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Working Group II

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Draft decision submitted by the Chair of Working Group II

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling its decision 14/3 of 29 November 2018, by which it established a long-term strategic approach for mainstreaming biodiversity in relevant sectors and between sectors,

[Recalling also Article 6 (b) of the Convention on Biological Diversity,¹ under which Parties are required to integrate, as far as possible and as appropriate, the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity into relevant sectoral or cross-sectoral plans, programmes and policies,]²

[Reiterating the critical importance of mainstreaming biodiversity across the whole of government and the whole of society to achieve the objectives of the Convention and its Protocols and the urgent need to mainstream biodiversity in line with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework,^{3]}²

Noting the submissions provided by Parties, international organizations and initiatives, as well as stakeholder organizations, including during the online forum on mainstreaming held from 12 December 2023 to 10 January 2024,

Taking note of the analysis conducted by the Secretariat, which demonstrates an alignment of the long-term strategic approach for mainstreaming with certain goals and targets of the Framework,⁴

Recalling its decision that the Framework should be used as a strategic plan for the implementation of the Convention and its Protocols, its bodies and its Secretariat over the period 2022–2030 and that, in that regard, the Framework should be used to better align and direct the work of the various bodies of the Convention and its Protocols, its Secretariat and its budget, according to the goals and targets of the Framework,⁵

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

² The second and third preambular paragraphs were not discussed during the meeting held by the contact group on 21 October 2024.

³ Decision 15/4, annex.

⁴ See CBD/SBI/4/13.

⁵ Decision 15/4, para. 8.

Emphasizing the importance of ensuring that the processes under the Convention and its Protocols remain inclusive and regionally balanced,

[*Recognizing* that biodiversity mainstreaming needs to be considered in a balanced manner, that actions related to biodiversity mainstreaming should be implemented on a flexible basis, taking into consideration national circumstances and capabilities, and that there is not a one-size-fits-all approach to biodiversity mainstreaming,]

1. *Recognizes* that the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework captures biodiversity mainstreaming and provides a wide range of options for mainstreaming biodiversity, and considers that the provisions of paragraphs 17 and 18 of decision 14/3 have been implemented;

2. *Urges* Parties, and invites other Governments, with the support of international and other relevant organizations, as well as the business and financial sectors, as appropriate, to undertake biodiversity mainstreaming, as reflected in the Framework, in a manner supportive of the three objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity, in particular to enable mainstreaming at all levels of government and society, with a view to fostering the full and effective contributions of women, youth, indigenous peoples and local communities, civil society organizations and stakeholders, within and across all sectors,⁶ in an inclusive manner, as appropriate, and in accordance with relevant national and international regulations;

3. *Invites* Parties, as well as relevant organizations, initiatives and stakeholders, to provide relevant information, including on good practices, innovations, challenges and lessons learned with regard to biodiversity mainstreaming, through their seventh national reports, in line with decision 15/6 of 19 December 2022 of the Conference of the Parties, or through the reporting of commitments by non-State actors, in accordance with decision 16/--;⁷

4. *Encourages* Parties, in line with national circumstances and priorities, to promote and support business models that contribute to the three objectives of the Convention;⁷

5. *Also encourages* Parties, and invites other Governments, relevant organizations, initiatives, partners and relevant stakeholders, including from the private and financial sectors and the scientific community, to mainstream the Framework and its tools and guidance in all relevant processes;⁷

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

(a) To integrate the consideration of biodiversity mainstreaming into regional and subregional dialogue meetings to support the implementation of the Framework, including by identifying challenges and scientific, technical and technological gaps that may undermine countries' capacity to support mainstreaming and ensure just transitions, in particular in developing countries;

(b) To strengthen collaboration with relevant convention secretariats, organizations and institutions and foster collaboration and cooperation, as appropriate, among relevant processes and programmes in order to make available the information, expertise and relevant technologies, including in relation to transition plans, needed to achieve biodiversity mainstreaming at all levels;

(c) To invite Parties, other Governments and relevant convention secretariats, organizations and institutions and other stakeholders to share good practices, tools, mechanisms, guidance and relevant solutions that can support biodiversity mainstreaming across sectors and to provide a structured overview of that information through the clearing-house mechanism;

[(d) To support capacity-building and development activities, including through webinars and other appropriate means related to biodiversity mainstreaming, in collaboration with Parties and other Governments, as well as relevant organizations and initiatives, international financial

⁶ Including the sectors covered in decision XIII/3 (agriculture, forestry, fisheries and aquaculture, and tourism) and decision 14/3 (energy and mining, infrastructure, manufacturing and processing) of the Conference of the Parties.

⁷ Operative paragraphs 3 to 5 were not discussed during the meeting held by the contact group on 21 October 2024.

institutions, the regional and subregional support centres of the technical and scientific cooperation mechanism, including existing coalitions and networks of women, youth, indigenous peoples and local communities, civil society organizations, subnational governments and the private and financial sectors, as well as other relevant stakeholders;]

[(e) To undertake a gap analysis based on input received from Parties and relevant partner organizations and initiatives focused on challenges to providing support for biodiversity mainstreaming, as well as scientific, technical and technological gaps that may undermine countries' capacity to support biodiversity mainstreaming, using information from the seventh national biodiversity reports, and, on the basis of the analysis, propose an agenda for 2026–2030 for further work, subject to the availability of resources;]

(f) To prepare a progress report on the aforementioned activities, for consideration at a meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation to be held before the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;

(g) To undertake the following activities ahead of the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties:

- (i) To provide a structured overview of available good practices, tools, mechanisms, guidance and relevant solutions to support biodiversity mainstreaming within and across sectors, both under the Convention and in other processes;
- (ii) To foster sector-specific communities of practice for the exchange of lessons learned, inter alia, through the holding of a series of webinars focused on mainstreaming across various sectors, in particular those already covered in previous decisions of the Conference of the Parties, bringing together partners and experts from a variety of backgrounds to share best practices, existing tools, solutions, guidance and innovative practices that could support implementation within and across sectors;

[(h) To undertake the following activities ahead of the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties:

- (i) To facilitate the development of an issue on biodiversity mainstreaming in the Technical Series, in collaboration with relevant organizations, in order to provide a practical toolbox with concrete actionable elements for all relevant actors and sectors on means of implementing the Framework through biodiversity mainstreaming, building on existing material;
- (ii) To contribute to integrating mainstreaming into resource mobilization commitments, decisions and plans;
- (iii) To undertake a gap analysis based on the aforementioned activities and input received from Parties, relevant organizations, stakeholders and initiatives focused on challenges to mainstreaming biodiversity within and across sectors, governments and society, as well as scientific, technical and technological gaps that may undermine countries' capacity to support biodiversity mainstreaming.]