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STATEMENT OF POSITION BY THE ASEAN CENTRE FOR BIODIVERSITY

**On Agenda Item 3 – REVIEW OF PROGRESS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE  
CONVENTION AND THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR BIODIVERSITY 2011-2020**

The ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB), which was created by the 10 Member States of the Association of the Southeast Asian Nations or the ASEAN, to facilitate regional efforts to fulfill the objectives of the CDB, reiterates the substantial progress of the ASEAN in the implementation of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets. Information and analyses of developments based on the NBSAPs of the ASEAN Member States are presented in the ASEAN Biodiversity Outlook, the Third Edition of which will be released this year. Nevertheless, greater effort, as well as support for means of implementation, need to be made when new targets are agreed under the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

Under the ASEAN-India Cooperation project implemented by the ACB with the National Biodiversity Authority of India, the ASEAN Member States initiated region-wide initiatives to assess progress in the implementation of the NBSAPs. These highlighted important lessons, such as enhancing concerted efforts in the multi-sectoral coordination and collaboration of agencies that will carry out the various activities related to biodiversity conservation actions of the ASEAN Member States.

Significantly, these efforts and measures have been mindful of the contribution of girls and women, and the importance of integrating gender considerations into policies and their implementation. The ACB, together with its partners, including the German Government and the Secretariat of the CBD, has been supporting gender awareness raising in the ASEAN region through a series of capacity-building activities in 2019 and 2020, and the development of the Gender and Biodiversity Training Materials for Southeast Asia and the Pacific, which will be launched later this month.

It is clear from the ASEAN experience that its whole-of-community approach, especially when supported by sub-regional, regional, and global coordination and partnerships, has invigorated the Region's contribution to the collective implementation of the CBD.

Thank you, Chair.

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