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Note by the Secretariat

I. Introduction

1. In its decision [15/33](#), the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity noted that it would review progress in the implementation of the Convention and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework at each of its meetings up to 2030 and took note of the preliminary list of issues to be addressed at those meetings contained in the annex to the decision. In the same decision, it requested the Executive Secretary, in consultation with the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties, to complete the list of issues to be considered by the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting and to propose specific elements aligned with the implementation of the Framework and closely related themes, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its fourth meeting, with a view to completing the list of issues to be considered at the seventeenth, eighteenth and nineteenth meetings of the Conference of the Parties, as suggested in the annex to the decision.

2. The agenda for the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties is being prepared by the Secretariat in consultation with the Bureau and will be made available on its website in accordance with usual practice.

3. In response to the request in decision [15/33](#), the Secretariat has set out in the annex to the draft decision below a list of issues proposed for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth, eighteenth and nineteenth meetings and based on: (a) the annex to decision [15/33](#); (b) the schedule for the review of the implementation of the Convention and the Framework established under decision [15/6](#); (c) other mandates adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting; (d) the programme of work of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services;¹ and (e) the analysis of scientific and technical needs to support the implementation of the Framework, including by identifying gaps in tools and guidance,² under

* [CBD/SBI/4/1](#).

¹ Noting that, in line with decisions [XI/13 C](#) and [XII/25](#), the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice is to consider deliverables of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services in order to identify potential implications for the work of the Convention for further consideration by the Conference of the Parties. A schedule of the future assessment reports is provided in document [CBD/SBSTTA/26/3/Add.1](#).

² As described in documents [CBD/SBSTTA/26/3](#) and [CBD/SBSTTA/26/INF/15](#).

consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at its twenty-sixth meeting.³ It should be noted that the annex the draft decision is focused on some key substantive items and does not include regular standing items of meetings, nor does it provide detailed agendas for the meetings of the Conference of the Parties.

³ Noting that, as indicated in the footnote to the annex to the draft decision, the specific topics identified in this respect are provisional, pending consideration by the Subsidiary Body at its twenty-sixth meeting and, subsequently, the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting.

II. Recommendation

4. The Subsidiary Body may wish to recommend 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 [15/4](#) of 19 December 2022, in which it decided that the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework¹ 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,

Recalling also its decision [15/33](#) of 19 December 2022, in which it noted that it would review progress in the implementation of the Convention and the Framework at each of its meetings up to 2030, and decided that the development of further guidance for policy development and implementation should support the achievement of the goals and targets of the Framework, the outcome of the global analysis of information in national biodiversity strategies and action plans, including national targets, and a global review of collective progress in implementation, as well as new information that may become available, including through scientific assessments,

1. *Decides* to update its multi-year programme of work up to 2030 according to the list of issues set out in the annex to the present decision;

2. *Also decides* to address, at each of its meetings, standing items consistent with its previous decisions, as well as other issues arising from its decisions related to particular programmes of work and cross-cutting issues, and to maintain sufficient flexibility in its multi-year programme of work to accommodate emerging issues or opportunities that it may identify.

Annex

List of the main issues to be addressed at the meetings of the Conference of the Parties during the period 2023–2030

<i>Meeting of the Conference of the Parties</i>	<i>Strategic issues</i>
Seventeenth meeting (2026)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Global review of the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and related means of implementation based on, inter alia, the seventh national reports;^a (b) Strategic actions to enhance the implementation of the Convention and the Framework, including in relation to means of implementation; (c) Implications for the work of the Convention of the following assessments of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Thematic assessment of the interlinkages among biodiversity, water, food and health (“Nexus assessment”); (ii) Thematic assessment of the underlying causes of biodiversity loss, determinants of transformative change and options for achieving the 2050 vision for biodiversity; (iii) Methodological assessment of the impact and dependence of business on biodiversity and nature’s contributions to people; (d) Tools and guidance to support the implementation of the Framework: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Biodiversity-inclusive spatial planning;^b (ii) Pollution and biodiversity;^b (iii) Sustainable biodiversity-based activities, products and services and the bioeconomy;^b

¹ Decision [15/4](#), annex.

	<p>(iv) Equity and the human rights-based approach relating to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity;^b</p> <p>(e) [<i>Other items to be determined</i>].</p>
Eighteenth meeting (2028)	<p>(a) Review of the implementation of the Framework and related means of implementation;^c</p> <p>(b) Strategic actions to enhance the implementation of the Convention and the Framework, including in relation to means of implementation;</p> <p>(c) Review of the operations and performance of the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund and future arrangements;^d</p> <p>(d) Four-year outcome-oriented framework of programme priorities and assessment of funding needs to inform the tenth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund (2030–2034);</p> <p>(e) Review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism;</p> <p>(f) Implications for the work of the Convention of the following assessments of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services:</p> <p>(i) Methodological assessment on monitoring biodiversity and nature’s contributions to people;</p> <p>(ii) Methodological assessment of integrated biodiversity-inclusive spatial planning and ecological connectivity;</p> <p>(g) Considerations for a follow-up to the Framework;</p> <p>(h) [<i>Other items to be determined</i>].</p>
Nineteenth meeting (2030)	<p>(a) Global review of the implementation of the Framework and related means of implementation: final assessment of progress towards the targets of the Framework based on, inter alia, the eighth national reports;^e</p> <p>(b) Consideration of the second global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services;</p> <p>(c) Update of and follow-up to the Framework;</p> <p>(d) [<i>Other items to be determined</i>].</p>

^a Conducted in conjunction with the review of the strategy for resource mobilization (decision [15/7](#), para. 46), the midterm review of the implementation of the Gender Plan of Action (2023–2030) (decision [15/11](#), para. 9), the review of the technical and scientific cooperation mechanism (decision [15/8](#), para. 32 (j)) and the review of the role of subnational governments, cities and other local authorities in the implementation of the objectives of the Convention and its Protocols and the Framework (decision [15/12](#), para. 7).

^b Pending the recommendation of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at its twenty-sixth meeting.

^c Conducted in conjunction with the further review of the strategy for resource mobilization (decision [15/7](#), para. 46).

^d Decision [15/15](#), para. 29.

^e Conducted in conjunction with the evaluation of the long-term strategic framework for capacity-building and development (decision [15/8](#), para. 16 (i)) and other mechanisms adopted by the Conference of the Parties to support the means of implementation.