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Submission by Switzerland responding to the invitation to provide comments on the four new annexes regarding SBI agenda item 9

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This submission responds to Notification SCBD/IMS/JMF/JC/MC/90056 issued on 7 January 2022. It does not prejudge the Swiss position in the upcoming negotiations but is a presentation of reflections Switzerland is currently undertaking to prepare its position for the upcoming preparatory process of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework (GBF) and Part II of the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity.

Switzerland is submitting its comments using the templates made available by the Secretariat regarding the following documents:

* CBD/SBI/3/11/ADD1/AMEND1

**National reporting** under the Convention: Revised guidance and draft template for the seventh and eighth national reports

* CBD/SBI/3/11/ADD4

Draft guidance for updating or revising **national biodiversity strategies and action plans** in the light of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework

* CBD/SBI/3/11/ADD5

Modus operandi of the open-ended forum of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation for **country-by-country review** of implementation

* CBD/SBI/3/11/ADD6

Commitments from **actors other than national governments** in the context of an enhanced planning, monitoring, review and reporting mechanism

As a general comment Switzerland is committed to a strengthened Review Mechanism für the implementation of the GBF. Thus we support tools to facilitate and streamline the implementation process and to enhance transparency. We welcome guidelines and templates for the action taken by parties, be it in the planning process (update NBSAP), in drafting the national reports, in assessing the contributions by parties and on the involvement of non-state actors. The proposed addenda for SBI recommendation on agenda item 9 are a good basis for discussion. Nevertheless we have some critical remarks or alternative suggestions to make and look forward to discuss these issues in-depth at the resumed session of SBI-3 to take place in Geneva.