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Financial mechanism***

Note by the Secretariat

I. Introduction

1. In accordance with Article 21 of the Convention on Biological Diversity, Article 28 of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and Article 25 of the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization, as well as the memorandum of understanding between the Conference of the Parties and the Council of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) contained in decision III/8, the Conference of the Parties has kept under regular review the implementation of four subject areas related to the financial mechanism: accountability based on a report from the Council of the Global Environment Facility; guidance on policy, strategy, programme priorities and eligibility criteria for access to and utilization of financial resources; periodical review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism; and determination of funding requirements. Guidance on policy, strategy, programme priorities and eligibility criteria for access to and utilization of financial resources has evolved to include a four-year outcome-oriented framework of programme priorities in anticipation of the next replenishment period of the GEF Trust Fund and building also on inputs from biodiversity-related conventions, and a consolidation of the existing guidance determined by the Conference of the Parties at its previous meetings, as well as additional guidance arising out of the ongoing in-session negotiations under the Convention and its Protocols.
2. The Subsidiary Body on Implementation addressed the financial mechanism on the basis of the preliminary report of the GEF Council¹ and a number of documents prepared by the Secretariat.²
3. The report of the GEF Council for the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties is provided in document CBD/COP/16/8, and some key points of that report are noted in section II of the present document, in line with the request of the Subsidiary Body to the Executive Secretary to incorporate such information into the relevant documentation prepared for the consideration of the

* Revised to align figures in paragraph 13 (a) with those in the revised report of the Council of the Global Environment Facility for the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention (CBD/COP/16/8/Rev.1).

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¹ CBD/SBI/4/6/Add.1.

² CBD/SBI/4/6 and information documents CBD/SBI/4/6/INF/16, CBD/SBI/4/6/INF/17, CBD/SBI/4/6/INF/18 and CBD/SBI/4/6/INF/19.

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.

4. The Subsidiary Body on Implementation on the basis of a note prepared by the Secretariat, developed a draft four-year outcome-oriented framework of programme priorities for the ninth replenishment period of the GEF Trust Fund for the consideration of the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting. The draft is annexed to the draft decision contained in recommendation 4/4 of the Subsidiary Body and reproduced in the compilation of the draft decisions.³

5. The Subsidiary Body also requested 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 sections, goals and targets of the Framework that have not been covered specifically or comprehensively in any previous guidance to GEF, including section C and Targets 1, 2, 7, 9, 11, 16, 22 and 23. The response by the Secretariat in this regard is presented in section IV of the present document.

6. The Conference of the Parties has conducted five reviews of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism to date, and by decision [15/15](#) (para. 17 and annex IV), decided to undertake its sixth review at its sixteenth meeting. In its recommendation 4/4, the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, encouraged 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, and requested the Executive Secretary to present the report of the independent evaluator 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. The synthesis report of the independent evaluator on the effectiveness of the financial mechanism is available in document CBD/COP/16/7, together with some elements of a draft decision on this matter, and the full report is contained in document CBD/COP/16/INF/25.

7. In paragraphs 13 to 15 of and annex III to decision 15/15, the Conference of the Parties established a process for a full assessment of the amount of funds that are necessary to assist developing countries and countries with economies in transition, in accordance with the guidance provided by the Conference of the Parties, in fulfilling their commitments under the Convention and its Protocols for the ninth replenishment period of GEF (GEF-9). An update on this matter is provided in section VI.

8. On the basis of recommendation 4/4 of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation and the updates provided in the present document and document CBD/COP/16/7, the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting is expected to adopt a comprehensive decision concerning the financial mechanism and relations to GEF, including the additional elements for a decision suggested in section VII of the present note.

