA/26/3 was complemented by two information documents, one containing the details of the gap analysis with regard to the tools and guidance to support the implementation of targets,<sup>34</sup> and the other containing a compilation of more than 1,200 scientific tools and guidance documents submitted by Parties and stakeholders in response to notification No. 2023-120.<sup>35</sup>
- 92. The Subsidiary Body considered the documents at its twenty-sixth meeting and adopted recommendation 26/2.
- 93. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider those matters on the basis of the draft decision included in recommendation 26/2, as reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions.

Matters related to the work programme of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services

- 94. In its recommendation 25/3, adopted at its twenty-fifth meeting, the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice invited Parties, other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth, the secretariats of biodiversity-related conventions, the other Rio conventions and other relevant multilateral agreements, and relevant intergovernmental organizations and stakeholders to submit views related to the work programme of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services and the potential contribution of the Platform in addressing the scientific and technical needs to support the implementation of the Framework and the global review of collective progress. It also requested the Executive Secretary to compile those views and to make them available for consideration by the Subsidiary Body at its twenty-sixth meeting.
- 95. Pursuant to recommendation 25/2 of the Subsidiary Body, the Secretariat prepared document CBD/SBSTTA/26/3/Add.1, taking views submitted further to notification No. 2024-006 into account. The document included an update on the work of the Platform, as well as potential topics for a request for an assessment under the Platform, which would be produced by 2028.
- 96. The Subsidiary Body considered the document at its twenty-sixth meeting and adopted recommendation 26/3.
- 97. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider those matters on the basis of the draft decision included in recommendation 26/3, as reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions.

## Item 17

### Mainstreaming of biodiversity within and across sectors

98. In its decision <u>15/17</u>, the Conference of the Parties requested Parties, and invited other Governments, international organizations and relevant stakeholders, to submit their views on the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> CBD/SBSTTA/26/INF/15.

<sup>35</sup> CBD/SBSTTA/26/INF/16/Rev.1.

draft long-term strategic approach to mainstreaming and associated action plan and to identify ways forward to support the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework. It also requested the Executive Secretary to organize an open-ended online forum through the clearing-house mechanism, to facilitate further views on the reports and outcomes mentioned in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the decision and to compile those views in a report, including on an interim process, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its fourth meeting.

- 99. At its fourth meeting, the Subsidiary Body considered a related note by the Secretariat<sup>36</sup> and adopted recommendation 4/10, which contained a draft decision for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting.
- 100. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider the draft decision, as reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions, and to adopt a decision concerning actions on mainstreaming biodiversity across government and society to support the implementation of the Framework.

## Item 18 Diverse values of biodiversity

- 101. Pursuant to requests by the Conference of the Parties in paragraphs 6 and 7 of its decision 15/19, the Secretariat prepared a review of the findings of the *Methodological Assessment Report on the Diverse Values and Valuation of Nature* of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services and their implications for the work undertaken under the Convention.<sup>37</sup> The review contained a summary of the background and key messages of the assessment report and considerations for the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.
- 102. At its twenty-fifth meeting, the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice considered the review and adopted its recommendation 25/5.
- 103. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider those matters on the basis of the draft decision included in recommendation 25/5, as reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions.

## Item 19 Sustainable wildlife management

- 104. At its twenty-fifth meeting, the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice considered document CBD/SBSTTA/25/11, which contained a brief overview of the status of, trends in and possible future scenarios for sustainable wildlife management and an analysis of areas beyond the wild meat sector that might require complementary guidance, together with a review of findings from the *Thematic Assessment Report on the Sustainable Use of Wild Species* of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services and their implications for the work undertaken under the Convention,<sup>38</sup> and adopted recommendation 25/7.
- 105. Further to recommendation 25/7, the Secretariat, in collaboration with the Collaborative Partnership on Sustainable Wildlife Management, will prepare an analysis of existing guidance, tools and documents related to various areas of sustainable wildlife management and of areas that might require complementary guidance.<sup>39</sup>
- 106. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider the matter on the basis of the draft decision included in recommendation 25/7 of the Subsidiary Body, as reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions, taking also into account document CBD/COP/16/11.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> CBD/SBI/4/13.

<sup>37</sup> CBD/SBSTTA/25/6.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup> CBD/SBSTTA/25/7.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup> CBD/COP/16/11.

