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#### Resource mobilization and financial mechanism: financial mechanism

### Financial mechanism

#### Draft recommendation submitted by the Chair

*The Subsidiary Body on Implementation,*

*Recalling* paragraph 15 of decision 15/15 of 19 December 2022, in which the Conference of the Parties invited developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition to identify related national funding priorities, including nationally prioritized funding needs that could be considered as eligible for funding under the financial mechanism specifically for the period from July 2026 to June 2030, and submit the results to the Executive Secretary for inclusion in the funding needs assessment,

*Recognizing* that most recipient countries are still in the process of updating their national biodiversity strategies and action plans and of developing national biodiversity finance plans or other relevant instruments, and that robust funding needs assessments should build upon the funding priorities identified in national planning processes,

*Regretting* the lack of voluntary contributions to finance the implementation of the terms of reference for a full assessment of the amount of funds needed for the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Protocols for the ninth replenishment period of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund,<sup>1</sup>

*Regretting also* that the lack of voluntary contributions to implement the terms of reference for the sixth review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism, as set out in annex IV to decision 15/15, has delayed its timely preparation and limited its scope,

*Taking note* of the information contained in the report of the Secretariat on the financial mechanism,<sup>2</sup>

1. *Notes* the preliminary report of the Council of the Global Environment Facility to the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties,<sup>3</sup> which includes a table of its responses to the guidance adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting in its decision 15/15;

2. *Also notes* the rapid support from the Global Environment Facility to the revision and updating of national biodiversity strategies and action plans, as well as national biodiversity finance

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

<sup>2</sup> CBD/SBI/4/6.

<sup>3</sup> CBD/SBI/4/6/Add.1.

plans aligned with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, and urges the eligible countries, with the support of the relevant implementing agencies, to expedite the implementation of enabling activity projects financed by the Global Environment Facility;

3. *Encourages* the Global Environment Facility to continue and further strengthen the collaboration with the Biodiversity Finance Initiative to develop and update national biodiversity finance plans and to support their implementation;

4. *Notes with appreciation* the speed of delivery of the integrated programming of the eighth replenishment period of the Global Environment Facility, which has reached over 90 per cent of resource usage;

5. *Encourages* eligible Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Protocols to accelerate their use of their country allocations made available under the System for Transparent Allocation of Resources;

6. *Encourages* eligible Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization to take note of the relevant information in the preliminary report of the Global Environment Facility when submitting project proposals for consideration and approval by the Facility;

7. *Encourages* Parties to consider, at the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, elements of advice developed and submitted by the governing bodies of other biodiversity-related conventions, including the Standing Committee of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals, so that they may be referred to the Global Environment Facility;

8. *Strongly encourages* eligible Parties to contribute to the survey of national funding priorities and needs being prepared by the Secretariat;

9. *Encourages* Parties to participate in the evaluation process being conducted by the independent evaluator recruited by the Executive Secretary to implement the terms of reference for the sixth review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism;

10. *Requests* the Executive Secretary:

(a) To present the outcomes of the funding needs survey for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting, 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;

(b) To present the report of the independent evaluator on the effectiveness of the financial mechanism for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting, 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;

(c) To incorporate the information provided by the Global Environment Facility through its final report into the relevant documentation to be prepared for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting and to collaborate with the Facility to identify potential issues and areas requiring the attention of the Conference of the Parties at the same meeting;

11. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary to develop, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting, elements of guidance to support the implementation of those goals, targets and sections of the Framework that have not been covered specifically or comprehensively in any previous guidance for the Global Environment Facility, including Targets 1, 2, 7, 9, 11, 16, 22 and 23 and section C;

12. *Recommends* that, at its sixteenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties adopt a decision along the following lines:<sup>4</sup>

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Reaffirming* the importance of the full application of the provisions of Article 21 of the Convention on Biological Diversity,<sup>5</sup> and of access to the financial mechanism for all eligible Parties for the full implementation of the Convention,

*Welcoming* the valuable role of the Global Environmental Facility as the institutional structure operating the financial mechanism of the Convention on an interim and ongoing basis,

*Recalling* paragraph 3 of Article 21, which provides that the Conference of the Parties must review the effectiveness of the financial mechanism,