II. Reporting from the Council of the Global Environment Facility

9. In accordance with paragraph 3 of the memorandum of understanding, the GEF Council will prepare and submit a report for each ordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The reports will cover all GEF-financed activities carried out for the purpose of the Convention, whether decisions on such activities are made by the Council or by the GEF Implementing and/or Executing Agencies, and include specific information on how the GEF Council, its Secretariat and its Implementing and Executing Agencies have applied the guidance and implemented the policy, strategies, programme priorities and eligibility criteria determined by the Conference of the Parties, as well as any other decision of the Conference of the Parties communicated to GEF, under Article 21 of the Convention. The Council should also report on its monitoring and evaluation activities

³ CBD/COP/16/2.

concerning projects in the biodiversity focal area. The Council will also provide information on other matters concerning the discharge of its functions under Article 21, paragraph 1, as may be requested by the Conference of the Parties. If the Council has difficulties in responding to any such request, it will explain its concerns to the Conference of the Parties, and the Conference of the Parties and the Council will find a mutually agreed solution.

10. In subsequent decisions, as compiled in annex II A and paragraphs 3 and 27 of decision 15/15, the Conference of the Parties has made further requests for these reports, including timing of submission, a preliminary report to the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, balance between comprehensiveness and conciseness, results-based reporting, reporting on needs assessment results and on four-year outcome-oriented framework of programme priorities, transparency of the process of approving GEF projects, safeguards in biodiversity financing mechanisms, co-financing, and performance of the GEF's network of agencies, as well as the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund.

11. The report of the GEF Council for the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties covers the period from 1 January 2022 to 30 June 2024, which follows the period reported upon at the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The report provides information on programming usage and project activities in the last six months of the seventh replenishment period of GEF (GEF-7), programming usage of the eighth replenishment (GEF-8), GEF response to guidance adopted at the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund, portfolio implementation, a progress report on GEF-7 corporate results and targets, results from the GEF Independent Evaluation Office, and annexes for the lists of projects approved.

12. After the second part of the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, held in December 2022, the GEF Council held its sixty-fourth, sixty-fifth, sixty-sixth and sixty-seventh meetings (June and October 2023 and February and June 2024, respectively), approved the two largest work programmes in its history and established the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund. At its seventh meeting, held in August 2023, the GEF Assembly ratified the establishment of the Fund. The first and second meetings of the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund Council were held in February and June 2024, respectively.

A. Global Environment Facility Trust Fund

13. The Conference of the Parties may wish to take note of the following elements of the report of the GEF Council:

(a) Resource programming: the total value of GEF-7 investments towards the Aichi Biodiversity Targets was \$2.04 billion, which leveraged co-financing of \$16.51 billion for a total investment of \$18.55 billion, representing a co-financing ratio of each GEF dollar leveraging 8 dollars. The cumulative direct programming contributions during the first two years of GEF-8 to the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework was \$2.42 billion, from all the relevant programming lines in GEF-8 (Biodiversity Focal Area strategy, GEF-8 integrated programmes, International Waters Focal Area, Least Developed Countries Fund for climate change adaptation, Non-grant Instrument, and Small Grants Programme), which leveraged co-financing of \$19.12 billion for a total investment of more than \$21.54 billion, representing a co-financing ratio of 7 dollars being leveraged for each GEF dollar during the reporting period;

(b) Timeliness in programming: 69 per cent (or \$1.32 billion) resource usage was achieved in the Biodiversity Focal Area during the reporting period, indicating that 69 per cent of the biodiversity resources were programmed in only 50 per cent of the time duration of GEF-8;

(c) Range of projects: the approved GEF-8 resources supported 22 biodiversity focal-area projects and 32 multifocal area projects, 17 programmatic approaches including 11 integrated programmes. The integrated programmes have included 217 child projects. A total of 140 countries have benefited from those investments;

(d) Planning and coherence: the GEF-7 Global Biodiversity Framework Early Action Support project was aimed at national alignment with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework in 138 countries. During the reporting period, GEF also approved the umbrella programme to support the revision and updating of national biodiversity strategies and action plans and the preparation of seventh national reports for a total of 139 countries, and the umbrella programme to support development of biodiversity finance plans for 91 countries to develop national biodiversity finance plans, in addition to the Biodiversity Finance Initiative (BIOFIN) of the United Nations Development Programme. The GEF has begun to integrate policy coherence as a cross-cutting underlying principle in GEF-8 programme design, implementation and country engagement activities along the lines of the paper entitled “enhancing policy coherence through GEF operations” which was approved by the GEF Council at its 65th meeting;