### Marine and coastal biodiversity and island biodiversity

Further work on ecologically or biologically significant marine areas

- 107. Pursuant to requests by the Conference of the Parties in paragraph 4 of its decision 15/26, the Secretariat convened an expert workshop to review the technical aspects of the modalities for modifying the descriptions of ecologically or biologically significant marine areas and describing new areas, and an expert workshop to review the legal issues pertaining to those modalities. The Secretariat prepared document CBD/SBSTTA/26/7/Add.1, which contained the outcomes of the expert workshops, including the modalities for the modification of descriptions of ecologically or biologically significant marine areas and the description of new areas.
- 108. At its twenty-sixth meeting, the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice considered the document and adopted recommendation 26/8.
- 109. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider those matters on the basis of the draft decision included in recommendation 26/8, as reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions.

Conservation and sustainable use of marine and coastal biodiversity

- 110. Pursuant to a request by the Conference of the Parties in paragraphs 5 and 12 of its decision 15/24, the Secretariat prepared document CBD/SBSTTA/26/7, which contained: (a) a strategic review and analysis of the programme of work on marine and coastal biodiversity and the programme of work on island biodiversity, and draft updates to both programmes; and (b)potential options for modalities for collaboration and cooperation with relevant global and regional organizations in the context of the Agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas beyond National Jurisdiction.
- 111. At its twenty-sixth meeting, the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice considered the document and adopted recommendation 26/7.
- 112. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider those matters on the basis of the draft decision included in recommendation 26/7, as reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions.

## Item 21

## **Invasive alien species**

- 113. Pursuant to requests by the Conference of the Parties in its decision 15/27, the Secretariat prepared document CBD/SBSTTA/25/10, in which it provided information on the activities undertaken by the Secretariat pursuant to the decision, in particular the organization of a peer review of annexes I to VI to the decision and the convening of a moderated open-ended online forum on the results of that process; and the submission of information on initiatives on horizon scanning, monitoring and managing emerging infectious diseases affecting biodiversity caused by alien pathogens or parasites and invasive alien species, and on activities of the Inter-Agency Liaison Group on Invasive Alien Species and cooperation with other organizations.
- 114. The Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice considered the document at its twenty-fifth meeting, together with a review of findings from the *Thematic Assessment Report on Invasive Alien Species and Their Control* of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services and their implications for the work undertaken under the Convention,<sup>40</sup> and adopted recommendation 25/6.
- 115. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider those matters on the basis of the draft decision included in recommendation 25/6, as reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions.

<sup>40</sup> CBD/SBSTTA/25/8/Rev.1.

## Biodiversity and health

- 116. Pursuant to requests by the Conference of the Parties in its decision 15/29, the Secretariat prepared document CBD/SBSTTA/26/8, in which it provided a revised version of the Global Action Plan on Biodiversity and Health, information on the activities undertaken to produce it and targeted messages to mainstream biodiversity into the health sector.
- 117. At its twenty-sixth meeting, the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice considered the document, including the revised draft global action plan and elements for a recommendation, and adopted recommendation 26/9.
- 118. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider those matters on the basis of the draft decision included in recommendation 26/9, as reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions.

#### **Item 23**

### **Plant conservation**

- 119. Pursuant to decisions <u>15/5</u> and <u>15/13</u>, the Secretariat and the Global Partnership for Plant Conservation prepared document CBD/SBSTTA/25/5, which contained a set of complementary actions related to plant conservation to support the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.
- 120. At its twenty-fifth meeting, the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice considered the document and adopted recommendation 25/4.
- 121. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider the matter on the basis of the draft decision included in recommendation 25/4, as reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions.

## Item 24 Synthetic biology

- 122. In its decision 15/31, the Conference of the Parties established a process for broad and regular horizon scanning, monitoring and assessment of the most recent technological developments in synthetic biology and a multidisciplinary ad hoc technical expert group to support the process. The multidisciplinary Expert Group was to be supported by the submission of information and discussions in the Open-ended Online Forum on Synthetic Biology.
- 123. At its twenty-sixth meeting, the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice considered a document prepared by the Secretariat containing the details and outcomes of the process, <sup>41</sup> taking into account the synthesis of the comments received during the peer review of the outcomes and methodology of the process, <sup>42</sup> and adopted recommendation 26/4.
- 124. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider the matter on the basis of the draft decision included in recommendation 26/4, as reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions.

