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## **Statement by Switzerland for the informal session in preparation of CBD SBI-3 on agenda item 3 (Review of progress in the implementation of the Convention and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020)**

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- Despite the ongoing negotiation process for the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, Switzerland continues to consider the Strategic Plan 2011-2020 to be a valuable foundation for our internationally coordinated policy measures to fight the ongoing decline of biological diversity.
- At the same time, we are concerned that at the end of the time frame for the Plan in 2020 we are still too far away from the targets we commonly set. It goes without saying that Switzerland continues to pursue its National Biodiversity Strategy and to implement its Action Plan, and we expect the other Parties not to stop their engagement and actions until the new framework will be adopted.
- In our view, a robust and transparent review of progress is essential to take informed decisions both for implementing the outgoing Strategic Plan as well as for the definition of the new framework and its targets.
- The factual analysis by the Secretariat on where Parties stand regarding updating their National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) and in submitting national reports is useful and should serve as an incentive to actively participate in the implementation of our common strategy.
- The IPBES Global Assessment of 2019 clearly showed, that the framework adopted 10 years ago in Nagoya did not deliver what is needed. We should draw on the lessons learned during the first two decades of this century. In this context, Switzerland regrets that the edition Global Biodiversity Outlook 5 was only published after the negotiations for the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework have already started.
- Switzerland is of the view that we should significantly enhance and strengthen the review and reporting mechanism in the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework to allow detecting problems and challenges with regard to implementation but also to allow learning from each other and help and stimulate improvement of action by Parties.
- Therefore, the topic of this agenda item should be significantly strengthened under the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework and we will make concrete proposals under agenda item 9.

