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Norway welcomes this opportunity to provide input to the post-2020-process under the CBD. We welcome the information note from the secretariat outlining approaches for the preparation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

The current Strategic Plan, and in particular the Aichi targets, has proven to be a success for the CBD. Parties have made a tremendous effort leading us in the right direction. We have to acknowledge that not all targets will be met by 2020, however, successful progress has been made on many targets.

We believe the best way forward is to build on experiences and lessons learned from the negotiation process leading up to the Aichi targets 10 years ago and make sure that the process is even more inclusive and transparent this time around. We would like to underline and acknowledge the excellent job done by the secretariat leading up to Nagoya. Still we believe that a precise decision on the post 2020 process at COP14 outlining tasks for the secretariat, as well as for parties and other stakeholders will provide for an even stronger party-driven process this time.

Some elements to be considered in the process:

1. The process must aim for building expectations and a momentum for the decision to be taken by COP15 in 2020. The endorsement of the 2010 strategic plan by UNGA in 2010

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was extremely useful, and we would encourage the secretariat to aim for having biodiversity addressed at the UNGAs leading up to COP15.

2019	UN74 GA	The secretariat, possibly with some key countries and partners requests the CBD to present a post-2020 global biodiversity framework for adoption at UN76.
2020	UN75 GA	Potential high level biodiversity summit (with participation from all biodiversity conventions) to create a political momentum for a solid decision at COP15

2. Coordination and alignment with the SDGs and SDG-process is necessary. The High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development is important due to the direct link between Aichi-targets and some SDG-subtargets. The meetings in both 2018 and 2019 are highly relevant for building the necessary platform for targets of joint interest. SGD 15 will be under review in HLPF in 2018, providing a highly relevant platform for the CBD to highlight biodiversity.
3. In our view UNEP, FAO and UNDP should be invited as main international partners for the process of developing the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.
4. The secretariat should further explore options to engage with the other Rio-conventions (UNFCCC and UNCCD) in order to achieve increased attention to biodiversity and how improved management of biodiversity would contribute to goals under the respective processes, and also issues of joint interest having the SDGs in mind.
5. We do also trust that the secretariat would make use of the biodiversity liaison group (BLG) in order to streamline the involvement of the other biodiversity conventions. We would also find it very useful if UNEP and the BLG (Biodiversity Liasion Group) would develop some advice based on the synergy-process among the biodiversity-related conventions. This advice should build on the objectives and main challenges for each of the conventions and identify potential bridging approaches. In line with this, the CBD-secretariat should prepare a short assessment of approaches to link the two protocols to the post2020 global biodiversity framework. The other global biodiversity conventions and the two CBD-protocols should, if possible, be given an opportunity to respond to the respective assessments in order to build broad ownership to the post 2020 process and the outcome.
6. It would also be useful if the secretariat would provide information to the parties on key meetings, outside of the CBD where potential decisions concerning biodiversity would be taken, as this would stimulate intersectorial dialogue. We kindly ask the secretariat to consider providing a timeline for the negotiation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework available at the CBD web page, highlighting both the CBD process and if possible indicating other highly relevant meetings outside the CBD.

7. In order to build the much needed inclusive and transparent process, all stakeholders should be invited to contribute in the process. We would in particular highlight the active involvement with environmental NGOs, IPLCs and the business-sector. We further encourage the secretariat to develop draft guidance addressing IPLCs and private sector, based on the current engagement.
8. A knowledge-based process is needed. With the indicated process for developing the next Global Biodiversity Outlook this seems to be on track, but we would encourage assessing whether additional knowledge would be useful to inform the process. In this regard, both the need for targeted nature/biophysical- and social science should be considered after the delivery of the IPBES regional assessments and having the scoping for the global assessment in mind. Item 6 on the agenda for SBSTTA22 can easily be expanded to cover this topic.
9. The structure of the existing strategic plan is not necessarily the structure that is best suited to meet the needs of the parties post 2020. We find the 5 goals still to be highly relevant, as well as the sets of indicators being developed. We should also take into consideration that key elements of decision X/2 that were not formulated as specific Aichi-target has received less attention. The post 2020 system must integrate a stronger focus on implementation.
10. As noted above we encourage coordination and alignment with the SDGs and SDG-process. Some key-words are communication & public awareness and indicators & reporting. This will make the reporting process more effective as parties are already familiar with these indicators, in addition the use of indicators from the SDGs might assist the implementation of the broader 2030 agenda.
11. The timeframe for the post 2020 framework must be carefully considered, having in mind that an update of national policy is time consuming for the parties. The same goes for relevant international processes (eg the other global biodiversity conventions). Having the post 2020 strategy span from 2020-2030 would nicely align the CBD process with the possible renegotiation of the SDGs. However, we believe consideration also must be given to when updated biodiversity frameworks would have the highest input to potential new global processes following the SDGs (post 2030).
12. One way of building momentum and ambitious commitment for the post 2020 framework, could be to develop a system for voluntary commitments, possibly based on a subset of suitable indicators. Voluntary commitments would probably be most effective, and have the most impact by the creation of specific partnerships (coalition of willing).
13. The post 2020 global biodiversity framework must be ambitious and forward thinking. However, we also need to address the Aichi-targets that are not being met by 2020.

14. In order to develop an inclusive, transparent and party-driven process we would advise to agree on the development of targeted communication material. The communication material should include some key messages aligning the CBD process to other key international processes (SDGs and UNFCCC), current biodiversity status as well as highlighting a set of good results from the implementation of the existing Strategic Plan. The communication material would be valuable for building the momentum for adoption of new challenging targets securing biodiversity for human well-being and a healthy planet (or wording inspired from the 2050 vision). The secretariat should make the messages, and relevant documentation, available for general use by parties and organisations.
15. We would encourage making optimal use of relevant meeting-places for informal discussions on the scope and content of the post2020plan.

Norway is looking forward to contribute actively in this important process for the CBD.

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