

**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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9	37	"National commitments" in line 11 of paragraph 37 may be useful for Parties that require several years following the adoption of the post 2020 global biodiversity framework to revise their national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs), due to their national procedures. However, we believe that an early revision of the NBSAPs should be prioritized. Issuing "national commitments" could undermine the motivation of Parties to quickly revise their respective NBSAPs. Therefore, we consider that it should be clearly mentioned in the recommendation to the COP that an early revision of NBSAPs should be prioritized over making such commitments, as well as that such commitments are voluntary, preliminary and interim national targets until the revision of NBSAPs. For these reasons, we would like to propose modifications of line 7 to13 of paragraph 37 as follows: In order to avoid a similar lag between the adoption of the post 2020 global biodiversity framework and the <u>development, revision or update of NBSAPs by Parties, establishment of national commitments and/or targets</u> the Subsidiary Body on Implementation may wish to consider recommending that the Conference of the Parties, <u>in line with a number of submissions</u>, invite Parties and other governments to <u>consider the preparation for developing, revising or updating their NBSAPs in a timely manner after the adoption of the post 2020 global biodiversity framework, and encourage, as appropriate, to</u> begin considering their national commitments <u>as voluntary, preliminary and interim national targets after 2020 until developing, revising or updating their NBSAPs, in advance of the formal adoption of the post 2020 global biodiversity framework.</u> These could be <u>considered as preliminary (or "interim") commitments, pending the adoption of the post 2020 global biodiversity framework.</u>
11	43	"Reports of regional and global workshops and relevant meetings" should be added as an information source to be considered in developing the discussion documents, in order to ensure that the results of the workshops and meetings, which are supposed to be organised as mentioned in subparagraph b and c of paragraph 40, are reflected appropriately.

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