**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**TEMPLATE FOR COMMENTS: Draft guidance for capturing commitments from actors other than national governments in the context of enhanced planning, monitoring, reporting and reviewing mechanisms contained in CBD/SBI/3/11/ADD 6**

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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| **Scope of this template for comments** | Draft guidance for capturing commitments from actors other than national governments in the context of enhanced planning, monitoring, reporting and reviewing mechanisms contained in the document CBD/SBI/3/11/Add.6, which includes a draft of Annex B to CBD/SBI/3/CRP.5. This template aims to collect feedback on that Annex. |
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| **Comments** | |
| Please include general comments on capturing commitments from actors other than national governments.  EU and its Member States would like to **provide the specific following** comments :   * Paragraph 9 a) in order to encourage non-state actors to participate in this process, the preparation and reporting of commitments should be as simple as possible to encourage such commitments, whilst also providing some reassurances to avoid greenwashing and ensure that the commitments can be taken into account in the review of ambition. * Proposal to add at the end of paragraph 9 d) *“Continuing to collate standardized commitments from actors other than national Governments, and refining and enhancing interoperability, as needed, to expand the integrated search function under the Action Agenda and take measures to avoid double counting.* ***In addition, promoting or developing repositories, platforms, partnerships and action agendas, including with media and civil society, to share information and successes, lessons learned and experiences, and to allow for adaptive learning in acting for biodiversity***”. Indeed, though the Action Agenda itself is a very important tool, other repositories, platforms, partnerships and action agendas that align with the GBF goals can supplement it. * On the note of the annex, the sentence “reporting through a stakeholder coalition” is a bit unclear to which mechanism for commitments it refers to. The wording should be changed. | |
| Please use the table below to provide any specific comments on the template: | |

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| **Section** | **Comment** |
| 1 | Please provide comments on section 1 on general information on the actor.   * Paragraph 7 should be a drop-down list. * We propose to add a reference to private initiative in the paragraph 7. |
| 2 | Please provide comments on section 2 which includes the section on specific commitments from actors other than national governments.   * Annex should use as much as possible with drop down menus for selecting   + Paragraphs 9a and 9b   + Paragraph 12   + Paragraph 13 * There could be a field for the country/countries where the activity takes place * It would be useful to have a field for the amount of finance that the activity will use in order to get an overview of resource mobilization. |
| 3 | Please provide comments on section 3 on progress tracking.   * On paragraph 17: this should be a text field with an additional field for a weblink or a place to upload a file. |