*Reaffirming* the commitment of the Conference of the Parties to reviewing the effectiveness of the financial mechanism periodically, as reflected in the memorandum of understanding with the Council of the Global Environment Facility,<sup>6</sup>

*Also reaffirming* the importance of the review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism in the implementation of the Convention and its Protocols, strategies and programmes,

*Noting with concern* the lack of financial voluntary contributions to finance the implementation of the terms of reference for a full assessment of the amount of funds needed for the implementation of the Convention and its Protocols for the ninth replenishment period of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund,<sup>7</sup> resulting in the use of the core budget and in a limited report for consideration of the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting,

*Taking note* of the report of the Council of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting,<sup>8</sup>

*Welcoming with appreciation* the actions by the Global Environment Facility to support developing country Parties, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States, and indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth in the implementation of the objectives of the Convention, its Protocols and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework,<sup>9</sup> including through its programming associated with the seventh and eighth replenishments of its Trust Fund and the establishment and operationalization of the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund,

*Recognizing* the integrated and indivisible nature of the components of the Framework, which include considerations for its implementation (sect. C of the Framework), implementation and support mechanism and enabling conditions (sect. I) and responsibility and transparency (sect. J),

*Noting with concern* the lack of project proposals from eligible countries to support the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety<sup>10</sup> and the limited number of project proposals from eligible countries to support the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol on

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<sup>4</sup> Bearing in mind that additional elements for a draft decision will be elaborated prior to the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

<sup>5</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

<sup>6</sup> Decision III/8, annex.

<sup>7</sup> Decision 15/15, annex III.

<sup>8</sup> CBD/COP/16/--.

<sup>9</sup> Decision 15/4, annex.

<sup>10</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2226, No. 30619.

Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits arising from their Utilization,<sup>11</sup>

*Also noting with concern* the lack of resources made available to the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund in a manner commensurate with the challenges and needs of developing country Parties,

*Further noting with concern* the exclusion of a number of eligible Parties from access to support from the Global Environment Facility, including through its programming associated with the seventh and eighth replenishments of its Trust Fund, the System for Transparent Allocation of Resources, and in particular to the revision and updating of national biodiversity strategies and action plans, as well as national biodiversity finance plans aligned with the Framework,

*Noting* the contributions of the integrated programmes of the Global Environment Facility towards the targets of the Framework and that all the integrated programmes contribute towards Targets 8, 10, 11, 20, 21, 22 and 23,

*Welcoming* the significant portion of the Global Environment Facility International Waters focal area resources that contributes to the implementation of the Framework,

*Also welcoming* the efforts by the Global Environment Facility to harness synergies among other biodiversity-related conventions and to address multiple environmental challenges in a holistic manner,

*Noting with appreciation* the enhanced support provided by the Global Environment Facility to indigenous peoples and local communities for the implementation of the Framework, including through the aspirational programming share of 20 per cent at portfolio level by 2030 in the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund,

*Welcoming* the efforts by the Global Environment Facility to support policy coherence and streamlining measures,

1. *Notes* the report of the Council of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting;

#### **Global Environment Facility Trust Fund**

2. *Invites* the Global Environment Facility, in collaboration with the Executive Secretary, to encourage recipient countries to submit project proposals in support of the implementation of Target 17 of the Framework and the Implementation Plan<sup>12</sup> and the Capacity-building Action Plan<sup>13</sup> for the Cartagena Protocol;

3. *Invites* relevant Parties to the Cartagena Protocol to access proactively the notional allocations available for the Protocol from the eighth replenishment programming directions;

4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary and the Global Environment Facility to promote the sharing of experience and knowledge in project development and implementation in support of the implementation of Target 13 of the Framework;

5. *Invites* relevant Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits arising from their Utilization to access proactively the notional allocations available for the Protocol from the eighth replenishment programming directions;

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<sup>11</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 3008, No. 30619.

<sup>12</sup> Decision CP-10/3, annex.

<sup>13</sup> Decision CP-10/4, annex.

