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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

INTRODUCTION

1. Following the invitation of the Government of Egypt and, as decided by the Conference of the Parties in its [decision XIII/33](#), the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties will be held in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt, from 17 to 29 November 2018.
2. The Bureau considered the list of elements for the agenda of the meeting at its meeting held in Mexico City on 26 April 2017 and finalized the provisional agenda at its meeting held in Chexbres, Switzerland, on 6 March 2018, where it also reviewed the draft annotations. The Bureau approved the agenda (CBD/COP/14/1), as subsequently finalized by the Executive Secretary, taking into account the comments of the Bureau at that meeting. The present annotations to the provisional agenda have been prepared to facilitate advance preparations for the meeting by Parties and observers. These annotations will be updated and revised as necessary in July 2018 in the light of the outcomes of the twenty-second meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the second meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation.
3. The provisional agenda and the annotations have been prepared in line with the multi-year programme of work of the Conference of the Parties up to 2020, adopted in decision XII/31, in which the Conference of the Parties identified items for consideration at its fourteenth meeting, and with other decisions of the Conference of the Parties.
4. In accordance with rule 6 of the rules of procedure for meetings of the Conference of the Parties, the Secretariat has notified the United Nations, its specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, as well as any State not party to the Convention, of this meeting, so that they may be represented as observers.
5. In accordance with rule 7 of the rules of procedure, the Secretariat has issued notifications to those bodies and agencies, whether governmental or non-governmental, qualified in fields relating to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, which have informed the Secretariat of their wish to be represented at the meeting, so that they may be represented as observers. A list of such bodies will be made available to the Conference of the Parties for information.
6. A high-level ministerial segment will be organized by the host country in consultation with the Secretariat and the Bureau. The high-level segment will take place on 14 and 15 November 2018. It is expected that the high-level segment will be opened by His Excellency, the Minister of Environment of Egypt and will be attended by His Excellency, the President of Egypt. Other senior officials will also address the meeting.

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7. In accordance with established practice, the Executive Secretary will prepare a compilation of the draft decisions proposed by subsidiary bodies at intersessional meetings or developed by the Executive Secretary in the light of earlier decisions and recommendations (CBD/COP/14/2), as well as a summary of the financial implications of draft decisions.

8. The fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties may be preceded, on 16 November, by regional preparatory meetings for Africa, Asia, and Latin America and the Caribbean.

Item 1. Opening of the meeting

9. The opening ceremony will take place at 10 a.m. on Saturday, 17 November 2018. The opening of the meeting will continue immediately afterwards.

10. The meeting will be opened by the President of the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties or his representative. At the opening session, the Conference will hear addresses of welcome by representatives of the Government of Egypt and the local authorities.

11. The Executive Secretary will address the meeting and highlight the main issues before the Conference of the Parties.

12. Representatives of regional groups, indigenous peoples and local communities and a limited number of other groups may also make statements.

13. The opening session will include a celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the entry into force of the Convention.

14. The opening of the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol will be held in conjunction with the opening of the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.¹

Item 2. Organizational matters

Election of the President

15. It is expected that, at the opening session, the President of the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, or his representative, will call for the election of a representative of the host country as President of the fourteenth meeting. The term of office of the President will begin immediately following his or her election at the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and will end with the election of a successor at the fifteenth meeting.

Election of officers other than the President

16. In accordance with rule 21 of the rules of procedure (as adopted by [decision I/1](#) and amended by decision V/20), in addition to the President, 10 Vice-Presidents, one of whom acts as Rapporteur, are to be elected from among the representatives of the Parties present at the meeting. The term of office of the Vice-Presidents will commence upon the closure of the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and end at the closure of the fifteenth meeting. At its thirteenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties elected 10 Vice-Presidents from the following countries for a term of office commencing upon the closure of its thirteenth meeting and ending at the closure of its fourteenth meeting:

¹ See CBD/COP/14/1/Add.2.

Mr. Mohamed Ali ben Temessek (Tunisia)
Mr. Samuel Ndayiragije (Burundi)
Ms. Elvana Ramaj (Albania)
Mr. Sergei Melnov (Belarus)
Mr. Randolph Edmead (Saint Kitts and Nevis)
Ms. Clarissa Nina (Brazil)
Mr. Hayo Haanstra (Netherlands)
Mr. Basile van Havre (Canada)
Ms. Gwendalyn K. Sisior (Palau)
Mr. Monyrak Meng (Cambodia)

17. Regional groups are urged to submit their nominations at the opening of the meeting. This would allow the newly elected members of the Bureau to attend, as observers, the Bureau meetings to be held during the meeting of the Conference of the Parties in order to ensure a smooth transition between outgoing and incoming Bureau members.

18. Where necessary, substitute officers will be elected by the ninth meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and the third meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol.

