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## **Statement by Switzerland for the informal session in preparation of CBD SBI-3 on agenda item 7 (Capacity-building, technical and scientific cooperation, technology transfer, knowledge management, and communication)**

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- For Switzerland capacity development, technical and scientific cooperation, including technology transfer, knowledge management and communication form an essential part of the means of implementation and will be instrumental for the successful implementation of the post2020 global biodiversity framework.
- We take note of the progress report on the technical and scientific cooperation and technology transfer and believe important lessons for the post2020 biodiversity framework can be drawn from it.
- One of the findings of the progress report mentioned above, refers to the issue of fragmentation and lack of coordination of capacity development efforts, thus we have very strong reservation about the creation of yet another institutional mechanism to promote and facilitate technical and scientific cooperation (as proposed in paragraph 26 of Document CBD/SBI/3/7).
- Several technology transfer initiatives and mechanisms such as under the UNFCCC, the technology facilitation mechanism under the Agenda 2030 and WIPO GREEN already exist. Before discussing the potential set-up of a new institution, we should focus on the potential for mainstreaming biodiversity considerations into existing mechanisms.
- We welcome the other elements of a draft recommendation; however, we have some concerns about the clarity of the documents and on how we will proceed: The COP is expected to adopt a long-term strategic framework for capacity development to support the implementation of the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework. But we are not sure which document will finally serve as a relevant working basis for our further discussion - Would the COP adopt the strategy captured and further developed as in Chapter V of Document CBD/SBI/3/7 or as presented in the document CBD/SBI/3/7/Add.1?