6. *Encourages* the Global Environment Facility to continue to explore potential opportunities for maximizing the contribution of its integrated programmes to the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, including through dedicated support to indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth;

7. *Encourages* the Global Environment Facility and recipient countries to maintain the contribution of the International Waters focal area to the implementation of the Framework and to extend this practice to other focal areas, including climate change, land degradation, and chemicals and waste, in line with different national circumstances and priorities;

8. *Invites* all Parties and other Governments that are in a position to do so to participate in the ninth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund to support eligible developing countries;

#### **Global Biodiversity Framework Fund**

9. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Global Environment Facility for the timely establishment and operationalization of the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund;

10. *Regrets* that the Council of the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund has not yet adopted terms of reference for the auxiliary body and advisory group;<sup>14</sup>

11. *Notes with appreciation* the contributions made to the capitalization of the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund by several donor countries, namely, Canada, Germany, Japan, Luxembourg, Spain and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, which amount to about 236 million United States dollars;<sup>15</sup>

12. *Invites* all developed country Parties and other Governments that are in a position to do so, as well as the private sector and philanthropic organizations, non-governmental organizations and non-sovereign entities and other stakeholders, to make contributions or further contributions to the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund in order to continue its rapid capitalization to support the implementation of the Framework, to complement existing support and scale up financing to ensure its timely implementation, taking into account the need for adequacy, predictability and the timely flow of funds, commensurate with the quantitative ambition set in Target 19;

13. *Urges* the Secretariat of the Global Environment Facility to strengthen its resource mobilization efforts, including towards new contributors, in accordance with funding needs identified through the assessment referred to in paragraph 20 below;

14. *Acknowledges* the aspirational programming share of 20 per cent by 2030 from the total amount of resources allocated under the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund to support actions by indigenous peoples and local communities, and urges the Global Environment Facility to design its delivery in consultation and partnership with indigenous peoples and local communities;

15. *Emphasizes* that guidance from the Conference of the Parties in accordance with paragraphs 1 and 3 of Article 21 of the Convention is also applicable to the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund;

#### **Four-year outcome-oriented framework of programme priorities**

16. *Adopts* the four-year outcome-oriented framework of biodiversity programming priorities for the ninth replenishment period of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund

<sup>14</sup> This would be subject to review by the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting in the light of developments at the second meeting of the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund Council, to be held in Washington D.C. on 19 June 2024.

<sup>15</sup> The list of donors and the total amount of contributions to the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund would be updated to reflect the situation at the time of the adoption of the decision by the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting.

(July 2026–June 2030), aligned with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, contained in the annex to the present decision;

17. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility to include in its report to the Conference of the Parties how it responds to the four-year outcome-oriented framework of programming priorities of the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Protocols, and how its responses contribute to the achievement of each target of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, as well as considerations for its implementation (sect. C of the Framework) and to the achievement of the objectives of the Convention and its Protocols;

18. *Invites* the governing bodies of the various biodiversity-related conventions to include a standing item in the agenda of their meetings for the provision of strategic advice, as appropriate, concerning national actions that may support collaboration, cooperation and synergies, as appropriate, to achieve the objectives of the Convention and its Protocols and the goals and targets of the Framework, which may be referred to the Global Environment Facility through the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, and to request their respective secretariats to communicate such advice to the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity;

19. *Invites* the secretariats of the biodiversity-related conventions to participate in and provide input to the inter-secretariat consultation to be convened by the Executive Secretary when developing the Secretariat's inputs to draft programming directions and policy recommendations for the negotiations of the ninth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund, in which it will participate in line with paragraph 7 of the memorandum of understanding between the Conference of the Parties and the Council of the Global Environment Facility;<sup>16</sup>

#### **Funding needs assessment**

20. *Takes note* of the report on estimated funding needs for the ninth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund, based on information received to date;<sup>17</sup>

21. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to compile and transmit, as soon as practical, the information on funding needs received from all eligible country Parties to the Secretariat of the Global Environment Facility and the participants in the negotiations of the ninth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund;

22. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary to draw upon the experience and lessons learned in implementing the terms of reference for the assessment of funding needs from the Global Environment Facility for the implementation of the Convention and its Protocols, and prepare draft terms of reference for conducting the fifth determination of funding needs for the period of the tenth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund, for the period from July 2030 to June 2034, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its sixth meeting and the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth meeting;

#### **Further guidance to the Global Environment Facility**

[23. Placeholder]<sup>18</sup>

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<sup>16</sup> Decision III/8, annex.

<sup>17</sup> This is a placeholder for consideration at the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties of the report on funding needs for the ninth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund, which will be based on whatever information is available at that time.

