

**TEMPLATE FOR COMMENTS AND ADDITIONAL VIEWS ON THE PROPOSALS FOR A  
COMPREHENSIVE AND PARTICIPATORY PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE  
POST-2020 GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK**

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| Comments on the draft proposals        |                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Page #                                 | Para #                                             | Comment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                                        |                                                    | <i>(The following comments are to be considered as preliminary and are without prejudice to the position France will adopt on related subjects at upcoming CBD meetings)</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 3                                      | 13 and 14                                          | <p>These paragraphs relate to the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety 2011-2020. This raises the question of both the integration of biosafety considerations into the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, and of the existence of a specific biosafety post-2020 framework, as a follow-up to the current Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol. These issues should be further developed in the document.</p> <p>In this regard, France believes that the following proposals should be reflected in the draft recommendation for SBI-2: (i) biosafety (as well as ABS) should be included in the scope of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework; (ii) this could be materialized by the inclusion of an objective specific to biosafety (as well as an objective specific to ABS) among the objectives of the future global biodiversity framework; (iii) the wording of these objectives should be agreed by the Parties to the Cartagena (respectively, Nagoya) Protocol before their adoption, together with the whole biodiversity framework, by the CBD COP-15; (iv) in addition, a specific biosafety post-2020 framework should be developed and agreed upon by the Cartagena Protocol COPMOP-10.</p> |
| 8                                      | 34                                                 | France agrees that an effective review process in the post-2020 global biodiversity framework is needed. This should be reflected in the draft recommendation.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

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| 8 | 35 | Reference is made to the voluntary commitments put forward for achieving Sustainable Development Goal 14 at the Ocean Conference in June 2017. In this respect, France believes that it is essential to mobilise, not only CBD Parties and other governments, but also international and non-governmental organizations, the civil society, the private sector, local authorities (subnational governments) and other stakeholders on specific biodiversity-related topics. Like-minded groups, bodies or organizations should be invited to rally, gather in partnerships/coalitions of the willing, and announce shared commitments towards biodiversity goals. These partnerships/coalitions would together form a Global Biodiversity Action Agenda, similar – and complementary – to the Global Climate Action Agenda. This should be reflected in paragraph 40 of the note and in the draft recommendation. |
| 9 | 37 | France supports the proposal that Parties and other governments should be invited to begin considering their national commitments, and even to announce them, in advance of the formal adoption of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, and that these could be considered as preliminary (or interim) commitments, pending the adoption of the global framework. This should be reflected in the draft recommendation.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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