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WORKING GROUP ON ARTICLE 8(j) AND
RELATED PROVISIONS OF THE CONVENTION
ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

Eleventh meeting

Montreal, Canada, 20-22 November 2019

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

INTRODUCTION

1. The Ad Hoc Open-ended Inter-sessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions was established by [decision IV/9](#) of the Conference of the Parties to address the implementation of Article 8(j) and provide the Conference of the Parties with advice relating to the implementation of Article 8(j) and related provisions. In [decision V/16](#), the Conference of the Parties endorsed the programme of work on Article 8(j) and related provisions, which was updated in [decision X/43](#).
2. In its decision [14/17](#) (para. 12), the Conference of the Parties determined that the eleventh meeting of the Working Group would be held prior to the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to develop proposals for possible future work, including proposals for a second phase of work on the Plan of Action on Customary Sustainable Use, as well as institutional arrangements and their modus operandi in order to inform the development of a fully integrated programme of work as part of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.
3. Accordingly, the eleventh meeting of the Working Group will be held in Montreal, at the headquarters of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), from 20 to 22 November 2019. Registration of participants will take place at the venue of the meeting from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, 19 November, and will continue until 10 a.m. on 20 November.
4. An information note for participants will be made available on the Secretariat's website in due course, providing details regarding logistical arrangements for the meeting of the Working Group, such as registration, travel, visa requirements and accommodation.
5. The results of the deliberations of the Working Group will be made available to the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its third meeting and to the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, as appropriate, and to the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting.

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

6. The President of the Conference of the Parties or her representative will open the meeting at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 20 November 2019. The Executive Secretary will make introductory remarks. It is expected that a ceremony led by Elders from an indigenous community will also take place to welcome delegates.

ITEM 2. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

2.1. Election of officers

7. In keeping with established practice, the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties will serve as the Bureau of the Working Group, and the meeting will be chaired by the President of the Conference of the Parties or his representative. In accordance with rule 21 of the rules of procedure of the Conference of the Parties, the Bureau will designate one of its members to act as Rapporteur. It is expected that an indigenous Co-Chair and bureau members will be designated by the International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity to assist the Chairperson and Bureau, following the practice of the Working Group.

2.2. Adoption of the agenda

8. The Working Group may wish to consider and adopt the provisional agenda (CBD/WG8J/11/1), which was prepared by the Executive Secretary taking into account decisions 14/1, 14/13, 14/14, 14/17, 14/30¹ of the Conference of the Parties and approved by the Bureau.

2.3. Organization of work

9. The Working Group will conduct its work in plenary and, when necessary and appropriate, establish contact groups to examine specific issues.

10. A preliminary organization of work for the eleventh meeting of the Working Group is contained in annex I below, and a list of documents for the meeting is provided in annex II.

ITEM 3. PROGRESS TOWARDS AICHI BIODIVERSITY TARGET 18 OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR BIODIVERSITY 2011-2020

11. Regarding progress on the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, the Conference of the Parties, in decision 14/1, urged Parties to take urgent action by 2020, by carrying out, among other things, the following actions, as appropriate, on Aichi Biodiversity Target 18 on traditional knowledge: increase efforts in the protection of and respect for traditional knowledge and make use of information contained in the *Local Biodiversity Outlooks*, among other things, on the customary sustainable use by indigenous peoples and local communities, to contribute to updated reporting on progress in the implementation of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets.

12. Subsequently, and as requested in decisions 14/17, paragraph 5, Parties and other Governments were invited by the Executive Secretary² to report on the implementation of the programme of work on Article 8(j) and related provisions, in particular tasks 1, 2 and 4 and the implementation of the Plan of Action on Customary Sustainable Use, as well as the application of the guidelines and standards adopted by the Conference of the Parties, and the participation of indigenous peoples and local communities in the implementation of the Convention, in order to determine progress made and inform the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

13. The Executive Secretary is preparing a progress report (CBD/WG8J/11/2), based on information received and an analysis of the sixth national reports, for consideration by the Working Group at its eleventh meeting and by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its third meeting, covering (a) progress made by Parties towards Aichi Target 18, (b) progress in mainstreaming Article 8(j) and related provisions across the areas of work of the Convention, and (c) the participation of indigenous peoples and local communities in the work of the Convention.