Election of officers of subsidiary bodies and other meetings

19. Rule 26 of the rules of procedure provides that the chairperson of any subsidiary body shall be elected by the Conference of the Parties. At this meeting, the Conference of the Parties will therefore need to elect the Chair of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) and the Chair of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation (SBI), to officiate the respective meetings for a term of office that will extend until the end of the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. According to the established regional rotation, it is expected that the Chair of SBSTTA would be elected from the Latin American and Caribbean region, while the Chair of SBI would be elected from the Western European and Others Group.

Adoption of the agenda

20. The provisional agenda (CBD/COP/14/1) has been approved by the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties. It was prepared by the Executive Secretary, in accordance with rule 8 of the rules of procedure, with the guidance of the Bureau, and taking into account the multi-year programme of work of the Conference of the Parties up to 2020 contained in [decision XII/31](#) and other relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties.

Organization of work

21. In accordance with established practice, the Conference of the Parties may wish to establish two working groups to support the work of the plenary.

22. As decided by the Conference of the Parties in [decision XII/27](#), paragraph 3, and agreed by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol in [decision BS-VII/9](#), paragraph 1, as well as by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol in [decision NP-1/12](#), paragraph 1, ordinary meetings of the Conference of the Parties are held within a two-week period that also includes the meetings of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and the meetings of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol. Thus, it is envisaged that the two working groups will also address issues related to the Cartagena Protocol and the Nagoya Protocol, as may be referred to the working groups by the respective meetings of the Parties.

23. The plenary would address organizational matters, reports of intersessional and regional preparatory meetings and administrative and budgetary matters. It would also consider draft decisions and final matters.

24. If the two working groups are established, the Conference of the Parties would need to elect a Chairperson for each.

25. The proposed division of responsibilities between the plenary and the two working groups of the Conference of the Parties is contained in a timetable in CBD/COP/14/1/Add.2, showing also the proposed schedule for the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol.

26. It is proposed that a dialogue session on the theme “Approaches to living in harmony with nature” will be held during a plenary or working group session the first week of the meeting in conjunction with agenda item 16.

Item 3. Report on the credentials of representatives to the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties

27. Rule 18 of the rules of procedure states that:

“The credentials of representatives and the names of alternate representatives and advisers shall be submitted to the Executive Secretary of the Conference of the Parties or the representative of the Executive Secretary not later than twenty-four hours after the opening of the meeting. Any later change in the composition of the delegation shall also be submitted to the Executive Secretary or his representative. The credentials shall be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or, in the case of a regional economic integration organization, by the competent authority of that organization.”

28. Rule 19 provides that “the Bureau of any meeting shall examine the credentials and submit its report to the Conference of the Parties for decision”.

29. In order to assist Parties in fulfilling the requirements of rule 18, the Executive Secretary will issue a notification and distribute to national focal points sample formats of appropriate credentials.

30. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider and adopt the report on credentials submitted to it by the Bureau.

Item 4. Pending issues

31. At its first meeting, the Conference of the Parties adopted the rules of procedure for its meetings in [decision I/1](#), with the exception of paragraph 1 of rule 40, relating to the taking of substantive decisions. The Conference of the Parties has considered this outstanding matter at its subsequent meetings but without resolving it conclusively. At the third meeting, consensus was reached concerning some, but not all, of the text in brackets.

32. In [decision I/6](#), the Conference of the Parties adopted the financial rules for the administration of the Trust Fund for the Convention on Biological Diversity. Paragraphs 4 and 16 of these rules contain bracketed text. Paragraph 4 deals with scale of assessments for the apportionment of contributions by Parties to the Trust Fund. Paragraph 16 deals with adopting decisions regarding the Trust Fund. The paragraphs have been considered at subsequent meetings of the Conference of the Parties but without any agreement. The text therefore remains bracketed.

33. Since it is not expected that this matter can be resolved at the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, it will be suggested that its consideration be postponed to a future meeting.

Item 5. Date and venue of future meetings of the Conference of the Parties

34. In accordance with rule 4, paragraph 2, of its rules of procedure, the Conference of the Parties is to decide on the date and duration of its future meetings. In line with rule 4, as amended at the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, ordinary meetings are held every two years. In its [decision XIII/33](#), the Conference of the Parties decided that its fifteenth meeting (together with the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol) would be held in China in the fourth quarter of 2020, and that its sixteenth meeting (together with the

eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol) would be held in Turkey. The Conference of the Parties also established a regional rotation for its presidency. Accordingly, interested Parties are invited to notify the Executive Secretary of their offers to host the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, as well as the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol.

Item 6. Reports of intersessional and regional preparatory meetings

35. Under this item, the President will inform the Conference of the Parties of the meetings of subsidiary bodies held during the intersessional period and the corresponding reports, on the understanding that the substantive issues arising therein will be taken up under the appropriate agenda item. These include the following reports:

(a) Tenth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Inter-Sessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD/WG8J/10/11);

(b) Twenty-first and twenty-second meetings of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (CBD/SBSTTA/21/10 and CBD/SBSTTA/22/12);

(c) Second meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation (CBD/SBI/2/22).

