**Note by the Co-Chairs of the Contact group**

**ORGANIZATION OF THE WORK OF THE CONTACT GROUP ON AGENDA ITEM 3**

**Part 2: The Monitoring Framework**

1. The contact group was established by the SBSTTA Chair at the end of the plenary session on item 3 on Monday 3 May. The contact group will be co-chaired by Anne Teller (European Union) and
Jorge Murillo (Colombia).
2. The mandate of the contact group is designed to address priority issues for timely guidance for the Co-chairs of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework and to develop recommendations to the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
3. This note provides guiding questions for the second part of the mandate of the contact group. The contact group will work on advice on indicators and recommendations to the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties related to the monitoring framework, on the basis of document CBD/SBSTTA/24/3/Add.1 and a non-paper which is available online (<https://www.cbd.int/conferences/sbstta24-sbi3/sbstta-24/documents>). Note that discussion in the contact group will serve as the basis for the *Chair’s summary* of the discussion on this item and for the development of a draft conference room paper.

4. The Chair’s summary will also include all oral and written advice provided during the informal session in February as well as in the plenary session on item 3 on 3 May. It will be attached to the report of the meeting and submitted by the Chair of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice to the Co-Chairs of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework to be used in preparation of the first draft of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. It also will be available for the third meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework.

5. The work related to the Chair’s summary will include the guiding questions below and the results of an online survey to SBSTTA focal points on the Headline indicators. Note that for the discussion on the elements of the draft conference room paper, no guiding questions are proposed as the relevant issues will be raised as part of the negotiation of a non-paper. Thus, the discussion will occur as follows:

1. Criteria and approach to the Headline Indicators from a technical and scientific point of view (2 hours)

***Guiding question:***

***- Are there major gaps in the criteria to define Headline Indicators and enhance the standardization and comparability of national reporting? Are there major coverage gaps in the Headline Indicators?***

1. A Survey on the applicability and usability of each of the proposed Headline Indicators in document CBD/SBSTTA/24/3/Add.1 will be undertaken by the co-chairs of the contact group. The survey will be accessible to the SBSTTA focal point of each Party from 10 to 17 May 2021. The survey results will be summarized in the co-chairs’ summary of the work of the contact group so that the results can be considered in the revision of the monitoring framework for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.
2. Discussion on a conference room paper, no guiding questions (3 hours)

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