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#### Long-term strategic approach to mainstreaming

### Recommendation adopted by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation on 29 May 2024

#### 4/10. Long-term strategic approach to mainstreaming biodiversity

*The Subsidiary Body on Implementation*

*Recommends* that the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, at its sixteenth meeting, adopt a decision\* along the following lines:

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Recalling* its decision 14/3 of 29 November 2018, by which it established a long-term strategic approach for mainstreaming biodiversity in relevant sectors and between the sectors,

*[Recalling also* Article 6 (b) of the Convention on Biological Diversity,<sup>1</sup> under which Parties are required to integrate, as far as possible and as appropriate, the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity into relevant sectoral or cross-sectoral plans, programmes and policies,]

*[Reiterating* the critical importance of mainstreaming biodiversity across the whole of government and the whole of society to achieve the objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Protocols and the urgent need to mainstream biodiversity in line with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework,<sup>2</sup>]

*Noting* the submissions provided by Parties, international organizations and initiatives, as well as stakeholder organizations, including during the online forum on mainstreaming held from 12 December 2023 to 10 January 2024,

*Taking note* of the analysis conducted by the Secretariat which demonstrates an alignment of the long-term strategic approach for mainstreaming with certain goals and targets of the Framework,<sup>3</sup>

\* The operative part of the present draft decision (paras. 1–7) was prepared by the Chair of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation with the support of the Secretariat, following the first reading of agenda item 10. The text was not reviewed by the Subsidiary Body at its fourth meeting.

<sup>1</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

<sup>2</sup> Decision 15/4, annex.

<sup>3</sup> See CBD/SBI/4/13.

*Recalling* its decision that the Framework should be used as a strategic plan for the implementation of the Convention and its Protocols, its bodies and its Secretariat over the period 2022–2030 and that, in that regard, the Framework should be used to better align and direct the work of the various bodies of the Convention and its Protocols, its Secretariat and its budget, according to the goals and targets of the Framework,<sup>4</sup>

*Emphasizing* the importance of ensuring that the processes under the Convention and its Protocols remain inclusive and regionally balanced,

[*Recognizing* that biodiversity mainstreaming needs to be considered in a balanced manner, that actions related to biodiversity mainstreaming should be implemented on a flexible basis, taking into consideration national circumstances and capabilities, and that there is not a one-size-fits-all approach to biodiversity mainstreaming,]

1. *Recognizes* that the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, in particular in its Targets 14, 15, 16 and 18, as well as Targets 19, 22 and 23, sufficiently captures the common goal of biodiversity mainstreaming and provides a wide range of options for mainstreaming biodiversity;

2. *Also recognizes* that there are other targets of the Framework, including Targets 1, 2, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 20 and 21, as well as Goal C, that contribute to biodiversity mainstreaming;

3. *Urges* Parties, and invites other Governments, with the support of international and other relevant organizations, as well as the business and financial sectors, as appropriate, to undertake biodiversity mainstreaming, as reflected in the Framework, in a manner supportive of the three objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity, in particular to enable mainstreaming at all levels of government and society, with a view to fostering the full and effective contributions of women, youth, indigenous peoples and local communities, civil society organizations and stakeholders, within and across all sectors,<sup>5</sup> in an inclusive manner, as appropriate, and in accordance with relevant national and international regulations;

4. *Invites* Parties, as well as relevant organizations, initiatives and stakeholders, to provide relevant information, including on good practices, innovations, challenges and lessons learned with regard to biodiversity mainstreaming, through their seventh national reports, in line with decision 15/6 of 19 December 2022 of the Conference of the Parties, or through the reporting of commitments by non-State actors, in accordance with decision 16/--;

5. *Encourages* Parties, in line with national circumstances and priorities, to promote and support business models that contribute to the three objectives of the Convention;

6. *Also encourages* Parties and invites other Governments, relevant organizations, initiatives, partners and relevant stakeholders, including from the private and financial sectors and the scientific community, to mainstream the Framework and its tools and guidance in all relevant processes;

7. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of adequate resources:

(a) To integrate the consideration of biodiversity mainstreaming into regional dialogue meetings held to support the implementation of the Framework, including by identifying challenges and scientific, technical and technological gaps that may undermine countries' capacity to support mainstreaming;

(b) To strengthen collaboration with relevant convention secretariats, organizations and institutions and foster collaboration and cooperation, as appropriate, among relevant

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<sup>4</sup> Decision 15/4, para. 8.

<sup>5</sup> Including the sectors covered in decision XIII/3 of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention (agriculture, forestry, fisheries and aquaculture, and tourism) and decision 14/3 (energy and mining, infrastructure, manufacturing and processing).

processes and programmes, in order to make available the information, expertise and relevant technologies needed to achieve biodiversity mainstreaming at all levels;

(c) To invite Parties and relevant convention secretariats, organizations and institutions to share good practices, tools, mechanisms, guidance and relevant solutions that can support biodiversity mainstreaming and to make the information available through the clearing-house mechanism, as guidance and inspiration for others;

(d) To support capacity-building activities, including through webinars related to biodiversity mainstreaming, in collaboration with Parties and other Governments, as well as relevant organizations and initiatives, the regional and subregional support centres of the technical and scientific cooperation mechanism, including existing coalitions and networks of women, youth, indigenous peoples and local communities, civil society organizations, subnational governments and the private and financial sectors, as well as other relevant stakeholders;

(e) To engage with existing initiatives of relevant multilateral bodies for the development, adoption and implementation of transition plans of productive sectors to fully mainstream biodiversity;

(f) To undertake a gap analysis based on input received from Parties and relevant partner organizations and initiatives focused on challenges to providing support for biodiversity mainstreaming, as well as scientific, technical and technological gaps that may undermine countries' capacity to support biodiversity mainstreaming, and, on the basis of the analysis, propose an agenda for 2025–2030 for further work, subject to availability of resources, including activities that would:

- (i) Foster a community of practice for the exchange of lessons learned, inter alia, through the organization of a series of webinars focused on mainstreaming across various sectors, in particular those already covered in previous decisions of the Conference of the Parties, bringing together partners and experts from a variety of backgrounds to share best practices, existing tools, solutions, guidance and innovative practices that could support implementation;
- (ii) Facilitate the development of an issue on biodiversity mainstreaming in the Technical Series, in collaboration with relevant organizations, to provide a practical tool box for all relevant actors on means of implementing the Framework through biodiversity mainstreaming, building on existing material;
- (iii) Contribute to integrating mainstreaming into resource mobilization commitments, decisions and plans;

(g) To prepare a progress report on the aforementioned activities, including the gap analysis and the proposed agenda for 2025–2030, for consideration at a meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation to be held before the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.]