(e) Integration and mainstreaming: the 11 GEF-8 integrated programmes all make a contribution to the achievement of Targets 11, 20, 21, 22 and 23 of the Framework. Ten integrated programmes are mapped to address Target 10, nine to Target 2, eight to Target 14, seven to Target 3, six to Targets 7 and 19, five to Targets 1 and 15, four to Targets 9 and 18, three to Target 5, two to Targets 12 and 16, one to Targets 4 and 13, and none to Target 17;

(f) Innovation and private funding partnership: five GEF-8 innovative blended finance solutions projects were approved during the reporting period that make direct contributions to the Framework, with \$80 million of GEF financing, which is leveraging \$1.534 billion;

(g) Societal mobilization and engagement: for the period from July 2022 to June 2023 (FY23), GEF funding supported 1,179 new Small Grants Programme projects, for a total amount of \$38.22 million. The number of Small Grants Programme projects under implementation during FY23 is 2,443 projects, with a grant value of \$83.68 million and a total co-financing value of \$88.90 million. 338 Small Grants Programme biodiversity projects completed implementation and were closed. The GEF-7 Inclusive Conservation Initiative that dedicated \$22.5 million of GEF project financing to strengthening the stewardship of biodiversity by indigenous peoples and local communities has moved forward during the reporting period. Thirteen subprojects are currently under implementation in the Americas, Africa, and Asia. A second tranche of the Inclusive Conservation Initiative will be supported in GEF-8;

(h) Portfolio performance: 85 per cent of the projects within the biodiversity portfolio under implementation were rated in the satisfactory range in achieving implementation progress and 89 per cent were rated in the satisfactory range for the likelihood to achieve their designed objective. Expected results from approved projects and programmes already exceed half of the target “150 million hectares of terrestrial protected area created or under improved management”, the full target “100 million hectares of marine protected area created or under improved management” and two thirds and half, respectively, of the targeted values for terrestrial areas (195 million hectares) and marine areas (70 million hectares) to be under improved practices to benefit biodiversity.

B. Global Biodiversity Framework Fund

14. In paragraphs 20 to 27 of its decision 15/15, the Conference of the Parties requested GEF to establish and give effect to a Global Biodiversity Framework Fund and to report to future meetings of the Conference of the Parties on the progress in establishing the Fund and on its operations and performance. In paragraph 28 of the same decision, the Conference of the Parties decided to assess the progress made in establishing, and on the operations and performance of, the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund, and to consider and adopt further guidance to GEF and to the governing body of the Fund on the modalities and operation of the Fund, at its future meetings.

15. The report on the progress in establishing, and on the operations and performance of, the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund, which is included in the report of the GEF Council for the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, has documented how GEF has designed,

established and operationalized the Fund in a rapid manner. The Conference of the Parties may wish to take note of the report and the responses to its requests contained in decision 15/15.

16. The manner in which GEF had responded to each of those requests was described in a note by the Secretariat considered by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its fourth meeting.⁴ Since that time, the Council of the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund at its second meeting held on 19 June 2024 approved the first work programme for the Fund⁵ comprising three projects and amounting to \$37.82 million (decision GBFF 4/2024) and adopted the terms of reference for advisory group(s) and an auxiliary body⁶ (decision GBFF 5/2024).⁷

C. Follow-up to paragraph 11 (c) of recommendation 4/4 of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation

17. In paragraph 11 (c) of recommendation 4/4, the Subsidiary Body on Implementation requested the Executive Secretary to incorporate the information provided in the GEF 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. One such issue is to assess the operations and performance of the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund, further to paragraph 28 of decision 15/15. This assessment should be undertaken in the light of paragraph 25 of the same decision, in which the Conference of the Parties called for immediate substantive contributions from all sources, in line with Target 19 of the Framework, and paragraph 19, in which it recognized that the new fund should “quickly mobilize and disburse new and additional resources from all sources, commensurate with the ambition of the Framework”.