## Item 25 Biodiversity and climate change

125. Pursuant to decision 15/30, the Secretariat prepared document CBD/SBSTTA/25/12, which contained a summary of the views and information on biodiversity and climate change submitted by Parties, other Governments and international organizations, an overview of linkages between biodiversity and climate change reflected in the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and a brief review of previous guidance on climate change developed under the Convention.

<sup>41</sup> CBD/SBSTTA/26/4.

<sup>42</sup> CBD/SBSTTA/26/INF/6.

- 126. The Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice considered the document at its twenty-fifth meeting, together with a note on the findings from the *Sixth Assessment Report* of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and their implications for the work undertaken under the Convention,<sup>43</sup> and adopted recommendation 25/8.
- 127. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider the matter on the basis of the draft decision included in recommendation 25/8, as reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions.

## Item 26 Liability and redress (Article 14, paragraph 2)

- 128. In its decision 14/21, the Conference of the Parties invited Parties and other Governments to submit to the Executive Secretary information on their experience in implementing the decisions of the Conference of the Parties related to Article 14, paragraph 2, on liability and redress, and requested the Executive Secretary to compile the information, as well as information on any recent developments, and to make it available for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting.
- 129. In notification No. 2024-062 of 28 June 2024, the Acting Executive Secretary invited Parties and other Governments to submit the information requested in decision 14/21.
- 130. Accordingly, the Conference of the Parties will be invited to review item 26 on the basis of information that the Secretariat will make available in document CBD/COP/16/12.

## Item 27 Review of the effectiveness of processes under the Convention and its Protocols

- 131. In its decision <u>14/33</u>, the Conference of the Parties approved a procedure for avoiding or managing conflicts of interest in expert groups and requested the Executive Secretary to prepare a report on: (a) the implementation of the procedure; and (b) relevant developments in avoiding or managing conflicts of interest in other multilateral environmental agreements, intergovernmental initiatives or organizations, and, if appropriate, propose updates and amendments to the current procedure for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at a meeting held before the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
- 132. In its decision 15/18, the Conference of the Parties adopted a number of provisions with regard to experience with online meetings and other areas to improve effectiveness. It also requested the Executive Secretary to prepare options for procedures for conducting hybrid meetings and fully online meetings, on the basis of experience gathered from Parties and relevant stakeholders and studies. The Executive Secretary was also requested to prepare an analysis of options to further improve the effectiveness of meetings under the Convention, including negotiating processes, to better follow up on previous decisions and to explore modalities for the engagement of observers in processes under the Convention.
- 133. At its fourth meeting, the Subsidiary Body considered a note by the Secretariat that addressed those matters<sup>44</sup> and prepared a draft decision, set out in recommendation 4/12, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider the draft decision, as reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions.

## Item 28 Multi-year programme of work of the Conference of the Parties

134. At its fourth meeting, pursuant to decision 15/33, the Subsidiary Body on Implementation included in its recommendation 4/13 a draft decision on the multi-year programme of work of the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>43</sup> CBD/SBSTTA/25/9.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>44</sup> CBD/SBI/4/11/Add.1.

Conference of the Parties, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting, prepared on the basis of a note by the Secretariat<sup>45</sup> and taking into account recommendation 26/2 of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, on scientific and technical needs to support the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework. A list of issues proposed for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth, eighteenth and nineteenth meetings is set out in the annex to the draft decision.

135. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to adopt a decision on its multi-year programme of work up to 2030 on the basis of the draft decision contained in the compilation of draft decisions.

#### Item 29

#### Other matters

- 136. The Conference of the Parties may wish to consider other matters raised and accepted for discussion in accordance with rule 12 of the rules of procedure and paragraph 7 of decision IV/16.
- 137. Under agenda item 29, the President will be invited to inform the Conference of the Parties of the outcome of the high-level segment held on 29 and 30 October.

#### Item 30

## Adoption of the report

- 138. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider and adopt the report on its sixteenth meeting on the basis of the draft report prepared by the Rapporteur.
- 139. The Conference of the Parties may also wish to annex to its report the outcomes of the high-level segment of its meeting and other events organized in conjunction with the present meeting. In accordance with established practice, the Conference of the Parties will be invited to authorize the Rapporteur to complete the final report after the meeting with the guidance of the President and the assistance of the Secretariat.

#### Item 31

## Closure of the meeting

140. It is expected that the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties will be closed on 1 November, at approximately 6 p.m.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>45</sup> CBD/SBI/4/15.

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