<sup>18</sup> This may include guidance to the Global Environment Facility developed in the light of consideration of agenda item 4 (a) of the fourth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, including those related to the ninth replenishment process, as well as additional guidance developed in the light of the consideration of other agenda items of the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, as informed by recommendations of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its fourth meeting and recommendations 26/1 and 26/9 of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Affairs, as well as decisions of the Conference

24. *Recalls* paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 of decision XII/30 of 17 October 2014, and requests the Executive Secretary to continue to liaise with the various biodiversity-related conventions and the Global Environment Facility in order to explore opportunities to enhance support from the Facility for countries with regard to activities relevant to the implementation of the various biodiversity-related conventions;

25. *Invites* the Global Environment Facility to support partnerships with indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth, and to recognize and promote their contributions to the implementation of the targets of the Framework;

26. *Also invites* the Global Environment Facility to inform the Conference of the Parties of how it is taking into account the voluntary guidelines on safeguards in biodiversity financing mechanisms developed under the Convention, recalling paragraph 6 of decision 14/15 of 29 November 2018;

27. *Further invites* the Global Environment Facility to explore ways to further improve, facilitate access to and increase funding for indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth;

#### **Review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism**

28. *Welcomes* the sixth review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism;<sup>19</sup>

29. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to prepare draft terms of reference on the seventh review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism, including views from indigenous peoples and local communities, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its sixth meeting and the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth meeting, to be implemented with resources from the core budget.

### **Annex**

#### **Four-year outcome-oriented framework of programme priorities of the Convention on Biological Diversity for the ninth replenishment period of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund (2026–2030)**

##### **A. Objective**

1. The present four-year outcome-oriented framework of programme priorities serves as guidance on the Convention on Biological Diversity<sup>20</sup> and its Protocols for the Global Environment Facility for the ninth replenishment period of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund (2026–2030).

2. The framework is provided by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the expectation that it be used by the Secretariat of the Global Environment Facility and the participants in the replenishment negotiations in determining the programming directions and policy recommendations for the ninth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund.

3. It is also provided in the context of the mandate of the Global Environment Facility to provide resources to achieve global environmental benefits and the mandate provided to the

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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 Protocol at its fifth meeting.

<sup>19</sup> Placeholder for responding to the sixth review of effectiveness of the financial mechanism to be submitted for consideration of the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting.

<sup>20</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

Facility by the Conference of the Parties in the memorandum of understanding between the Conference of the Parties and the Council of the Global Environment Facility.<sup>21</sup>

4. It uses the Convention and its Protocols and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework to set the strategic priorities for the financial mechanism of the Convention, which are expected to be operationalized by the Global Environment Facility through its programming directions for the ninth replenishment period.

5. It is recognized in the present framework of programme priorities that the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework should be used as a strategic plan for the implementation of the Convention and its Protocols over the period 2022–2030.

6. In particular, the goals and targets of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework provide the direction for the outcomes of the present four-year framework, bearing in mind that the ninth replenishment period coincides with the four-year period leading up to the 2030 deadline for achieving the targets, while recognizing that each of the three objectives of the Convention should be addressed by the Global Environment Facility in a balanced manner when designing and implementing its programming directions and policy recommendations for the ninth replenishment.

7. The integrated and indivisible nature of the components of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, which include considerations for its implementation (sect. C of the Framework), implementation and support mechanism and enabling conditions (sect. I) and responsibility and transparency (sect. J), are also recognized in the present framework, as is the operationalization of the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund and its complementary support for the Global Environment Facility in facilitating the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.

8. Recognizing that the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework is relevant to all biodiversity-related conventions and other multilateral environmental agreements, the present framework seeks to promote the implementation of complementary measures that may enhance programmatic synergies and efficiencies among the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Protocols and other biodiversity-related conventions, multilateral environmental agreements and frameworks, relevant to the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and the mandate of the Global Environment Facility, in a manner consistent with existing mandate, improving transparency and avoiding double counting.