18. In Target 19 of the Framework, the Conference of the Parties set targets for the overall mobilization of funds of least 200 billion United States dollars per year by 2030 and for international financial resources from developed countries of \$20 billion by 2025 and \$30 billion by 2030. Target 19 also includes a non-exhaustive list of sources of funding.

19. As referenced in recommendation 4/4, the level of capitalization of the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund to date is approximately 231 million United States dollars⁸ based on signed contribution agreements or arrangements by six donors.⁹ It may therefore be appropriate to consider modalities to increase the effectiveness and adequacy of the Fund in contributing towards the aforementioned targets set in the Framework. In this context it may be relevant to note that the Green Climate Fund explored¹⁰ resource mobilization approaches used by other multilateral funds, and concluded that global, multilateral funds usually begin with ad hoc contributions from initial contributors, followed by outreach to a broader universe of contributors and, over time, adopt a more systematic process to replenish resources. In the context of the Convention and the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund, such process could be as simple as providing at each ordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties, in a dedicated, high-profile setting, an opportunity to all categories of potential donor to pledge contributions to the Fund.

III. Consolidation of the existing guidance from the previous meetings of the Conference of the Parties

20. At its tenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties reviewed the decisions and elements of decisions related to the financial mechanism that were adopted from its first to ninth meetings and

⁴ CBD/SBI/4/6.

⁵ [GEF/GBFF.02/03](#).

⁶ [GEF/GBFF.02/04](#).

⁷ See the joint summary of the Co-Chairs at www.thegef.org/sites/default/files/documents/2024-06/EN_GBFF.C.2_Joint_Summary_of_the_Co_Chairs_0.pdf.

⁸ Amount subject to variation in currency exchange rates.

⁹ See also document [GEF/GBFF.02/Inf.03](#).

¹⁰ See document [GCF/B.08/16](#) of 1 October 2014.

adopted the first consolidated list of guidance to GEF, including programme priorities in its decision X/24. The Conference of the Parties also decided to retire the previous decisions and elements of decisions, as related to the financial mechanism. An updated consolidation of guidance was adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth meeting in decision XIII/21, including a four-year framework of programme priorities (2018–2022) for the seventh replenishment of the GEF Trust Fund. A further update of consolidated guidance is contained in annex II A to decision 15/15.

21. Following this practice, the present document provides a further update to the consolidated guidance for the ninth replenishment of the GEF Trust Fund. Using the consolidation adopted in annex II A to decision 15/15 as the basis, the updated consolidation includes all the additional decisions and elements of decisions related to the financial mechanism that were adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting. It follows the structure of the memorandum of understanding contained in decision III/8, as did the consolidation contained in annex II A to decision 15/15, and adds a new heading for the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund. The result of this consolidation of previous guidance is provided in document CBD/COP/16/6/Add.1.

IV. Additional guidance to the Global Environment Facility

22. In accordance with established practice, any elements of decision developed under other items of the agenda of the Conference of the Parties that are aimed at GEF will be consolidated in the decision on the financial mechanism as additional guidance. This may include elements of guidance to GEF in draft decisions prepared by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at its twenty-sixth meeting¹¹ and the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its fourth meeting,¹² for the consideration of the Conference of the Parties, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol or the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol.

23. In accordance with Article 28 of the Cartagena Protocol, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol will consider matters related to the financial mechanism and resources under agenda item 7 of its eleventh meeting, on the basis of document CBD/CP/MOP/11/6, and may submit a recommendation to the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on guidance to GEF. Similarly, in accordance with Article 25 of the Nagoya Protocol, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol will consider at its fifth meeting the matters related to financial mechanism and resources under its agenda item 7, on the basis of document CBD/NP/MOP/5/6, and may submit a recommendation to the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on guidance to GEF.

