**Template for the Advanced Comments on Draft Documents on Planning, Reporting and Review Mechanisms for the Resumed Session of the Third Meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation**

**TEMPLATE FOR COMMENTS: Revised guidance and template for the seventh and eighth reports contained in annex to CBD/SBI/3/11/ADD1/AMEND1**

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| **Advanced comments on the draft documents on Planning, Reporting and Review Mechanisms for the Resumed Session of the Third Meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation** |
| **Scope of this template for comments**  | Revised guidance and template for the seventh and eighth national reports, contained in annex to the document CBD/SBI/3/11/ADD1/AMEND1 which includes a draft of Annex C to CBD/SBI/3/CRP.5. This template aims to collect feedback on that Annex.  |
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| **Comments** |
| Please provide any general comments on the structure of the draft template for the seventh and eighth national reports, as well as the introduction to the template. * New Zealand welcomes this opportunity to comment through the peer-review process on the draft template for the 7th and 8th national reports.
* These national reports should provide an assessment of national progress in the implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, with a clear focus on the outcomes of actions achieved. Parties’ contributions towards the post-2020 framework however will be primarily be given effect to through their national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs), which will be updated to align with the goals and targets of the global biodiversity framework. This could be made clear in paragraph 3, by inserting ‘as given effect to through NBSAPs’ after the words, ‘post-2020 global biodiversity framework’.
* We agree that national reports should also include information on the actions taken by non-state actors, where this is able to be collected, verified and incorporated. We suggest paragraph 6 is revised to recognize that this will not always be possible. We suggest adding the words, ‘and able to be verified’, after the words, ‘relevant and appropriate’.
* On the proposed structure and format of the 7th and 8th reports, we suggest the inclusion of two additional sections:
	+ After Section V, a new section could be added, which could be called ‘Synthesis of Major Drivers and Trends in National Status of Biodiversity. This section would synthesize, analyze and report on the drivers and causes of the observed overall changes in the national status and trends of biodiversity, as a synthesis of the findings from the individual target-by-target reviews of progress contained in Sections IV and V. It could include a more in-depth summary of overall outcomes achieved from implementation actions, than provided by the Executive Summary.
* We suggest, as an addition to the list of items under paragraph 10 which information in the 7th and 8th national reports could be used to inform, that we also add, ‘updates or revisions to NBSAPs.’
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| Please use the table below to provide any specific comments on the template:  |
| **Section** | **Comment** |
| I | Please include comments or specific suggestions for Section I. Executive summary of the seventh and eighth national reports.* We support the proposed three headings for the Executive Summary.
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| II | Please include comments or specific suggestions for Section II. Brief overview of the process of preparation of the report* We suggest that under the first bullet point, Parties are also encouraged to identify the relevant agencies responsible for implementation and reporting.
* We suggestion addition of a new bullet point: ‘Brief description of the national biodiversity monitoring framework or system, and how it aligns with and track progress towards the NBSAP and post-2020 global biodiversity framework.’
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| III | Please include comments or specific suggestions for Section III. Status of the updated or revised NBSAP in the light of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework (This section is for the seventh national report only) * We support this section also being included in the template for the 8th national report, noting that Parties will be expected to revise and update their NBSAPs following the global stocktake.
* We support the phrasing of the question text, which refers to ‘NBSAP or biodiversity action plan’ – noting that for some Parties these may be separate documents.
* Instead of referring to ‘Has submitted national ambition or targets’, we suggest this is revised to, ‘Has submitted national targets or commitments.’
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| IV | Please include comments or specific suggestions for Section IV. Assessment of progress towards the 2050 goals of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework |
| V | Please include comments or specific suggestions for Section V. Progress towards the 2030 action targets |