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DECISION ADOPTED BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

14/22. Resource mobilization

The Conference of the Parties

A. Financial reporting

- 1. Takes note with appreciation of the information provided by Parties through the financial reporting framework;
- 2. Takes note of the analysis of the information provided by Parties through the financial reporting framework, in particular the progress towards the targets adopted in decision XII/3, as contained in the note by the Executive Secretary on resource mobilization: stocktake and updated analysis of information provided through the financial reporting framework;¹
- 3. *Urges* Parties to report, using the online financial reporting framework, on their further contribution to the collective efforts to reach the global targets for resource mobilization, against the established baseline, in conjunction with their sixth national reports, by 31 December 2018;

B. Capacity-building and technical support

- 4. Welcomes the work of relevant organizations and initiatives, including the Biodiversity Finance Initiative of the United Nations Development Programme, to provide technical support and capacity-building for interested developing country Parties, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States, as well as countries with economies in transition, including indigenous peoples and local communities and other relevant stakeholders within those countries, on the identification of funding needs, gaps and priorities, the development and implementation of national resource mobilization strategies, and on financial reporting, and *invites* the Biodiversity Finance Initiative and similar programmes or initiatives to further provide financial and technical support and capacity-building for interested developing country Parties to participate in the initiative;
- 5. Invites Parties, other Governments and donors in a position to do so, to provide financial resources in accordance with Article 20 of the Convention and to achieve the targets for resource mobilization adopted in decision XII/3, for capacity-building and technical assistance as well as to facilitate technology transfer, and to support monitoring of financial resources for the Convention, in particular regarding those Aichi Biodiversity Targets that may be achieved in the next two years, under the financial reporting framework;

¹ CBD/COP/14/6.

6. Takes note of the work undertaken by the Development Assistance Committee of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development to refine the Rio marker methodology, and the work of the Environmental Policy Committee of the Organization to track economic instruments and the finance they mobilize, and invites the Organization to continue and further intensify this work;

C. Synergies among conventions

7. *Emphasizes* that all resource mobilization strategies should promote and harness synergies among conventions, including synergies related to systems for monitoring financial resources from different sources and the implementation of conventions;

D. Milestones for the full implementation of Aichi Biodiversity Target 3

- 8. *Recognizes* the potential contribution of implementing Aichi Biodiversity Target 3 for the mobilization of financial resources from all sources;
- 9. Notes with concern the limited progress made in implementing Aichi Biodiversity Target 3 and the milestones for its implementation, in particular on the elimination, phase out, or reform of incentives, including subsidies, that are harmful for biodiversity, consistent and in harmony with the Convention and other relevant international obligations, taking into account national socioeconomic conditions;
- 10. Encourages Parties and other Governments to intensify their efforts to implement measures for the full implementation of Aichi Biodiversity Target 3, taking into account, as a flexible framework, the milestones adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its twelfth meeting,² consistent and in harmony with the Convention and other relevant international obligations, and taking into account national socioeconomic conditions:
- 11. Welcomes the work of relevant organizations and initiatives, including the Biodiversity Finance Initiative of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Environment Programme, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, the International Institute for Sustainable Development, and other partners, to provide analytical and technical support and capacity-building to the implementation of Aichi Biodiversity Target 3, and invites them to continue and further intensify this work;
- 12. Notes the useful role of national studies to identify harmful incentives and opportunities for removal or reform of harmful incentives, including subsidies, and in scoping and identifying the most effective policy action, *invites* interested organizations, such as the organizations and initiatives mentioned in the previous paragraph, to consider undertaking a systematic compilation and analysis of existing studies with a view to identifying good-practice methods for identifying harmful incentives and developing appropriate policy responses, and develop a standard or template for such standards as voluntary guidance;
- 13. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to continue and further strengthen cooperation with partners facilitating the work referred to in paragraphs 4, 11 and 12, above;

E. Resource mobilization component of the post-2020 biodiversity framework

- 14. Affirms that resource mobilization will be an integral part of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework to be adopted by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention at its fifteenth meeting, and decides to initiate preparations on this component at an early stage in the process of developing the framework, in full coherence and coordination with the overall process for the post-2020 framework as agreed in decision 14/34;
- 15. Requests the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of financial resources, to contract a panel of three or five experts, with equal representation from developing country Parties and developed country Parties and one from international non-governmental organizations, to undertake the activities listed

² Decision XII/3.

below, and prepare reports, to contribute to the overall process for the post-2020 framework, and for the consideration of the open-ended working group and of the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting:

- (a) To evaluate the structure, content and effectiveness of the Strategy for Resource Mobilization indicating as much as possible the gaps in meeting the targets;
- (b) To review the experiences of achieving Aichi Biodiversity Target 20 and implementing the Strategy for Resource Mobilization, and their adequacy, and build on these experiences, as well as those in implementing other relevant multilateral environmental agreements, public and private stakeholder initiatives and those undertaken by indigenous peoples and local communities, to consider the need for appropriate action, based on information provided by Parties through the Financial Reporting Framework, including their respective identified resource needs, and other relevant sources;
- (c) To estimate the resources from all sources needed for different scenarios³ of the implementation of the post-2020 framework, taking into account the needs assessment of the Global Environment Facility, as well as costs and benefits⁴ arising from the implementation of the post-2020 framework;
- (d) To contribute to a draft resource mobilization component of the post-2020 biodiversity framework as a follow-up to the current Strategy for Resource Mobilization, based on the existing Strategy and the exercises described in subparagraphs (a) to (c) above;
- (e) To explore options and approaches for mobilizing and providing additional resources from all sources;
- (f) To consider ways to strengthen the engagement of a wider range of financial and private institutions, at all levels and from all sources, to support the implementation of the post-2020 framework;
- (g) To consider ways to further mainstream biodiversity into national economic budgets and development plans, including key productive sectors;
- (h) To consider ways to improve the readiness and capacity of Parties to access and utilize financial resources in support of the implementation of the post-2020 framework.

³ See decision 14/2 on Scenarios for the 2050 Vision for Biodiversity, paragraph 2(f).

⁴ See the second report of the High-level Panel on Global Assessment of Resources for Implementing the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 (*Resourcing the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, An Assessment of Benefits, Investments and Resource needs for Implementing the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020*); the reports of the global initiative on the Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity (TEEB), and relevant assessments of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services.