

## On behalf of the European Union and its Member States

### *SBI-3 AI-3 Review of progress in the implementation of the Convention and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020*

*Madam Chair.* The European Union and its Member States wish to thank the Secretariat for the preparation of this agenda item.

The EU and its Member States are of the position that SBI should express great concerns that unfortunately, progress in the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 has not been sufficient to achieve the Aichi Biodiversity Targets. We are particularly concerned about insufficient mainstreaming of biodiversity across sectors and the lack of realising synergies.

Additionally, the EU and its Member States notes with deep concern that the national targets and commitments set by Parties through their national biodiversity strategies and action plans are collectively not commensurate with the level of ambition set out in the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and that, while there has been encouraging progress towards the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, progress on the whole has been limited.

The EU and its Member States believe that there is a need to learn from the review of the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020. Therefore, recommendations and lessons learned should be taken into account when preparing the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework.

Even though the efforts made by Parties to reflect indigenous peoples and local communities, traditional knowledge, customary sustainable use and gender issues in their national biodiversity strategies and action plans, EU and its Member States notes with deep concern that these important issues still need to be better reflected in the implementation of the Convention and more efforts are needed to guarantee this.

We welcome the best practices identified in the implementation of the Gender Plan of Action. However, the 2015-2020 Gender Plan of Action has not been fully implemented, and the gender is not adequately reflected in the implementation of the Convention or in national biodiversity strategies and action plans. Therefore, we think that there is still room for improvement and a new plan of action along with measurable targets and appropriate indicators will be needed to support the implementation of a gender-responsive Post-2020 Global Biodiversity.

Therefore, the EU and its Member States urge Parties to significantly accelerate their efforts to implement the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, in anticipation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework to be adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its 15th meeting.

Finally, the EU and its Member States think that the SBI should invite Parties to update their National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs), based on lessons learned and best practices contained in the Global Biodiversity Outlooks 4 and 5 (GBO 4 and 5), Local Biodiversity Outlook 2 (LBO 2) as well as in the review of implementation of the 2015-2020 Gender Plan of Action, in the view of aligning them with the upcoming post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, as appropriate.

*Thank you, Chair.*