24. In paragraph 12 of its recommendation 4/4, the Subsidiary Body on Implementation requested 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 sections, goals and targets of the Framework that have not been covered specifically or comprehensively in any previous guidance to GEF, including section C and Targets 1, 2, 7, 9, 11, 16, 22 and 23. Accordingly, elements of guidance addressing Section C and each of those targets are presented in the annex to the present note, which would also serve as an annex to the draft elements of a decision (sect. VII).

¹¹ Recommendations 26/1 (monitoring framework) and 26/9 (biodiversity and health) directed to the Conference of the Parties, and recommendation 26/6 (detection and identification of living modified organisms) directed to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol.

¹² Recommendations 4/3 (resource mobilization), 4/5 (capacity-building and development, technical and scientific cooperation and technology transfer) and 4/6 (clearing-house mechanism and knowledge management), that in addition to recommendation 4/4 on the financial mechanism, are directed to the Conference of the Parties; and recommendations 4/7 (Draft capacity-building and development action plan for the Nagoya Protocol) and 4/11 (development of the methodology for the second assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Nagoya Protocol), directed to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol.

25. It may be noted that some of these targets and elements have been partially addressed in earlier guidance.¹³ In addition, elements of the advice provided by the Standing Committee of the Convention on Migratory Species of Wild Animals (see sect. V) are relevant to Targets 1, 2, 7 and 9, among other targets. It should also be noted that some considerations of Section C are reflected in the operational policies and programmes of GEF, such as gender considerations and the contribution and rights of indigenous peoples and local communities.

V. Elements of advice from the governing bodies of other biodiversity-related conventions

26. Pursuant to the invitation of the Conference of the Parties in its decision 15/15, the Standing Committee of the Convention on Migratory Species directed elements of advice to the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity for its consideration in formulating the four-year outcome-oriented framework of programme priorities for the ninth replenishment period of the GEF Trust Fund. Those elements are reproduced in document CBD/COP/16/6/Add.2.¹⁴

27. In accordance with resolution 10.25 (Rev.COP14) of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Migratory Species, at a meeting held in July 2004, the Standing Committee developed 14 elements of guidance derived from the Samarkand Strategic Plan for Migratory Species 2024–2032¹⁵ and other key resolutions of that Convention for consideration by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity at its sixteenth meeting. The Conference of the Parties may wish to consider including elements of the aforementioned advice as additional elements of guidance to GEF.

28. In its resolution, the Standing Committee also recognized that a number of elements of the four-year outcome-oriented framework of programme priorities for the eighth replenishment period of the GEF Trust Fund that have also been included in the draft framework for the ninth replenishment, reflect the importance of the Convention on Migratory Species and other biodiversity-related conventions and the strategic advice received from those conventions.

VI. Determination of funding requirements: third quadrennial assessment of the amount of funds that are necessary to assist developing countries in fulfilling their commitments under the Convention on Biological Diversity over the ninth replenishment cycle of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund

29. In its decision 15/15 (paras. 13 and 14), the Conference of the Parties adopted the terms of reference for an assessment of the funds necessary to assist developing countries and countries with economies in transition in fulfilling their commitments under the Convention and its Protocols for the ninth replenishment period of GEF.

30. Noting with regret the lack of voluntary contributions to finance the implementation of the terms of reference for the assessment, the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its fourth meeting made recommendations on ways forward for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting.¹⁶

31. On the basis of the questionnaire survey contained in the information document CBD/SBI/4/INF/16, the Secretariat is developing an online version of the questionnaire for

¹³ See CBD/COP/16/INF/27.

¹⁴ The full submission from the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Migratory Species is reproduced in document CBD/COP/16/INF/26.

¹⁵ Resolution 14.1 of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Migratory Species, annex.

¹⁶ Recommendation 4/4 of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation.

circulation to the relevant national focal points for the Convention and its Protocols, in accordance with paragraph 15 of decision 15/15 and paragraph 9 of recommendation 4/4.

