**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** |
| 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.* Country-by-country peer review mechanism for performance assessment of and reporting on the NBSAP is essential for peer learning and experience sharing for better planning, implementation, reviewing and reporting by Parties.
* The expertise and professionalism among the peer reviewers and CBD Secretariat Staff provide opportunities for capacity building for the countries being reviewed through knowledge transfer and technical advice.
* Recommendations drawn during the peer review mechanism serve as a good basis for setting up policy strategies and actions for continuous improvement in planning, implementation, reviewing and report
* Country-by-country expert peer review mechanism should use a globally standardized methodology but flexible enough to suit national circumstances and compatible top other NBSAP implementation review mechanisms.
* The country-by-country peer review mechanism should be a requirement but non-punitive and facilitated by the UNCBD Secretariat.
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