**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. | | |
| 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.  Parties should be highly encouraged and supported to develop a **“Plan for using the report for communication and outreach activities as well as national planning process.”** This should include the development of a knowledge management and communication strategy that ensures the availability of accessible guidance and material that can be adapted to different stakeholder groups. | |
| II | Please include comments or specific suggestions for Section II. Brief overview of the process of preparation of the report  It is very important that this section includes the coordination mechanisms that were used to compile the different sections of the report, such as multi-stakeholder workshops, roundtables, dialogues, among others, so that good practices and success stories can be published and replicated. Especially for the Parties that have not yet published their national report, strengthening capacities in this regard is essential.  For the case of business, and given that the GBF contains a specific target for the business sector (Target 15), the establishment of permanent dialogues and mechanisms that foster collaboration and communication with government actors will be essential. Good practices should be disseminated. | |
| 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)  This section should include the following sentence as suggested types of policy instruments: **“action plans for non-state actors, including all productive sectors and their national and trans-national supply chains.”**  Justification: *Addressing productive sectors is essential to engage them in the implementation phase. These plans should be developed in a collaborative way through a multi-stakeholder engagement led by governments and implemented collectively by all actors. They should be supported by the wider system of finance and incentives. To achieve the mission to reverse nature loss by 2030, unavoidable negative impacts from production will need to be compensated through restoration and additional protection.* | |
| IV | Please include comments or specific suggestions for Section IV. Assessment of progress towards the 2050 goals of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework  This section should be standardized into a cyclical process of translating goals into relevant national and regional planning process, including NBSAPs, reviewing the progress and ramping up the delivery of plans and actions at the national and regional level.  Such an iterative process in the implementation phase is essential to ensure that once Parties have collectively assessed how much progress they have made towards achieving the targets, they have the opportunity to ramp up the delivery of their biodiversity plans and commitments and to strengthen their national targets. This should be an opportunity for Parties to request additional technical and financial support to achieve their plans and commitments.  Such a cycle would demonstrate to business leaders that policies to protect biodiversity will continue to increase and thereby incentivize companies to incorporate ever more stringent nature protection policies into their long-term strategy. | |
| V | Please include comments or specific suggestions for Section V. Progress towards the 2030 action targets  This section requests to indicate the “current level of national progress” of each target depending on the headline indicator agreed and it suggests the following answers “On track to achieve target; Progress towards target but at an insufficient rate; No significant change; Moving away from target; Unknown”. It is important to strengthen this system into one that can measure progress against a baseline. Parties should indicate a starting point on each target based on an initial assessment of the matter under evaluation and the same assessment should be conducted on a periodic basis, including a ratchet mechanism informed by science. This assessment should be systematized for all countries to report against but can also be tailored to each countries’ context.  For business participation, a strong implementation mechanism is essential as we can only ensure a level playing field globally if the goals and targets of the Framework are consistently implemented. Action in mainstream business will only occur if the business community is confident that the goals and targets adopted in the Framework will be effectively and unanimously implemented. | |