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STATEMENT OF POSITION BY THE ASEAN CENTRE FOR BIODIVERSITY

On Agenda Item 3 – **Post-2020 global biodiversity framework**

The ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity, an intergovernmental organisation that facilitates and coordinates biodiversity-related actions in the 10 ASEAN Member States or AMS, has been steadily supporting efforts in crafting regional inputs to the post-2020 global biodiversity framework through consultations, workshops, and more recently, through online events. Moreover, the third edition of the ACB's flagship publication, the ASEAN Biodiversity Outlook, which will be released this year, is a valuable contribution to science-based policymaking and to the Region's whole-of-community approach.

Through research and various initiatives, the ACB assists the AMS in determining the state of biodiversity in the Region, identifying gaps in policy and implementation, and developing measures, as well as indicators for moving forward. We recognise the progressive use by the AMS of indicators in the preparation of their National Reports, and thus acknowledge the value of a simple monitoring framework that uses a select set of headline indicators in tracking the progress in the achievement of the goals and targets of the post-2020 GBF. The proposed headline indicators will be relevant, as the ACB facilitates coordination in the ASEAN region to disaggregate such headline indicators into component indicators that suit the needs and capacities of the AMS.

The ACB remains steadfast in assisting the AMS, with the support of ASEAN's dialogue and development partners, such as the European Union, Germany, Japan, the Republic of Korea, and India. We welcome cooperation across regions and subregions, as well as the engagement of other partners in generating quality indicators that will help the ASEAN direct its endeavours towards greater success in meeting our targets for nature and for people. These processes emphasise the valuable role of regional and sub-regional organisations in scaling up the concerted efforts of similarly-situated Parties to contribute informed, responsive, and transformative outcomes.

Thank you, Chair.