36. The regional groups may wish to report to the Conference of the Parties on the results of any regional preparatory meetings to be held prior to the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Item 7. Administration of the Convention and budget for the trust funds

37. The report of the Executive Secretary on the administration of the Convention, including the budget for the trust funds of the Convention (CBD/COP/14/3), will be before the Conference of the Parties for its consideration. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to take note of the report.

38. Under this item, the Conference of the Parties is also expected to adopt a programme budget for the biennium 2019-2020 on the basis of a proposed budget prepared by the Executive Secretary (CBD/COP/14/4), in accordance with [decision XIII/32](#). Further to decision XIII/32, the Conference of the Parties will also consider under this agenda item matters related to the funding of participants from developing countries, on the basis of a recommendation from the Subsidiary Body on Implementation.

39. The plenary may wish to establish a contact group on the budget to address this agenda item, anticipating that the respective meetings of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meetings of the Parties to the Cartagena and Nagoya Protocols, at their first plenary sessions, would also refer consideration of the budgets for their programmes of work to this contact group.

Item 8. Review of progress in the implementation of the Convention and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020

40. The Conference of the Parties, in [decision X/2](#), paragraph 14, recalling that the role of the Conference of the Parties is to keep the implementation of the Convention under review, decided that future meetings of the Conference of the Parties shall review progress in the implementation of the [Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020](#), share experiences relevant for implementation and provide guidance on means to address obstacles encountered. Moreover, according to the multi-year programme of work for the Conference of the Parties up to 2020 ([decision XII/31](#)), the Conference of the Parties will conduct an interim review of progress at its fourteenth meeting.

41. Further to [decision XIII/30](#), the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at its twenty-second meeting is due to consider an updated scientific assessment of progress towards the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, focusing in particular on those targets on which the least progress has been made, and on options to accelerate progress towards the achievement of those targets.

42. Further to [decision XIII/1](#), the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its second meeting is due to consider an updated synthesis of information provided by Parties, other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities, and relevant international organizations concerning progress in the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020.

43. Further to [decision XII/7](#), the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its second meeting will also consider a synthesis of information concerning progress in the implementation of the [2015-2020 Gender Plan of Action](#).

44. The Conference of the Parties is expected to consider this agenda item on the basis of relevant conclusions and recommendations from the twenty-second meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the second meeting of Subsidiary Body on Implementation, taking into account updated reports prepared by the Secretariat (CBD/COP/14/5).

Item 9. Resource mobilization and the financial mechanism

Updated analysis of financial reports including methodological approaches

45. At its thirteenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties took note of the progress made towards the targets for resource mobilization adopted in [decision XII/3](#), but noted with concern that the information from the financial reporting frameworks submitted by Parties was insufficient, limiting the basis for a comprehensive assessment of progress. The Parties were urged to increase their efforts to achieve the targets, and Parties that had not yet done so were urged to provide the necessary baseline information and information on progress towards the targets.

46. The Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its second meeting is due to consider a stocktaking and an updated report on progress towards the targets, as well as an analysis of differences across methodological approaches.

47. The Conference of the Parties is expected to consider this matter on the basis of relevant recommendations from the Subsidiary Body on Implementation.

Assessing the contribution of collective actions of indigenous peoples and local communities and safeguards in biodiversity financing mechanisms

48. In [decision XIII/20](#), the Conference of the Parties considered the role of collective action, including by indigenous and local communities, and non-market-based approaches for mobilizing resources for achieving the objectives of the Convention and welcomed the guiding principles on assessing the contribution of collective action of indigenous peoples and local communities. The Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to compile and analyse the information from Parties on this matter and to develop elements of methodological guidance for identifying, monitoring and assessing the contribution of indigenous peoples and local communities to the achievement of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets. A document was issued for consideration by the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions at its tenth meeting ([CBD/WG8J/10/5](#)) and, as requested by the Working Group in its [recommendation 10/4](#), was subsequently revised in the light of peer-review comments for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its second meeting.

49. In [decision XII/3](#), the Conference of the Parties adopted voluntary guidelines on safeguards in biodiversity financing mechanisms and urged Parties, other Governments, business organizations and other stakeholders to take the voluntary guidelines into account when selecting, designing and implementing biodiversity financing mechanisms, and when developing instrument-specific safeguards for them, with a view to effectively harnessing their positive effects and avoiding or mitigating negative effects. Pursuant to both that decision and [decision XIII/20](#), the Executive Secretary issued a document analysing the information on this matter provided by Parties and others for the consideration of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions at its tenth meeting ([CBD/WG8J/10/6](#)) and, as requested by the Working Group in its [recommendation 10/4](#), subsequently revised the document in the

light of peer-review comments for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its second meeting.

50. The Conference of the Parties is expected to consider these matters on the basis of relevant recommendations from the Subsidiary Body on Implementation.

Financial mechanism

51. At its thirteenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties, in [decision XIII/21](#), adopted the four-year framework of programme priorities (2018-2022) for the seventh replenishment of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund, and consolidated guidance to the financial mechanism, as well as the terms of reference for the fifth review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism. It also took note of the report on the full assessment of funds needed for the seventh replenishment. The Conference of the Parties requested the Global Environment Facility to include in its reports to the Conference of the Parties information regarding the individual elements of the guidance and framework and how it has responded to the needs assessment. The replenishment process is expected to be completed in May 2018.

