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

15/3. Review of progress in the implementation of the Convention and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decision X/2 on the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011–2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets,

Recalling also the conclusions of the fifth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook*,¹ the second edition of the *Local Biodiversity Outlooks*² and the *Global Assessment Report on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services* of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services that, despite some progress, none of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets has been fully achieved and that this undermines the attainment of the 2050 Vision for Biodiversity and other international goals and objectives,

1. *Welcomes* the updated analysis of national biodiversity strategies and action plans³ and of the national reports⁴ and the review of progress towards the implementation of the Convention and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011–2020⁵ provided in these documents;

2. *Also welcomes* the efforts made by Parties to reflect the Aichi Biodiversity Targets in their national biodiversity strategies and action plans and the efforts made to reflect issues related to indigenous peoples and local communities, traditional knowledge, the customary sustainable use of biodiversity and gender issues therein;

3. *Further welcomes* the efforts made by Parties to implement their national biodiversity strategies and action plans since the adoption of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011–2020 and their efforts to better reflect issues related to indigenous peoples and local communities and their traditional

¹ Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (2020). *Global Biodiversity Outlook 5*. Montreal.

² Forest Peoples Programme (2020). *Local Biodiversity Outlooks 2: The contributions of indigenous peoples and local communities to the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011–2020 and to renewing nature and cultures. A complement to the fifth edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook*. Moreton-in-Marsh, England (United Kingdom).

³ CBD/SBI/3/2/Add.1.

⁴ CBD/SBI/3/2/Add.2.

⁵ CBD/SBI/3/2.

knowledge, to the customary sustainable use of biodiversity, and gender issues in the national implementation of the Convention;

4. *Welcomes* the efforts made by Parties to enhance the participation of indigenous peoples and local communities and stakeholders in the development and implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans, and the efforts made by these groups to implement the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011–2020;

5. *Notes with deep concern* that, while there has been encouraging progress towards achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, national targets set by Parties through their national biodiversity strategies and action plans were collectively not commensurate with the level of ambition set out in the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and implementation has been limited, and further, that the lack of adequate means of implementation has been a persistent obstacle to the implementation of the Convention and of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011–2020 in developing country Parties, thus highlighting the need for enhanced international cooperation;

6. *Also notes with deep concern* that the 2015–2020 Gender Plan of Action⁶ has not been fully implemented and that while awareness and understanding of biodiversity and gender issues has increased, gender is not adequately reflected in the implementation of the Convention or in many national biodiversity strategies and action plans;

7. *Further notes with deep concern* that, despite encouraging progress, the full and effective participation of indigenous peoples and local communities and the consideration of traditional knowledge and the customary sustainable use of biodiversity have not been adequately reflected in the implementation of the Convention or in many national biodiversity strategies and action plans;

8. *Takes note* of the lessons from the review of progress towards the implementation of the Convention and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011–2020 presented in the note by the Executive Secretary,⁷ and will consider these lessons, as appropriate;

9. *Encourages* Parties, when developing, updating or revising their national biodiversity strategies and action plans, to take into account the lessons from the review of progress towards the implementation of the Convention and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011–2020 at national and global level, as well as information contained in the fifth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook*, the second edition of the *Local Biodiversity Outlooks* and the review of implementation of the 2015–2020 Gender Plan of Action, as appropriate and in accordance with national priorities and circumstances;

10. *Encourages* Parties, and invites other Governments and organizations to support national dialogues with indigenous peoples and local communities, and relevant stakeholders, including women and youth, on the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework;⁸

11. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of resources, and with the participation of the Parties, to organize international dialogues with indigenous peoples and local communities and relevant stakeholders, including women and youth, on progress in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and the Gender Plan of Action (2023–2030).⁹

⁶ Decision XII/7, annex.

⁷ CBD/SBI/3/2.

⁸ Decision 15/4.

⁹ Decision 15/11, annex.