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**EXAMPLE OF MULTI-LEVEL GOVERNANCE OF NATURAL CAPITAL: THE
CONTRIBUTION OF LOCAL AND SUBNATIONAL GOVERNMENTS TO
THE EUROPEAN UNION'S BIODIVERSITY STRATEGY 2020 AND
THE AICHI BIODIVERSITY TARGETS**

Note by the Executive Secretary

1. The Biodiversity Summit for Cities and Subnational Governments was held from 12 to 14 October 2014 at the Alpensia Convention Centre in Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea. It was the fourth consecutive event for cities and subnational governments held in parallel with the Conferences of the Parties (COP) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and co-organized by ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability and the Secretariat of CBD, this time in collaboration with the hosts: the government of Gangwon Province and the Government of the Republic of Korea. Participants from 46 countries, including governors and mayors, as well as representatives of national, international and United Nations organizations and experts in the field, discussed various aspects of subnational implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity, the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, the United Nations sustainable development goals and multi-level cooperation on biodiversity.
2. On the occasion, the rapporteur of the Committee of the Regions of the European Union for multi-level governance, Ms. Kadri Tillemann, met with the Executive Secretary of CBD to exchange information and strengthen cooperation on this issue. Multi-level governance in this context is considered to mean coordinated action by the European Union, its Member States and local and subnational governments, based on partnership and involving operational and institutional cooperation in all phases of the policy cycle, from drafting to implementing policies.
3. The attached document has been submitted to the Secretariat of CBD by the European Union's Committee of the Regions in English, and is made available in line with paragraph 7 of decision X/22, requesting the Executive Secretary to support the dissemination of best practices for local and subnational implementation of the Convention.