

**Template for submission of scientific and technical comments on Appendix 2 of the recommendation adopted by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice for the Resumed Session of its twenty-fourth meeting**

**TEMPLATE FOR COMMENTS**

<b>Review comments on Appendix 2 of the present recommendation</b>	
<b>Scope of this template for comments</b>	Template for submitting comments in accordance with recommendation CBD/SBSTTA/REC/24/2, paragraph 2, where the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), under the guidance of the Bureau of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA), invites Parties, other Governments and relevant stakeholders to submit views on Appendix 2 of the recommendation.
<b><i>Contact information</i></b>	
<b>Party/Government/Observer</b>	Party
<b>Party/Government/Observer representative</b>	European Union
<b>Comments</b>	
Please provide any general comments on the Appendix 2.	
<p>The discussions at SBSSTA 24.2 resulted in many additional proposals for indicators in the monitoring framework as reflected in Appendix 2 to CBD/SBSTTA/REC/24/2. However, our understanding is that many proposals from Parties were not necessarily meant as suggestions for headline indicators, but also reflected proposals for addressing gaps in the current version of the monitoring framework (e.g., as component or complementary indicators). The EU supports a shorter and realistic list of Headline Indicators (i.e. smaller than the proposed 39 HIs) but that covers the most important aspects/issues of the post-2020 goals and targets, covering the full scope of the framework. Parties should aim to reduce the number of headline indicators of the monitoring framework in order to have a realistic and feasible set. Thus, when considering the additional indicators in appendix 2, it will be important to carefully reflect on the desired total number of headline indicators.</p>	