

On behalf of the European Union and its Member States.

SBI3 - AI9 Mainstreaming of biodiversity within and across sectors and other strategic actions to enhance implementation

Thank you, Madam/Mister Chair,

I am speaking on behalf of the European Union and its Member States. We thank the Secretariat for the preparation of all the documents related to this agenda item.

The EU and its Member States welcome document CBD/SBI/3/11 as a very good basis for significantly strengthening the implementation, monitoring and review mechanisms under the Convention, which is crucial for effective implementation. This responds to the consistent EU and its Member States calls at COP-13 and COP-14 for improved implementation. We consider a reinforced implementation mechanism indispensable to any outcome of CBD COP-15 in Kunming.

The EU and its Member States support a quick response from Parties towards the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework (Post-2020 GBF) in order to ensure transparency, comparability and accountability. We consider the proposal for national commitments to be valuable for further discussions.

The EU and its Member States also welcome and acknowledge the importance of non-state actors' actions that would be reported to the CBD. A whole-of-society approach is key to reaching the ambitious, yet crucial, vision of Living in Harmony with Nature.

The EU and its Member States support maintaining National Biodiversity Strategies and Actions Plans (NBSAPs) as the main instrument for the implementation of the Convention at national level.

Parties should update or revise their NBSAPs in line with the Post-2020 GBF, as soon as possible.

The EU and its Member States welcome the proposal for the national reporting. We consider it useful to include a standardized section relating to headline indicators in the national reports. The EU and its Member States support the proposal to have two main national reports in the 2020-2030 timeline.

The EU and its Member States support country by country review mechanisms to enhance the implementation, for sharing of experience between Parties and to strengthen capacities.

The online testing of the open-ended forum on implementation showed its usefulness, but also the need for further development.

The voluntary peer review should remain a useful tool to provide Parties with an in-depth national analysis of their implementation efforts.

Review of the implementation of the Post-2020 GBF needs to become a more transparent, comparable, and reliable process than the review of implementation of the current strategic plan. This will largely depend on a science-based and reliable monitoring framework which will include headline, component and complementary

indicators to be used to allow COP to monitor progress towards the Goals and Targets and to review implementation of the GBF.

In order to review the progress in the implementation of the Post-2020 GBF, the EU and its Member States agree with the proposal to prepare before each COP a gap analysis/global gap report, comparing the aggregation of data, indicators with the corresponding goals and targets. We further support the compilation of a report, for instance prepared by the SCBD or UNEP, on the reported data on headline indicators prepared for each COP.

Furthermore, a global stocktake should be prepared for COP-17 and COP-19 to assess if further actions are needed to implement the Post-2020 GBF and to achieve the goals and targets and to allow for ratcheting up. This global stocktake could be composed of a technical phase of data collection and a political high-level phase. The technical phase could be based on the gap analysis/global gap report, the analysis of national reports and further relevant scientific evidence as available.

Thank you, Chair.