52. The Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its second meeting is expected to consider the outcome of the replenishment and the relevant documents issued by the Executive Secretary as well as a preliminary report from the Global Environment Facility.

53. The Conference of the Parties is expected to consider this matter on the basis of relevant recommendations from the Subsidiary Body on Implementation and the report of the Global Environment Facility.

Item 10. Capacity-building and technical and scientific cooperation

54. At its thirteenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties, in [decision XIII/23](#), adopted a short-term action plan (2017-2020) to enhance and support capacity-building for the implementation of the Convention and its Protocols. It requested the Executive Secretary to undertake monitoring and evaluation of the outcomes and effectiveness of ongoing capacity-building activities supported and facilitated by the Secretariat, with a view to better targeting and improving future capacity-building activities. It also requested the Executive Secretary to initiate a process for preparing a long-term strategic framework for capacity-building beyond 2020, ensuring its alignment with the follow-up to the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the work of the Protocols, and to prepare the terms of reference for a study to provide the knowledge base for the preparation of that framework.

55. The Subsidiary Body on Implementation is due to consider these matters at its second meeting.

56. The Conference of the Parties is expected to consider this agenda item on the basis of relevant recommendations from the second meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation.

Item 11. Knowledge management and communication

57. At its thirteenth meeting, in [decision XIII/23](#), the Conference of the Parties took note of the web strategy for the Convention and its Protocols, and requested the Executive Secretary to implement the web strategy, in line with the framework for a communications strategy and to update it with priority actions to be taken before 2018, based on decisions emanating from the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and concurrent meetings of the Protocols, and to further develop the clearing-house mechanism in line with the Web Strategy and the work programme for the clearing-house mechanism.

58. The Conference of the Parties is expected to consider this agenda item taking into account a progress report by the Executive Secretary and any relevant recommendations from the second meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation.

59. This item will be considered in conjunction with corresponding items under the Protocols concerning the clearing-houses of the Protocols.

60. Matters related to the role of the clearing-house mechanism in promoting technical and scientific cooperation will be considered under item 10.

Item 12. Mechanisms for national reporting, assessment and review

Process for aligning national reporting under the Convention and its Protocols beyond 2020

61. Parties are due to submit their sixth national reports by 31 December 2018. As requested by the Conference of the Parties in [decision XIII/27](#), the Executive Secretary issues the guidelines, including the reporting templates and the resource manual for the sixth national report by 31 March 2017, including through the clearing-house mechanism of the Convention and the voluntary online reporting tool.

62. Further to that decision, the Executive Secretary has developed proposals for the alignment of national reporting under the Convention and its Protocols, and options for enhancing synergy on national reporting among the biodiversity-related conventions and Rio Conventions. The Subsidiary Body on Implementation is due to review this information at its second meeting.

63. The Conference of the Parties is expected to consider this matter on the basis of relevant recommendations from the Subsidiary Body on Implementation.

Tools to evaluate the effectiveness of policy instruments for the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020

64. One of the functions of SBSTTA, as set out in Article 25 of the Convention, is to “prepare scientific and technical assessments of the effects of types of measures taken in accordance with the provisions of [the] Convention”. Further to [decision XIII/1](#) (paras. 29 and 30), SBSTTA, in [recommendation XXI/6](#), took note of the range of approaches for evaluating the effectiveness of policy instruments or measures for the implementation of the Convention and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and encouraged their use. SBSTTA also invited the Subsidiary Body on Implementation to take this into account in its agenda item on mechanisms for review of implementation, and adopted a draft decision for the Conference of the Parties.

65. The Conference of the Parties is expected to consider this matter on the basis of SBSTTA recommendation XXI/6 and any relevant recommendations from the Subsidiary Body on Implementation.

Review mechanisms

66. In [decision XIII/25](#), the Conference of the Parties invited Parties to develop, enhance and make use of national processes to review the measures that they had taken for the implementation of the Convention and related strategic plans, identify obstacles to such implementation that might exist, and to share this information through the clearing-house mechanism. The Executive Secretary was requested to prepare information on the obstacles identified, and to identify effective practices related to the implementation of national and global targets, including consideration of possible elements of mechanisms for review of implementation, such as the voluntary peer review mechanism for national biodiversity strategies and action plans, taking into account the views provided by Parties and observers. The Executive Secretary was also requested to facilitate the further testing of the voluntary peer review mechanism, as well as the development of the methodology. In addition, the Executive Secretary was requested to further develop and apply the decision-tracking tool.

67. The Subsidiary Body on Implementation is due to address these matters at its second meeting, taking into account SBSTTA recommendation XXI/6.

68. The Conference of the Parties is expected to consider this matter on the basis of relevant recommendations from the second meeting of Subsidiary Body on Implementation.

Item 13. Enhancing integration under the Convention and its Protocols with respect to provisions related to access and benefit-sharing and biosafety, and Article 8(j) and related provisions

69. In [decision XII/13](#), the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to submit a note on possible ways and means to promote integrated approaches to issues at the interface between the access and benefit-sharing-related provisions of the Convention and the provisions of the Nagoya Protocol.

70. In [decision XIII/26](#), paragraph 1, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to submit a note on possible ways and means to promote integrated approaches to issues at the interface between the biosafety-related provisions of the Convention and the provisions of the Cartagena Protocol, taking into account Article 8(g) and Article 19, paragraph 4, of the Convention, and other issues of relevance to both the Convention and the Cartagena Protocol.

71. Further to decision XIII/26, paragraph 3, the Ad Hoc Open-ended Inter-Sessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions at its tenth meeting considered ways and instruments for achieving full integration of Article 8(j) and provisions related to indigenous peoples and local communities in the work of the Convention and its Protocols, with full and effective participation of indigenous peoples and local communities, and aiming at enhancing efficiencies, coherence and coordination, and adopted [recommendation 10/3](#), which included elements of a draft decision.

72. The Subsidiary Body on Implementation is expected to consider these matters at its second meeting.

73. The Conference of the Parties is expected to consider this matter on the basis of [recommendation 10/3](#) of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Inter-Sessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions, and relevant recommendations from the Subsidiary Body on Implementation.

Item 14. Cooperation with other conventions, international organizations and initiatives

74. According to the multi-year programme of work for the Conference of the Parties up to 2020,² the Conference of the Parties is due to consider, at its fourteenth meeting, synergies among the biodiversity-related conventions. At its thirteenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties considered options to enhance synergies among the biodiversity-related conventions. In [decision XIII/24](#), it welcomed the options for enhancing synergies at the national level, and the road map for enhancing synergies among the biodiversity-related conventions at the international level from 2017 to 2020. The Executive Secretary was requested to provide missing information, to specify a timeline, and, where possible, to undertake the actions described. The Executive Secretary was also requested to establish an informal advisory group that would provide advice on further prioritization and implementation of actions and to report to the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its second meeting.

75. In [decision XIII/7](#), the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to strengthen collaboration with the members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests, as well as other relevant organizations and initiatives, to fully respond to the requests in [decision XII/6](#), to promote the achievement of the forest-related Aichi Biodiversity Targets.

76. These matters are due to be considered by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its second meeting.

77. The Conference of the Parties is expected to consider these matters on the basis of relevant recommendations from the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, as well as an updated report on cooperation with other conventions, international organizations and partnerships provided by the Executive Secretary (CBD/COP/14/6).

Item 15. Review of the effectiveness of processes under the Convention and its Protocols

78. According to the multi-year programme of work for the Conference of the Parties up to 2020,² the Conference of the Parties is due to consider, at its fourteenth meeting, the review of the effectiveness of processes under the Convention and its Protocols.

79. The Subsidiary Body on Implementation is expected to examine this matter on the basis of information provided by the Executive Secretary and the views of Parties and observers.

Review of experience in holding concurrent meetings of the Convention and protocols

² See [decision XII/31](#).

80. At its twelfth meeting, the Conference of the Parties decided to hold its future ordinary meetings within a two-week period that would include the meetings of the Parties to the Cartagena and Nagoya Protocols. It also decided to review, at its fourteenth and fifteenth meetings, the experience with the holding of concurrent meetings.³ The Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and to the Nagoya Protocol similarly decided to undertake a review. Criteria for the review were agreed in [decision XIII/26](#), as well as in complementary decisions of the meetings of the Parties to each Protocol.

81. The Subsidiary Body on Implementation is expected to review the information provided by Parties and observers, by participants in the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and the concurrent meetings of the Protocols, and by the Executive Secretary.

82. The Conference of the Parties is expected to consider these matters on the basis of relevant recommendations from the Subsidiary Body on Implementation.

Item 16. Second work programme of the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services

83. In [decision XII/25](#), the Conference of the Parties established procedures for the relationship between the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services and the Convention, including the role of SBSTTA in this regard.

84. Further to [decision XIII/29](#), SBSTTA at its twenty-second meeting is expected to prepare a list of requests for the second work programme of the Platform on the basis of information provided by the Executive Secretary, drawing on inputs from Parties and partners, and taking into account the guidance for requests and any initial draft elements for the work programme prepared by the Platform.

85. The Conference of the Parties is expected to consider this matter on the basis of relevant recommendations from SBSTTA at its twenty-second meeting.

Item 17. Long-term strategic directions to the 2050 Vision for Biodiversity, approaches to living in harmony with nature and preparation for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework

86. In 2010, the Conference of the Parties adopted the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, with its Aichi Biodiversity Targets,⁴ and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety adopted the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety for the period 2011-2020 and its multi-year programme of work.⁵ According to the multi-year programme of work of the Conference of the Parties adopted in [decision XII/31](#), the Conference of the Parties will consider, at its fifteenth meeting, among other things, the follow-up to the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and related means of implementation, including resource mobilization (i.e., the post-2020 global biodiversity framework). To contribute to the preparation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, the Conference of the Parties, at its fourteenth meeting, is due to consider “the long-term strategic directions to the 2050 Vision for Biodiversity, as well as “approaches to living in harmony with nature”.

87. In preparation for the consideration of these matters by the Conference of the Parties, SBSTTA at its twenty-first meeting adopted [recommendation XXI/1](#) on scenarios for the 2050 Vision for Biodiversity, which included the Subsidiary Body’s conclusions. SBSTTA welcomed the information provided by the Executive Secretary in that regard⁶ and requested a peer review of the associated information documents. It requested the Executive Secretary, when preparing proposals for the process of developing a post-2020 global biodiversity framework, to make provisions for sound analytical work in order to ensure that the

³ See [decision XII/27](#).

⁴ See [decision X/2](#).

⁵ See decision BS-V/16.

⁶ [CBD/SBSTTA/21/2](#) and [Add.1](#).

framework would be based on the best available evidence, building on previous work and taking into account the above-mentioned conclusions of SBSTTA and other relevant work.

88. Also at its twenty-first meeting,⁷ SBSTTA adopted a recommendation on considerations for the preparation of the fifth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook* which, pursuant to [decision XIII/29](#), will serve as a basis for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

89. In decision [XIII/1](#), paragraph 34, the Conference of the Parties recognized the need for a comprehensive and participatory process to develop proposals for the follow-up to the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and requested the Executive Secretary to prepare a proposal for a comprehensive and participatory preparatory process and timetable for the follow-up to the Strategic Plan, taking into consideration that this work must cover the Convention on Biological Diversity and also consider its Protocols.

90. Accordingly, a proposal has been prepared, building on submissions from Parties and others, and taking into account SBSTTA recommendation XXI/1, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation.

91. It is proposed to hold an in-session dialogue on “approaches to living in harmony with nature”, taking into account the outcome of the interactive dialogue on this topic at the thirteenth meeting, as well as relevant recommendations of the subsidiary bodies.

92. The Conference of the Parties is expected to consider this agenda item on the basis of SBSTTA recommendations XXI/1 and XXI/5, as well as the relevant recommendation of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its second meeting, and updated information provided by the Secretariat (CBD/COP/14/7), while also taking the in-session dialogue into account.

Item 18. Digital sequence information on genetic resources

93. Digital sequence information on genetic resources emerged as a cross-cutting issue under the Convention and the Nagoya Protocol at the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and the second meeting of the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol.⁸ The Parties decided to consider, at their next respective meetings, any potential implications of the use of digital sequence information on genetic resources for the three objectives of the Convention, and for the objective of the Nagoya Protocol, respectively. The decisions also set out a process to address this issue including the establishment of an ad hoc technical expert group which would consider a compilation and synthesis of views and information submitted to the Executive Secretary and a study commissioned to clarify relevant terminology and concepts. The results of the meeting of the technical expert group are to be considered by SBSTTA at its twenty-second meeting.

94. The Conference of the Parties is expected to consider any potential implications of the use of digital sequence information on genetic resources for the three objectives of the Convention, on the basis of a recommendation from SBSTTA at its twenty-second meeting.

95. This item will be considered in conjunction with the corresponding item on the agenda of the third meeting of Parties to the Nagoya Protocol, which will consider any potential implications of digital sequence information on genetic resources for the objective of the Nagoya Protocol.

Item 19. Article 8(j) and related provisions

96. Further to [decision XIII/19](#), the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions at its tenth meeting finalized the draft Rutzolijirisaxik Voluntary Guidelines for the Repatriation of Traditional Knowledge Relevant for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity,⁹ and recommended their adoption by the Conference of the Parties.

⁷ See [recommendation XXI/5](#).

⁸ See decisions [XIII/16](#) and [NP-2/14](#).

⁹ See Working Group [recommendation 10/1](#).

97. Further to decision XIII/19, the Working Group adopted [recommendation 10/2](#), the annex to which contained a voluntary glossary of relevant key terms and concepts within the context of Article 8(j) and related provisions.

98. The Working Group also adopted [recommendation 10/5](#) on the in-depth dialogue on thematic areas and other cross-cutting issues and [recommendation 10/6](#) on the recommendations of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.

99. The Conference of the Parties is expected to consider these matters on the basis of the above-mentioned recommendations of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions.

100. Further recommendations of the Working Group will be considered under agenda items 9 and 13.

Item 20. Sustainable wildlife management

101. Further to [decision XIII/8](#), SBSTTA at its twenty-first meeting considered voluntary guidance for a sustainable wild meat sector prepared by the Executive Secretary ([CBD/SBSTTA/21/3](#)) in collaboration with other members of the Collaborative Partnership on Sustainable Wildlife Management, and adopted [recommendation XXI/2](#).

102. The Conference of the Parties is expected to consider this matter on the basis of recommendation XXI/2, while also taking into account an updated technical paper on the matter, prepared in line with the recommendation.

Item 21. Biodiversity and climate change

103. Further to [decision XIII/4](#), SBSTTA at its twenty-second meeting is due to consider Voluntary guidelines for the design and effective implementation of ecosystem-based approaches to climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction information, prepared in collaboration with relevant organizations, in particular the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction.

104. The Conference of the Parties is expected to consider this matter on the basis of a recommendation from SBSTTA at its twenty-second meeting.

Item 22. Mainstreaming of biodiversity within and across sectors

105. At its thirteenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties adopted a comprehensive decision on mainstreaming and the integration of biodiversity within and across sectors.¹⁰ In addition, the high-level segment, held immediately prior to the thirteenth meeting, adopted the [Cancun Declaration on Mainstreaming the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity for Well-being](#). The decision provided Parties with guidance on a number of matters and requested the Executive Secretary to continue collaboration with a number of partners. The Conference of the Parties focused on the sectors of agriculture, forestry, fisheries and tourism, and decided to focus on the sectors of energy and mining, infrastructure, manufacturing and processing, and health at its fourteenth meeting.

106. At its twenty-first meeting, SBSTTA considered technical and scientific information related to the mainstreaming of biodiversity in the sectors of energy and mining, infrastructure, manufacturing and processing, on the basis of reports issued by the Executive Secretary and, in [recommendation XXI/4](#), requested further work on the basis of these reports, inputs from Parties, observers and an informal advisory group, including the preparation of a proposal for a long-term strategic approach to mainstreaming.

107. The Subsidiary Body on Implementation is due to further consider these matters at its second meeting, taking into account some elements of a draft decision contained in SBSTTA recommendation XXI/4.

¹⁰ See [decision XIII/3](#).

108. The Conference of the Parties considered the interlinkages between biodiversity and human health at its twelfth and thirteenth meetings.¹¹ Further to these decisions, SBSTTA at its twenty-first meeting adopted [recommendation XXI/3](#), in which it recommended that the Conference of the Parties welcome the Guidance on integrating biodiversity considerations into One Health approaches, and invited further collaborative work through the Inter-agency Liaison Group on Biodiversity and Human Health.

109. The Conference of the Parties is expected to consider this agenda item on the basis of SBSTTA recommendations XXI/3 and XXI/4, as well as the relevant recommendation of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its second meeting. The Conference of the Parties may also review progress with respect to the sectors of agriculture, forestry, fisheries and tourism.

Item 23. Conservation and sustainable use of pollinators

110. On the basis of the thematic assessment of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, and work under the International Initiative on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Pollinators of the Convention, the Conference of the Parties, at its thirteenth meeting, adopted [decision XIII/15](#), providing policy guidance on pollinators, pollination and food production.

111. At its twenty-second meeting SBSTTA is due to consider information on relevant national initiatives and activities to promote the conservation and sustainable use of pollinators and a draft updated and streamlined Plan of Action for the International Initiative, prepared together with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and other partners. SBSTTA is also due to consider information on pollinators and pollination relevant to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in all ecosystems, beyond their role in agriculture and food production.

112. The Conference of the Parties is expected to consider this matter on the basis of relevant recommendations from SBSTTA at its twenty-second meeting.

Item 24. Spatial planning, protected areas, and other effective area-based conservation measures

113. The Conference of Parties, in [decision XIII/2](#), invited Parties and relevant agencies and partners to undertake a review of experiences on protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures, additional measures to enhance their integration into the wider land- and seascapes, their mainstreaming across sectors, and effective governance models. The Executive Secretary was requested to develop voluntary guidance on these elements.

114. The Conference of Parties, in [decision XIII/9](#), requested the Executive Secretary to compile information on national, regional and subregional experiences and lessons learned on the application of marine spatial planning and on the development and management of systems of marine protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures.

115. Pursuant to decisions [XIII/2](#) and [XIII/9](#), the Executive Secretary convened two workshops held in conjunction with each other. They included a workshop to develop voluntary guidance on other effective area-based conservation measures, and a workshop to develop consolidated information on marine protected areas and effective area-based conservation measures.

116. At its twenty-second meeting, SBSTTA will consider the outcomes of these workshops and other relevant information.

117. The Conference of the Parties is expected to consider this matter on the basis of relevant recommendations from the twenty-second meeting of SBSTTA.

Item 25. Marine and coastal biodiversity

118. In [decision XIII/12](#), the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to continue to facilitate the description of ecologically or biologically significant marine areas (EBSAs), through the organization of workshops where Parties wish them to be held. Accordingly, the Executive Secretary

¹¹ See decisions [XII/21](#) and [XIII/6](#).

organized a workshop for the Black Sea and Caspian Sea in April 2017 and a workshop for the Baltic Sea in March 2018. The outcomes of the workshops will be reviewed by SBSTTA at its twenty-second meeting in accordance with procedures established through prior decisions of the Conference of the Parties.

119. In the same decision, the Conference of the Parties considered the process for describing areas that meet the EBSA criteria and requested the Executive Secretary to continue work in this regard. Further to that decision, the Executive Secretary convened an expert workshop in Berlin in December 2017 to develop options regarding procedures for modification of the descriptions of EBSAs and for describing new areas, and for strengthening the scientific process. The outcomes of this workshop will be considered by SBSTTA at its twenty-second meeting.

120. In [decision XIII/9](#), the Conference of the Parties welcomed the capacity-building and partnership activities being facilitated by the Executive Secretary through the Sustainable Ocean Initiative at the national, regional and global levels, in collaboration with Parties and relevant organizations, and invited Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to cooperate for the timely and effective implementation of capacity development activities through the Sustainable Ocean Initiative. Furthermore, in [decision XIII/3](#), the Conference of the Parties emphasized the importance of collaborating with FAO, regional fisheries management organizations and regional seas conventions and action plans with regard to addressing biodiversity considerations in sustainable fisheries and aquaculture.

121. In decisions [XIII/3](#), [XIII/9](#), and [XIII/28](#), the Conference of the Parties addressed the ongoing cooperation between FAO, the International Union for Conservation of Nature and the Executive Secretary to improve reporting and support for the implementation of Aichi Biodiversity Target 6, and invited further collaboration, including in the compilation of experiences in mainstreaming biodiversity in fisheries, including through the ecosystem approach to fisheries, and to make this compilation available prior to the Conference of the Parties at its fourteenth meeting.

122. At its twenty-second meeting, SBSTTA is expected to consider this information and to prepare recommendations for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its fourteenth meeting.

123. The Conference of the Parties is expected to consider this matter on the basis of relevant recommendations SBSTTA at its twenty-second meeting.

124. Note that matters related to marine spatial planning and to protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures are addressed under agenda item 24.

Item 26. Invasive alien species

125. At its twelfth meeting, the Conference of the Parties adopted voluntary Guidance on Devising and Implementing Measures to Address the Risks Associated with the Introduction of Alien Species as Pets, Aquarium and Terrarium Species, and as Live Bait and Live Food.¹² Further to this decision, SBSTTA, at its twenty-second meeting, is due to consider supplementary guidance on unintentional introductions of invasive alien species, through “hitchhikers” or contaminants, and materials associated with the trade in live alien species.

126. SBSTTA is also due to consider:

(a) Possible tools or guidance for Parties that may assist national customs authorities in facilitating the necessary control of live alien species via e-commerce;

(b) Options for supplementing risk assessment and risk management standards for the use of biological control agents against invasive alien species, including in aquatic environments;

(c) Information on invasive alien species management that takes into consideration the impacts of climate change, natural disasters and land-use change on the management of biological invasions, and on the potential consequences of invasive alien species on social, economic and cultural values, including the values and priorities of indigenous peoples and local communities;

¹² See [decision XII/16](#), annex.

(d) Tools for conducting cost-benefit and cost-effectiveness analysis for the management of invasive alien species.

127. The Conference of the Parties is expected to consider these matters on the basis of recommendations from SBSTTA at its twenty-second meeting.

Item 27. Synthetic biology

128. At its thirteenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties, acknowledging the conclusions of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Synthetic Biology, encouraged Parties and other actors to undertake certain measures, and decided to extend the mandate of the Group, with new terms of reference, and that of the open-ended online forum to support the work of the Group. The Group held its meeting in December 2017.

129. At its twenty-second meeting, SBSTTA is due to consider this matter on the basis of the report of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group.

130. The Conference of the Parties is expected to consider this matter on the basis of a recommendation from the twenty-second meeting of SBSTTA.

Item 28. Liability and redress (Article 14, paragraph 2)

131. At its twelfth meeting, the Conference of the Parties noted, in its [decision XII/14](#), the progress made since its eighth meeting in certain areas that have relevance to liability and redress, in particular in developing guidance on ecosystem restoration, and tools for valuation of biodiversity. It invited Parties to take into account some relevant instruments and reports, in their efforts to develop or adjust national policy, legislation, guidelines or administrative measures concerning liability and redress for damage to biological diversity. The Conference of the Parties decided to review the item further at its fourteenth meeting.

132. Accordingly, the Conference of the Parties is expected to review this item on the basis of information that the Executive Secretary will make available (CBD/COP/14/8).

Item 29. Other matters

133. The Conference of the Parties may wish to consider other matters raised and accepted for discussion, in accordance with rule 12 of the rules of procedure and paragraph 7 of decision [IV/16](#).

Item 30. Adoption of the report

134. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider and adopt the report on the work of its fourteenth meeting on the basis of the draft report prepared by the Rapporteur and the reports of the two working groups. It may also wish to annex to its report the outcomes of the high-level segment of the meeting, and other events organized in conjunction with its meeting. In accordance with established practice, the Conference of the Parties may wish to authorize the Rapporteur to complete the final report after the meeting, with the guidance of the President and assistance of the Secretariat.

Item 31. Closure of the meeting

135. It is expected that the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties will be closed on Thursday, 29 November 2018, at approximately 6 p.m.

*Annex I***PROVISIONAL LIST OF DOCUMENTS FOR THE FOURTEENTH MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES***

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