¹ The texts of all the decisions are available at <https://www.cbd.int/decisions/cop/?m=cop-14>

² See notification SCBD/SSSF/AS/JS/MLS/87830 dated 24 January 2019.

ITEM 4. IN-DEPTH DIALOGUE: “THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE, INNOVATIONS AND PRACTICES OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND CULTURAL DIVERSITY TO THE POST-2020 GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK”

14. In decision 14/14, the Conference of the Parties decided that the topic for the in-depth dialogue to be held at the eleventh meeting of the Working Group would be “the contributions of the traditional knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous peoples and local communities and cultural diversity to the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.”

15. To assist the Working Group and provide a context for the dialogue, a note by the Executive Secretary on the subject will be issued (CBD/WG8J/11/3) along with a compilation of views concerning this topic. As is the practice in the in-depth dialogue, a summary report will be drafted and annexed to the report on the meeting.

ITEM 5. INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND THE POST-2020 GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK

16. In its decision 14/17, paragraphs 1 and 2, the Conference of the Parties decided to complete the current programme of work on Article 8(j) and related provisions no later than the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. It also decided to consider the development of a fully integrated programme of work on Article 8(j) and related provisions within the post-2020 biodiversity framework, to allow for the full and effective participation of indigenous peoples and local communities in the work of the Convention, on the basis of achievements to date, taking into account the ongoing and postponed tasks of Parties, also taking into account the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development³ and its goals, the Paris Agreement⁴ under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, and gaps identified.

17. To assist the Working Group with this task, and as requested in paragraph 6 of decision 14/17, the Executive Secretary facilitated an online forum inviting Parties, other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities, other relevant organizations and interested stakeholders to have an initial exchange of views and information, as appropriate, on:

(a) Possible objectives to be considered to achieve an effective integration in the work of the subsidiary bodies on matters of direct relevance to indigenous peoples and local communities, and to enable full and effective participation of indigenous peoples and local communities in the work of the Convention;

(b) Possible elements of a programme of work on Article 8(j) and related provisions as part of the post-2020 biodiversity framework;

(c) Possible institutional arrangements, lessons learned and pros and cons of current arrangements.

18. Based on the exchange of views received during the online forum and submissions received, and as requested in paragraph 7 of decision 14/17, the Executive Secretary is preparing a summary of these inputs and submissions, to assist the Working Group with this matter (CBD/WG8J/11/4). Additionally, possible objectives, elements of work and institutional arrangements will be addressed in more details in addendums, including budgetary implications of possible institutional arrangements. The Working Group is expected to review this information and make recommendations concerning possible objectives to be considered to achieve an effective integration in the work, elements of a programme of work on Article 8(j) and related provisions as part of the post-2020 biodiversity framework, and institutional arrangements for indigenous peoples and local communities as part of the post-2020 biodiversity framework, taking into account lessons learned and pros and cons of current arrangements. To assist the Working Group, the

³ See General Assembly resolution [70/1](#), entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”.

⁴ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Registration No. [I-54113](#).

Executive Secretary will issue a note (CBD/WG8J/11/4) containing draft recommendations, including options covering possible objectives, elements of work and a way forward with institutional arrangements.

ITEM 6. POSSIBLE ELEMENTS OF WORK ON THE LINKS BETWEEN NATURE AND CULTURE IN THE POST-2020 GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK

19. In paragraph 25 of decision 14/30 on cooperation with other conventions, international organizations and initiatives, the Conference of the Parties recognized that the joint programme of work on the links between biological and cultural diversity has been a useful platform for collaboration between the Secretariat and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in pursuit of common objectives with respect to nature and culture; and in paragraph 26, requested the Executive Secretary to consult with the Secretariat of UNESCO with a view, subject to the availability of resources, to preparing options for possible elements of work on the links between nature and culture in the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, for consideration by the Working Group on Article 8(j) at its eleventh meeting, the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at its twenty-third meeting, and the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its third meeting, as well as the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, so that possible elements of work are considered along with other proposals in order to develop a fully integrated programme of work on Article 8(j) and related provisions in the post-2020 global biodiversity framework at the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

