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**Review of implementation: progress in national
target setting and the updating of national
biodiversity strategies and action plans**

Review of implementation: progress in the preparation of revised and updated national biodiversity strategies and action plans and the establishment of national targets in alignment with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

Draft recommendation submitted by the Chair

The Subsidiary Body on Implementation,

Recalling decision 15/6 of 19 December 2022 of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, in particular paragraphs 3, 6, 7 and 27,

Taking note of the outcomes of the regional and subregional dialogues on national biodiversity strategies and action plans that have been conducted and the plan for further dialogues,

Noting with appreciation the financial support for the organization of regional and subregional dialogues on national biodiversity strategies and action plans provided by the Government of Denmark, the European Union, the Government of Japan through the Japan Biodiversity Fund and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; the support provided by the Governments of Fiji, Guyana, Japan, Jordan and the Philippines in hosting those dialogues; and the collaborative support provided by the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity, the Caribbean Community, the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme and the United Nations University in organizing the dialogues,

Noting with appreciation also the support provided to eligible countries by the Global Environment Facility and its implementing agencies for supporting early actions for facilitating the revision and updating of their national biodiversity strategies and action plans,

Noting with appreciation further the role of multi-stakeholder initiatives and coalitions supporting the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, such as the High Ambition Coalition for Nature and People and the NBSAP Accelerator Partnership,

Recognizing that, at its fifth meeting, the Subsidiary Body on Implementation will review progress in the implementation of the Framework, including through an open-ended forum on voluntary country review,

Recalling that the Framework is to be implemented in a manner consistent with its section C,

Acknowledging the report prepared by the Secretariat on the implementation of the multi-year programme of work on implementation of Article 8(j) and related provisions of the Convention,¹

Taking note of the United Nations Environment Management Group guidance on integrating human rights in national biodiversity strategies and action plans,

Welcoming the submission of revised and updated national biodiversity strategies and action plans by China, the European Union, France, Hungary, Ireland, Japan, Luxembourg and Spain,

Recognizing the effort that Parties have made towards developing national biodiversity strategies and action plans and the fact that many Parties have expressed their intent to submit national targets in accordance with annex I to decision 15/6,

Recognizing with concern the challenges that many Parties have faced in revising and updating their national biodiversity strategies and action plans, including in accessing timely financial support, and acknowledging that further financial and technical support is needed for developing countries, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States, and countries with economies in transition to revise and update their national biodiversity strategies and action plans,

Stressing with concern that the provision of means of implementation to developing country Parties since the adoption of the Framework has not been commensurate with the challenges faced by those countries and that the levels of funding made available to the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund are not sufficient for implementation of the Framework,

1. *Urges* Parties to revise and update, as soon as possible, their national biodiversity strategies and action plans in accordance with Article 6 of the Convention, as requested in paragraph 6 of decision 15/6, taking section C of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework into account;

2. *Encourages* Parties, in line with national circumstances and priorities, to improve mainstreaming and coherence by raising awareness of the process to revise or update national biodiversity strategies and action plans across different sectors and policy processes, in particular within and among ministries, subnational governments and the private sector;

3. *Urges* Parties to submit their revised and updated national biodiversity strategies and action plans, including national targets, reflecting all the goals and targets of the Framework, as applicable, by the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and, for Parties not in a position to do so, to submit their national targets by the sixteenth meeting;

4. *Emphasizes* that Parties should submit their national targets following the template provided in annex I to decision 15/6 and using the online reporting tool;

5. *Encourages* Parties to submit the information mentioned in paragraph 3 as soon as possible, and preferably before 1 August 2024, to enable the Executive Secretary to prepare a global analysis of that information that is as complete as possible for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its fifth meeting and the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting;

6. *Also encourages* Parties to ensure a high level of ambition in their revised and updated national biodiversity strategies and action plans, including national targets addressing the direct and indirect drivers of biodiversity loss, commensurate with the level of ambition of the Framework;

7. *Recognizes* that the effective implementation of a national biodiversity strategy and action plan depends on the provision of adequate, sufficient, predictable and accessible means of implementation, including financial resources, capacity-building and development, technical and scientific cooperation and technology transfer, to developing countries;

8. *Urges* developed country Parties, in accordance with Article 20 of the Convention, to provide new and additional financial resources to support the implementation of the national

¹ CBD/SBI/4/3.

biodiversity strategies and action plans in developing countries and enhance international cooperation through capacity-building, scientific and technical cooperation and technology transfer;

9. *Invites* the Global Environment Facility and its implementing agencies to continue to provide support, in line with national circumstances and needs, in order to enable all eligible countries to finalize the revision and updating of their national biodiversity strategies and action plans, and to identify indicators for monitoring national targets for submission before the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;

10. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to prepare a draft decision based on an update of the elements in the present recommendation for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its fifth meeting and the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting.