32. As at the end of August 2024, only three recipient countries had submitted revised or updated national biodiversity strategies and action plans. Since national funding priorities need to be based on national biodiversity strategies and action plans, a meaningful number of responses to the questionnaire survey may be expected only after the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

VII. Suggested elements of a decision

33. The Conference of the Parties may wish to consider the addition to the draft decision contained in recommendation 4/4 of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation of elements along the following lines:¹⁷

The Conference of the Parties

XX. *Takes note* of the consolidated previous guidance to the Global Environment Facility contained in the annex to document CBD/COP/16/6/Add.1;

YY. *Adopts* the additional guidance to the Global Environment Facility contained in the annex¹⁸ to the present decision, and requests the Council of the Global Environment Facility to include information regarding the implementation of the additional guidance in its reports to the Conference of the Parties.

Annex

Additional guidance to the Global Environment Facility

[Placeholder heading]

1. [Placeholder for additional elements of guidance adopted in decisions on other items of the agenda of the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity and in decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety at its eleventh meeting and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from Their Utilization at its fifth meeting.]

Additional guidance to support the implementation of section C and targets of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework that have not been covered specifically or comprehensively in any previous guidance to the Global Environment Facility

2. Recognizing that, subject to national circumstances, needs and priorities, the implementation of all elements of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework¹⁹ reflected in national biodiversity strategies and action plans should be considered as eligible for support, the elements of guidance below are provided to support the implementation of those sections and targets of the Framework that have not been covered specifically or comprehensively in any previous guidance to the Global Environment Facility, namely, section C and Targets 1, 2, 7, 9, 11, 16, 22 and 23. In this regard, the Global Environment Facility is requested to provide support to the following elements of the Framework in accordance with its established procedures and on the basis of country-driven proposals for such support.

¹⁷ The amalgamated draft decision is contained in the compilation of draft decisions contained in document CBD/COP/16/2. The additional elements proposed herewith would replace paragraph 23 (a placeholder) of the draft decision in recommendation 4/4 of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation.

¹⁸ The annex to the present document would become the second annex to the decision, the draft of which is contained in recommendation 4/4 of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation and in the compilation of draft decisions (CBD/COP/16/2).

¹⁹ Decision 15/4, annex.

Section C

Considerations for the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

3. The Global Environment Facility should provide support to eligible Parties to enable them to implement the Framework, and achieve its goals and targets, in a manner that:

(a) Ensures that the rights, knowledge, including traditional knowledge associated with biodiversity, innovations, world views, values and practices of indigenous peoples and local communities are respected, documented and preserved, with their free, prior and informed consent,²⁰ including through their full and effective participation in decision-making, in accordance with relevant national legislation, international instruments, including the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples,²¹ and human rights law;

(b) Recognizes and considers diverse value systems and concepts, including, for those countries that recognize them, the rights of nature and rights of Mother Earth;

(c) Engages the whole of government at all levels and the whole of society, including all actors, and mobilizes broad public support;

(d) Is in accordance with national circumstances, priorities and capabilities and enables responsible and sustainable socioeconomic development that, at the same time, contributes to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity;

(e) Follows a human rights-based approach, respecting, protecting, promoting and fulfilling human rights, including the human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment;

(f) Ensures gender equality, the empowerment of women and girls and the reduction of inequalities;

(g) Is in accordance with those objectives and the provisions of the Convention and its Protocols, as applicable, in accordance with relevant international obligations, and is guided by the principles of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development;²²

(h) Is based on scientific evidence and traditional knowledge and practices, recognizing the role of science, technology and innovation;

(i) Is based on the ecosystem approach of the Convention;

(j) Is guided by the principle of intergenerational equity, which aims to meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs and to ensure meaningful participation of younger generations in decision-making processes at all levels;

(k) Involves transformative, innovative and transdisciplinary education, formal and informal, at all levels, including science-policy interface studies and lifelong learning processes, recognizing diverse world views, values and knowledge systems of indigenous peoples and local communities;

(l) Facilitates the provision of adequate, predictable and easily accessible financial resources;

(m) Enhances collaboration, cooperation and synergies among the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Protocols, other biodiversity-related conventions, other relevant multilateral agreements and international organizations and processes, in line with their respective mandates, including at the global, regional, subregional and national levels;

²⁰ All references to “free, prior and informed consent” refer to the tripartite terminology of “prior and informed consent”, “free, prior and informed consent” and “approval and involvement”.

