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STATEMENT OF POSITION BY THE ASEAN CENTRE FOR BIODIVERSITY

On Agenda Item 7 – Capacity-building, technical and scientific cooperation, technology transfer, knowledge management and communication

The ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB) demonstrates and underscores the value of designating and establishing subregional and regional technical and scientific cooperation centres to scale up the implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. In our subregion, the ACB 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 CBD. It has also been designated as a regional node for the implementation of Targets 11 and 12 in East and Southeast Asia regions.

The ACB consistently facilitates capacity building in the ASEAN region. With the support of dialogue and development partners, such as the EU, the Governments of India, Japan, Norway, and Germany, we have conducted various workshops, including on effective protected area management, particularly in ASEAN Heritage Parks, institution building, and on urban green infrastructure under the Bio-Bridge Initiative held in Singapore and the Philippines in 2019.

Moreover, the ASEAN Member States are taking significant strides in technical and scientific cooperation and technology transfer, especially in the development of their National Clearing House Mechanisms, with the support of the ACB, as the host of the Regional CHM. Among the activities was the conduct of a training needs assessment to determine the capacities needed by protected areas and ASEAN Heritage Parks staff to manage biodiversity information in support of management plan development. The results of the assessment will guide the content, design, and form of modules that will support the online training course on the data organisation and management of ASEAN Heritage Parks.

Apart from enhancing subregional and regional cooperation, these centres contribute to the framing of approaches and means of implementation, that are cognisant of the resources and capacities, and responsive to common needs and priorities of member countries, who, more often, are similarly situated.

Thank you, Chair.

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