20. In order to assist the Working Group with this task, the Secretariat, together with UNESCO and the International Union for Conservation of Nature, developed a shared vision and prepared a road map of consultations, in March 2019, in order to prepare options for possible elements of work aimed at a coming together or a rapprochement of nature and culture in the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. The Executive Secretary is preparing a document (CBD/WG8J/11/5) which will contain (a) an update on progress concerning the joint programme of work on the links between biological and cultural diversity, (b) options for possible elements of work aimed at a rapprochement of nature and culture in the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and (c) a draft recommendation for the consideration of the Working Group.

ITEM 7. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS PERMANENT FORUM ON INDIGENOUS ISSUES

21. Under this item, the Working Group will be invited to consider the new recommendations arising from both the seventeenth (2018) and eighteenth (2019) sessions of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues pertaining to the Convention.

22. The Secretariat will issue a note on recommendations of the Permanent Forum to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD/WG8J/11/6) containing a concise update on recent recommendations of Permanent Forum not yet considered by the Working Group and an update on previous recommendations made to the Convention and draft recommendations for the consideration of the Working Group.

ITEM 8. OTHER MATTERS

23. Under this agenda item, Parties may wish to raise other matters related to the subject matter of the meeting.

ITEM 9. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

24. The Working Group will be invited to adopt its report, which will be submitted for the consideration of the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting.

ITEM 10. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

25. The eleventh meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Inter-Sessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions is expected to close at 6 p.m. on Friday, 22 November 2019.

Annex I

PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK

	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	3 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Wednesday 20 November 2019	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Opening of the meeting. 2. Organizational matters. 3. Progress towards Aichi Biodiversity Target 18 of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020. 4. In-depth dialogue: “The contributions of the traditional knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous peoples and local communities and cultural diversity to the post 2020 global biodiversity framework”. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Indigenous peoples and local communities and the post-2020 global biodiversity framework: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Possible objectives to be considered to achieve an effective integration in the work of the subsidiary bodies on matters of direct relevance to indigenous peoples and local communities, and to enable full and effective participation of indigenous peoples and local communities in the work of the Convention; (b) Possible elements of a programme of work on Article 8(j) and related provisions as part of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework; (c) Possible institutional arrangements for indigenous peoples and local communities as part of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.
Thursday 21 November 2019	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Possible elements of work on the links between nature and culture in the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. 7. Recommendations of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues. <p><i>Consideration of conference room papers</i></p>	<i>Consideration of conference room papers</i>
Friday 22 November 2019	<p><i>Consideration of conference room papers</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. Other matters. 9. Adoption of the report. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 9. Adoption of the report (<i>continued</i>) 10. Closure of the meeting

Annex II

LIST OF DOCUMENTS

Symbol	Title
CBD/WG8J/11/1	Provisional agenda
CBD/WG8J/11/1/Add.1	Annotated provisional agenda
CBD/WG8J/11/2	Progress report on Article 8(j): (a) progress made by Parties towards Aichi Target 18, (b) progress in mainstreaming Article 8(j) and related provisions across the areas of work of the Convention; and (c) the participation of indigenous peoples and local communities in the work of the Secretariat
CBD/WG8J/11/3	Background document for an interactive panel on “the contributions of the traditional knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous peoples and local communities and cultural diversity to the post-2020 global biodiversity framework”
CBD/WG8J/11/4	Indigenous peoples and local communities and the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, including possible objectives and elements of a post-2020 programme of work on Article 8(j) and related provisions and possible institutional arrangements
CBD/WG8J/11/5	Progress report – road map of consultations, ideas and mechanisms for future work concerning nature and culture
CBD/WG8J/11/6	Recommendations from the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous issues to the Convention on Biological Diversity

Note: A list of information documents prepared for the Working Group will be issued prior to the meeting.
