

**SBI-5, Item 2 (Review of implementation: progress in national target setting and updating of national biodiversity strategies and action plans)**

**Statement by the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, OHCHR**

Thank you, Chair. (I speak on behalf of the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, OHCHR).

OHCHR welcomes that, according to document SBI/5/2/Rev.1, ‘Approximately 76 per cent of the national targets submitted by Parties included information on how the considerations set out in section C were taken into account.’ OHCHR would like to emphasize that a human rights-based approach should be explicitly mentioned in the proposed COP16 decision under agenda item 8.

Section C of the KMGBF sets out that the KMGBF’s implementation should follow a human rights-based approach. Respecting, protecting, and fulfilling human rights, including in the context of biodiversity action, is an obligation under international law. Human rights-based biodiversity action addresses biodiversity loss without contributing to existing inequalities or exacerbating vulnerabilities. On the contrary, it leads to better outcomes for both people and nature.

OHCHR therefore proposes a preambular paragraph *Recalling that the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework is to be implemented consistent with its Section C, following a human rights-based approach.*

OHCHR further proposes paragraph 6. *bis* *calling upon Parties to integrate human rights into their national biodiversity strategies and action plans.*

Lastly, OHCHR proposes paragraph 6. *ter* *requesting the Executive Secretary to develop tools and guidance for Parties on taking Section C, including a human rights-based approach, into account in the development of their national targets.*

Document SBI/5/2/Rev.1 highlights that *<quote>* ‘During the regional and subregional dialogues on national biodiversity strategies and action plans, Parties often noted difficulties in taking section C into account in the development of their national targets’. *<unquote>* Such tools and guidance are therefore needed to assist States in a successful implementation of the KMGBF.

We will submit specific textual proposals in writing.

**Specific textual proposals submitted in writing:**

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Recalling* its decision 15/6 of 19 December 2022,

*Expressing appreciation* to the Parties that hosted the regional and subregional dialogues on national biodiversity strategies and action plans and the Parties and organizations that provided financial and logistical support for their organization,

*Noting with appreciation* the support provided to eligible countries by the Global Environment Facility and its implementing agencies for facilitating the revision and updating of national biodiversity strategies and action plans,

*Recalling that the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework is to be implemented consistent with its Section C, following a human rights-based approach,*

1. *Welcomes* the efforts made by Parties to align their national targets and national biodiversity strategies and action plans with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework;<sup>1</sup>

2. *Congratulates* the [...] <sup>13</sup> Parties, listed in annex I, that have updated their national biodiversity strategies and action plans in the light of the Framework;

3. *Notes with satisfaction* that [...] <sup>2</sup> Parties, listed in annex II, have developed national targets aligned with the global targets of the Framework;

4. *Urges* Parties that have yet not done so to submit their national targets aligned with the Framework as soon as possible using the template adopted in decision 15/6 and the online reporting tool developed by the Secretariat;

5. *Encourages* Parties that have not yet done so to submit their national biodiversity strategies and action plans as soon as possible, and urges all Parties to do so before the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;

6. *Takes notes* of the outcomes of the dialogues on national biodiversity strategies and action plans, including the points highlighted in paragraph 28 of document CBD/SBI/5/2;

*6. bis Calls upon Parties to integrate human rights into their national biodiversity strategies and action plans,*

*6. ter Requests the Executive Secretary to develop tools and guidance for Parties to take Section C, including a human rights-based approach, into account in the development of their national targets,*

7. *Welcomes* the views shared by Parties during the open-ended forum for voluntary country review trialled at the fifth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, and takes note of the summary of the forum prepared by the Chair of the Subsidiary Body;<sup>3</sup>

8. *Urges* Parties to implement their national biodiversity strategies and action plans, including their national targets.

1. The Subsidiary Body on Implementation may also wish to recommend that, at its sixteenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties, in considering recommendation 4/2 of the Subsidiary Body, take into account the experience of the Subsidiary Body in conducting the pilot open-ended forum for voluntary country review.

<sup>1</sup> Decision 15/4, annex.

<sup>2</sup> To be updated with the latest information at the time of adoption.

<sup>3</sup> CBD/SBI/5/4, annex XX.