**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.  General comments:  Although this mechanism could be useful to strengthen implementation, ambition and dialogue among peers, there is still a lack of clarity regarding the added value that this process can provide to the enhanced planning, reporting and review mechanism. For example, the contribution of the Open Ended Forum convened under the virtual sessions of the SBI held in September 2020 was not clear. The added value of this exercise has not been seen for now and are not explicit in the document either.  We suggested to consider other options under the voluntary peer review mechanism, such as reviews by panels of experts or facilitation mechanisms under the SBI that have a facilitating, non-punitive, role, based on the headline indicators in the National Reports (similar to the compliance mechanisms established under the Cartagena and Nagoya Protocols).  It could also be interesting to convene regional workshops to exchange experiences between similar countries or modalities such as the presentation of national SDG reports in High-Level Political Forums in which specific topics are selected each year and some countries and non-state actors on them, they report. It is important that the required resources are available and predictable, possibly under a permanent fund, to support the planning and reporting processes.  Specific comments:  Paragraph 4: there’s not much clarity on what the scope of the global policy response suggested for phase 2 would be. Is it a general recommendation for Parties who participated at the review for improvement in implementation? Or is it calling upon all Parties? If only a few Parties participate on each cycle, which would be the input for Global Stocktakes?  Paragraph 5: the implementation experiences to be showcased at the implementation exhibition would be those shared by Parties in phases 1 and 2? | |