²¹ General Assembly resolution 61/295, annex.

²² *Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3–14 June 1992*, vol. I, *Resolutions Adopted by the Conference* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigendum), resolution 1, annex I.

(n) Includes consideration of the One Health approach, among other holistic approaches that are based on science, mobilize multiple sectors, disciplines and communities to work together and are aimed at sustainably balance and optimizing the health of people, animals, plants and ecosystems.

Target 1

4. The Global Environment Facility should provide support to eligible Parties to enable them to undertake comprehensive participatory, integrated and biodiversity inclusive spatial planning and/or effective management processes addressing land- and sea-use change, to bring the loss of areas of high biodiversity importance, including ecosystems of high ecological integrity, close to zero by 2030, while respecting the rights of indigenous peoples and local communities.

Target 2

5. The Global Environment Facility should provide support to eligible Parties to enable them to restore degraded terrestrial, inland water and marine and coastal ecosystems, in order to enhance biodiversity and ecosystem functions and services, ecological integrity and connectivity.

Target 7

6. The Global Environment Facility should provide support to eligible Parties to enable them to reduce pollution risks and the negative impact of pollution from all sources to levels that are not harmful to biodiversity and ecosystem functions and services, considering cumulative effects, including: (a) by reducing excess nutrients lost to the environment by at least half, including through more efficient nutrient cycling and use; (b) by reducing the overall risk from pesticides and highly hazardous chemicals by at least half, including through integrated pest management, based on science, taking into account food security and livelihoods; and (c) by preventing, reducing, and working towards eliminating plastic pollution.

Target 9

7. The Global Environment Facility should provide support to eligible Parties to enable them to manage and use wild species sustainably, thereby providing social, economic and environmental benefits for people, especially those in vulnerable situations and those most dependent on biodiversity, including through sustainable biodiversity-based activities, products and services that enhance biodiversity, and protecting and encouraging customary sustainable use by indigenous peoples and local communities.

Target 11

8. The Global Environment Facility should provide support to eligible Parties to enable them to implement nature-based solutions and/or ecosystem-based approaches to restore, maintain and enhance nature's contributions to people, including ecosystem functions and services, such as the regulation of air, water and climate, soil health, pollination and reduction of disease risk, as well as protection from natural hazards and disasters, for the benefit of all people and nature.

Target 16

9. The Global Environment Facility should provide support to eligible Parties to enable them to establish supportive policy, legislative or regulatory frameworks, improve education and access to relevant and accurate information and alternatives, and encourage and enable people to make sustainable consumption choices and reduce the global footprint of consumption in an equitable manner, including through halving global food waste, significantly reducing overconsumption and substantially reducing waste generation, in order for all people to live well in harmony with Mother Earth.

Target 22

10. The Global Environment Facility should provide support to eligible Parties to enable them to ensure the full, equitable, inclusive, effective and gender-responsive representation and participation in decision-making and access to justice and information related to biodiversity by indigenous peoples and local communities, respecting their cultures and their rights over lands, territories, resources and traditional knowledge, as well as by women and girls, children and youth, and persons with disabilities and to ensure the full protection of environmental human rights defenders.

Target 23

11. The Global Environment Facility should provide support to eligible Parties to enable them to implement the Framework through a gender-responsive approach, where all women and girls have equal opportunity and capacity to contribute to the three objectives of the Convention, including by recognizing their equal rights and access to land and natural resources and their full, equitable, meaningful and informed participation and leadership at all levels of action, engagement, policy and decision-making related to biodiversity.
