**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: 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** |
| As the natural environment and social/cultural conditions vary greatly from country to country, a peer review system that mandatorily pairs all parties may not be effective. In addition, some countries have been reviewed under existing similar systems, such as the OECD Environmental Performance Reviews. Therefore, Japan believes that the peer review should be voluntary. The number of countries to be reviewed can be reduced if it is voluntary, and the burden of the Secretariat and the parties can be reduced as well.If this mandatory system is to be established, it should be recognized that new financial resources will be required. For the reference information for parties, it is necessary that the secretariat would estimate and show the budget scale. |