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**RECOMMENDATION ADOPTED BY THE SUBSIDIARY BODY ON SCIENTIFIC,  
TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE AT ITS SEVENTEENTH MEETING**

*XVII/2. New and emerging issues*

*The Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice*

1. *Noting* that while the issue of the impacts of neonicotinoid insecticides on biodiversity meets the criteria for new and emerging issues set out in paragraph 12 of decision IX/29, *recommends* to the Conference of the Parties that this issue not be considered as a new and emerging issue for the agenda of the Subsidiary Body, but that it could be addressed within the framework of the programme of work on agricultural biodiversity and its International Initiative for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Pollinators;

2. *Noting* that the issue of the impacts of neonicotinoid insecticides on biodiversity, and in particular on pollinators, may be relevant to the proposed fast-track thematic assessment on pollination and food production being considered by IPBES as a possible part of its work programme, and *also noting* the relevance of ongoing work on the impacts of systemic pesticides, such as the work of the IUCN Task Force on Systemic Pesticides, *requests* the Executive Secretary, and the Chair of the Subsidiary Body as an observer of the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel, to bring these matters to the attention of the IPBES Secretariat and the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel, and to report to the Conference of the Parties at its twelfth meeting.

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