## **B. Elements**

9. The four-year outcome-oriented framework of programme priorities for the period 2026–2030 includes the following elements under the Convention and its Protocols to which effective implementation support is to be provided:

- (a) The balanced implementation of the three objectives of the Convention;
- (b) The Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, including each of its goals and all of its targets, which define the outcomes being sought;
- (c) National biodiversity strategies and action plans;
- (d) National biodiversity finance plans;
- (e) The mechanisms adopted under the Convention to strengthen the means of implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework for mobilizing sufficient resources towards implementing the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and achieving its goals and targets; capacity-building and development, while noting the obligations contained in Articles 20 and 21 of the Convention; the generation,

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<sup>21</sup> Decision III/8, annex.



management and sharing of knowledge for effective biodiversity planning, policy development and coherence, decision-making and implementation; and technical and scientific cooperation, technology transfer on mutually agreed terms and innovation; in particular, the following mechanisms:

- (i) The strategy for resource mobilization;<sup>22</sup>
  - (ii) The long-term strategic framework for capacity-building and development;<sup>23</sup>
  - (iii) The technical and scientific cooperation mechanism;<sup>24</sup>
  - (iv) The knowledge management strategy to support the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework;<sup>25</sup>
- (f) The plans of action adopted under the Convention to support the effective and inclusive implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, including:
- (i) The Plan of Action on Subnational Governments, Cities and Other Local Authorities for Biodiversity (2023–2030);<sup>26</sup>
  - (ii) The Gender Plan of Action (2023–2030);<sup>27</sup>
  - (iii) The Global Action Plan on Biodiversity and Health;<sup>28</sup>
- (g) The monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework<sup>29</sup> and the enhanced multidimensional approach to planning, monitoring, reporting and review;<sup>30</sup>
- (h) The Implementation Plan<sup>31</sup> and the Capacity-building Action Plan<sup>32</sup> for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety;<sup>33</sup>
- (i) The Capacity-building and Development Action Plan<sup>34</sup> for the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from Their Utilization to the Convention on Biological Diversity;<sup>35</sup>
- (j) The guidance on programme priorities to support the implementation of the Protocols adopted by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol at its fifth meeting and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol at its eleventh meeting, contained in enclosures I and II, respectively.<sup>36</sup>

<sup>22</sup> Decisions 15/7 and 16/--.

<sup>23</sup> Decision 15/8, annex I.

<sup>24</sup> Decisions 15/8 and 16/--.

<sup>25</sup> Decision 16/--.

<sup>26</sup> Decision 15/12, annex.

<sup>27</sup> Decision 15/11, annex.

<sup>28</sup> Decision 16/--.

<sup>29</sup> Decisions 15/5 and 16/--.

<sup>30</sup> Decision 15/6.

<sup>31</sup> Decision CP-10/3, annex.

<sup>32</sup> Decision CP-10/4, annex.

<sup>33</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2226, No. 30619.

<sup>34</sup> Decision NP-5/--.

<sup>35</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 3008, No. 30619.

<sup>36</sup> Subject to any additional guidance on programme priorities for the ninth replenishment period of the Global Environment Facility being adopted by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meetings of the Parties to the Protocols.

**C. Strategic considerations**

10. The programming directions and the policy recommendations for the ninth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility, as they relate to the Convention and its Protocols and their financial mechanism established under Article 21 of the Convention, operated by the Facility on an interim basis, in accordance with Article 39 of the Convention, should:

(a) Be developed in a fully transparent and inclusive manner, with a view to ensuring that the projects funded by the Global Environment Facility during its ninth replenishment period to support biodiversity objectives are developed on a context-specific and country-driven basis, addressing the priority needs identified by the recipient countries;

(b) Support the rapid and effective implementation of the Framework, including by contributing to a significantly enhanced mobilization of resources, including Global Environment Facility funding that is adequate, predictable, sustainable, timely and accessible to all Parties eligible to receive support through the financial mechanism of the Convention and its Protocols, as determined under the Convention itself and by the Conference of the Parties. While such funding may be provided to eligible Parties by the Global Environment Facility primarily through allocations under programming directions dedicated to the biodiversity focal area, there can also be co-benefits for biodiversity arising from other focal areas and global programmes and through the integrated programmes, recognizing the need for streamlined programming and an approval process that enables the timely disbursement of resources;

(c) Build upon support being provided under the eighth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility and the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund;

(d) Take into account coherence with, and synergies among, country-driven programmes and priorities set out in national biodiversity strategies and action plans to support the implementation of the Framework;

(e) Promote engagement with eligible recipient countries to support national resource mobilization and the development and implementation of national biodiversity finance plans;

