**EU and its Member States comments on the 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**

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**TEMPLATE FOR COMMENTS: Modus Operandi of the open-ended forum of SBI for country-by-country review of implementation** **contained in CBD/SBI/3/11/ADD 5**

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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**  | Modus Operandi of the open-ended forum of SBI for country-by-country review of implementation, contained in the document CBD/SBI/3/11/Add.5, which includes a draft of Annex D 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 and specific suggestions on the proposed modus operandi of the open-ended forum of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation for country-by-country review of implementation.EU and its Member States support country by country review processes, however on a voluntary basis and this should be reflected in the text. Further discussions are still needed on this process. This add document provides a good basis. The EU and its Member States would like to provide specific following comments:* The text may need to be updated once the draft COP 15 decisions are in more advanced stage.To reduce the need for such updating, paragraphs and sentences that duplicate provisions in the draft Decisions such as paragraphs 6 and 7 could be taken out. In addition, COP15 should invite the Executive Secretary to assess the functioning of the OEFI and make any proposals for adjustment of the modus operandi as appropriate.
* The first sentence of paragraph 3 should be complemented by “*including as reflected in the most recent and national reports*”.
* On paragraph 5: we propose the paragraph to formulate the aim of visibility in a more general way. We are not sure whether an exhibition at COP is an efficient or effective tool for this purpose.
* On paragraph 9, the EU and its Member States support the inclusion of relevant stakeholders and IPLCs.
* At this stage, we can accept that it is for the Party concerned to organise a ‘national consultative process’. The CBD Secretariat should support Parties in this. The words ‘dependent on national circumstances’ is, in our view unnecessary and inappropriate. For strengthening the OEFI, we recommend that this paragraph also extends to consulting experts.
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