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### RECOMMENDATION ADOPTED BY THE SUBSIDIARY BODY ON SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE

#### **XIX/5. Work of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological advice in the light of the 2014-2018 Work Programme of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services and relationship with the Subsidiary Body on Implementation**

*The Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice,*

*Recalling* the intention as outlined in the multi-year programme of work of the Conference of the Parties to 2020<sup>1</sup> to undertake a final assessment of the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets to inform the discussion on the follow-up to the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011- 2020,

*Acknowledging* that the deliverables of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, in particular its methodological, thematic, regional and global assessments are expected to contribute to this final assessment,

1. *Emphasizes* the importance of the timely delivery of the Platform's assessments in order to maximize their contribution to the work under the Convention;

2. *Welcomes* the close collaboration between the Secretariats of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services and the Convention with regard to facilitating the implementation of the 2014-2018 work programme of the Platform and the work under the Convention in a coherent and efficient manner;

3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, when developing a proposal on guidelines for the sixth national report as requested by the Conference of the Parties in its decision XII/1, paragraph 9(a), for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at its twentieth meeting and the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its first meeting:

(a) To take into account the lessons learned from the fourth and fifth national reports;

<sup>1</sup> Decision XII/31.

(b) To take into account the technical considerations on the timing, form and content of the sixth national report as contained in paragraphs 47-51 of the note by the Executive Secretary;<sup>2</sup>

(c) To include in the proposal:

- (i) An item on the experiences of Parties in the use of tools to evaluate the effectiveness of specific measures undertaken to implement the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020;
- (ii) Consideration of mainstreaming of biodiversity concerns within and across sectors, including cross-cutting policy frameworks on biodiversity and evaluation of their effectiveness, best practices and lessons learned;

(d) To circulate a draft proposal for comments and take into account comments made by Parties and observers;

4. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary to facilitate the review and testing by Parties of the voluntary online tool that is being developed by the Executive Secretary for the sixth national reporting process, including by facilitating interoperability with national clearing-house mechanisms and report on progress to the Subsidiary Body on Implementation;

5. *Recommends* that the Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth meeting:

(a) Initiate the preparation for a fifth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook*, which:

(i) Should provide:

- a. A concise final report on the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020;
- b. A basis for the follow-up to the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, to be considered by the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting;

(ii) Should include:

- a. A target-by-target analysis of progress towards the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, based on a transparent and replicable methodology;
- b. An analysis of the contribution of progress towards the Aichi Biodiversity Targets to the Sustainable Development Goals;

(iii) Should draw upon:

- a. The sixth national reports;
- b. Information from global indicators;
- c. The thematic, regional and global assessments of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services and any relevant scenario analysis and modelling of biodiversity and ecosystem services undertaken as part of these assessments;
- d. Information from the other biodiversity-related conventions and Rio conventions and other relevant organizations;

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<sup>2</sup> “Work of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice in the light of the 2014-2018 work programme of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services and relationship with the Subsidiary Body on Implementation” (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/19/9).

- e. Information provided by indigenous peoples and local communities, including information on the contributions of collective actions to the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020;
  - f. Additional relevant information presented by Parties;
- (iv) Should be developed in a manner that avoids duplication with other processes;
- (b) Invite the secretariats of the Platform and the other biodiversity-related conventions to collaborate on a joint communication strategy for the fifth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook* and relevant deliverables of the Platform;
  - (c) Request the Executive Secretary to prepare:
    - (i) A workplan and proposed budget for the preparation of the fifth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook*;
    - (ii) A joint communication strategy with the secretariats of the Platform and biodiversity-related conventions on the fifth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook* and relevant deliverables of the Platform;
  - (d) Request the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, in accordance with decision XII/25, paragraph 5(b), to prepare a list of requests for the second work programme of the Platform, based on information compiled by the Executive Secretary, for approval of the Conference of the Parties at its fourteenth meeting;
6. *Noting* the complementary roles of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological advice and the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, also noting that the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, at its first meeting, will consider its modus operandi, recognizes the opportunity that the establishment of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation presents to give new impetus to the review of progress on action taken in implementing the Convention, its Protocols and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, and to provide Parties with guidance to support their implementation.
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