(f) Promote the achievement of global environmental benefits and sustainable development pathways that ensure the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the utilization of genetic resources and that are also carbon-neutral and pollution-free, including by encouraging coherence and complementarity among the Global Environment Facility focal areas of biodiversity, land degradation, international waters, climate change mitigation and adaptation, and chemicals and waste, and its integrated programmes, within the context of country-driven priorities and programmes;

(g) Reflect the fact that the implementation of biodiversity-related conventions and multilateral environmental agreements, in the context of national biodiversity strategies and action plans, may contribute to the objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Protocols and the goals and targets of the Framework;

(h) Promote cooperation and complementarity in the implementation of the three objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the related objectives of the other conventions served by the Global Environment Facility, as well as those of other biodiversity-related conventions and multilateral environmental agreements, recognizing the potential contributions of those instruments to the objectives of the Convention, its Protocols and the Framework, and the reciprocated contributions to their own objectives;

(i) Reinforce the efforts of the Global Environment Facility to mobilize and engage with all stakeholders, including the private sector, indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth;

(j) Take into account the important contribution that can be made by transboundary, multi-country, regional and global projects to the implementation of the objectives of the Convention, its Protocols and the Framework, including towards the implementation of global initiatives adopted under the Convention and its Protocols, and transboundary, multi-country, regional and global initiatives that leverage contributions from biodiversity-related conventions and multilateral agreements.

11. The outcome and indicators for the ninth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility, and associated monitoring processes, should be effective in their ability to assess the contribution of programming to the attainment of the three objectives of the Convention, the implementation of its Protocols and the implementation of the Framework, including by measuring the co-benefits for biodiversity across all relevant activities of the Facility.

12. The Global Environment Facility, in its ninth replenishment period, should:

(a) Ensure that the level of funding to be made available to recipient countries is commensurate with the ambition of the Framework and the needs and challenges faced by recipient countries;

(b) Explore ways to improve significantly access to funding by eligible countries;

(c) Explore ways to support capacity-building and to improve direct access to funding by indigenous peoples and local communities embodying traditional lifestyles and holding traditional knowledge, innovations and practices relevant to the conservation of biological diversity and the sustainable use of its components, and to support activities and initiatives of women and youth that enhance biodiversity;

(d) Establish simplified application processes, capacity-building initiatives and dedicated funding streams for eligible Parties to support the full and effective representation and participation of indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth, in the implementation of the Framework;

(e) Further interact and cooperate with multilateral development banks and other public and private financial institutions with the aim that they integrate the objectives of the Convention and its Protocols, the goals and targets of the Framework and the contributions of other biodiversity-related conventions and multilateral environmental agreements into their activities, and report on funding contributing to the implementation of those objectives;

(f) Continue to enhance its policies regarding governance and the standards that its implementing partners are held to, in order to improve its efficiency and effectiveness in delivering sustainable results.

#### **D. Reporting**

13. Following the conclusion of the ninth replenishment of its Trust Fund, the Global Environment Facility will include in its reports to the Conference of the Parties an explanation of how the ninth replenishment has responded to the four-year outcome-oriented framework of programme priorities and, through the elements of its programming directions, is contributing to the implementation of the Convention and its Protocols, each goal and target of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and the monitoring framework.

**Enclosure I<sup>37</sup>**

**Additional elements for the four-year outcome-oriented framework of programme priorities for the ninth replenishment period of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund (2026–2030) to support the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization**

Elements for the four-year outcome-oriented framework of programme priorities for the ninth replenishment period of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund (2026–2030) to support the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization, adopted by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol at its fifth meeting, comprise:

- (x) [Placeholder for elements of guidance];

**Enclosure II<sup>38</sup>**

**Additional elements for the four-year outcome-oriented framework of programme priorities for the ninth replenishment period of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund (2026–2030) to support the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety**

Elements for the four-year outcome-oriented framework of programme priorities for the ninth replenishment period of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund (2026–2030) to support the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, adopted by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol at its eleventh meeting, comprise:

- (x) [Placeholder for elements of guidance];
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<sup>37</sup> Subject to the adoption of additional guidance on programme priorities for the ninth replenishment period of the Global Environment Facility by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol.

<sup>38</sup> Subject to the adoption of additional guidance on programme priorities for the ninth replenishment period of the Global Environment Facility by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol.