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BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK

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CONCLUSIONS OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP

Draft conclusion submitted by the Co-Chairs

The Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework,

Welcoming progress made in the implementation of decision 14/34 on the preparatory process for the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and other relevant decisions and future work on various relevant issues to be considered at upcoming intersessional meetings under the Convention and its Protocols,

Reiterating that the process of developing the post-2020 global biodiversity framework continues to be Party-led and guided by the principles set out in section A, paragraph 2, of the annex to decision 14/34 and is participatory, inclusive, gender-responsive, transformative, comprehensive, catalytic, transparent and flexible with due regard to balanced participation of different stakeholders,

Reaffirming, in accordance with paragraphs 6 and 7 of decision 14/34, the need for the continued active engagement of indigenous peoples and local communities, United Nations organizations and programmes, other multilateral environmental agreements, subnational Governments, cities and other local authorities, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, women's groups, youth groups, the business and finance communities, scientific community, academia, faith-based organizations, citizens and other stakeholders, and their contribution to the process of developing a robust post-2020 global biodiversity framework;

1. *Welcomes* the generous offer of China to host an additional meeting of the Open-ended Working Group in Kunming, Yunnan Province, from 24 to 28 February 2020;
2. *Also welcomes* the offer of Colombia to host the third meeting of the Working Group in Cali from 27 to 31 July 2020, and acknowledges the support of Norway for the organization of this meeting;
3. *Invites* Parties, other Governments, relevant organizations and stakeholders, to submit to the Executive Secretary proposals on the structure of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework by 15 September 2019;
4. *Requests* the Co-Chairs and the Executive Secretary, with the oversight of the Bureau, to continue the preparatory process in accordance with decisions 14/34, CP-9/7 and NP-3/15, and to prepare documentation, including a zero draft text of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework six weeks before the second meeting of the Working Group, drawing upon the discussions at this first meeting including the preliminary views as contained in annex I, as well as the outcomes of the eleventh meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions and the twenty-third

meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, and the results of other relevant meetings, consultations and workshops, and further submissions from Parties and observers, in order to facilitate the work of the Working Group at its second meeting, and to present a preliminary overview of the zero draft at the informal session on 24 November, 2019.

5. *Takes note* of the preliminary list of meetings, consultations and workshops for the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework contained in annex II, comprising three tables that include respectively, the meetings mandated by the Conference of the Parties, other consultations and workshops proposed by the Co-Chairs and the Executive Secretary, and meetings convened by partners.

6. *Requests* the Co-Chairs and the Executive Secretary, in consultation with the Chairs of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body on Implementation with the oversight of the COP Bureau, taking into account the discussions at the first meeting of the Working Group, including annex I, the second table of annex II (unofficial meetings) and making use of the revised concept notes, to prepare a detailed workplan, in a manner that balances the three objectives of the Convention, and in accordance with the principles set out in decision 14/34, which outlines a strategic concept for consultations and workshops, and other means of consultation, and the mandate and modalities for how Parties and others can engage in each meeting or consultation, recognizing that the annex will be a living document and clarifying how each output will be considered in the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, and to present it at the informal session on 24 November 2019;

7. *Invites* the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, the Subsidiary Body on Implementation and the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Relation Provisions to undertake the agreed tasks, including those indicated in annex II and bring to the attention of the Working Group any additional recommendations relevant to the post-2020 global biodiversity framework emerging from their deliberations prior to the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, and in particular, and with reference to the findings of the Global Assessment of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services:

(a) *Invites* the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice to provide elements concerning guidance on specific goals, SMART targets, indicators, baselines, and monitoring frameworks, relating to the drivers of biodiversity loss, for achieving transformational change, within the scope of the three objectives of the Convention;

(b) *Invites* the Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions to consider relevant aspects in developing its future work programme;

(c) *Invites* the Informal Advisory Group on mainstreaming to include in its report to the third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation concrete proposals as relevant.

8. *Welcomes* the offer of the Government of Switzerland to host a workshop as a follow-up to the Consultation Workshop of the Biodiversity-related Conventions on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, held in Bern from 10 to 12 June 2019;

9. *Invites* the Executive Director of United Nations Environment Programme, in her capacity as the Chair of the United Nations Environmental Management Group, to facilitate, in collaboration with the members of the Group, the contribution of the United Nations system to the development and implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework;

10. *Recognizes* the relevance of various ongoing processes to provide inputs the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework for the consideration of the Working Group, as appropriate;

11. *Requests* the Co-Chairs and the Executive Secretary, in consultation with the COP Bureau, to update the list in annex II as necessary and to make it available on the post-2020 webpage;

12. *Requests* the Co-Chairs and the Executive Secretary to regularly inform the COP Bureau on the progress in the preparations towards the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, including with respect to the financial needs, and to update the webpage on the post-2020 process.