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

***XVII/3. Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and
Ecosystem Services***

The Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice

1. *Welcomes* the ongoing collaboration between the Executive Secretary and the Secretariat of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) as well as the participation of the Chair of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, *ex officio*, in the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel of IPBES as an observer;

2. *Welcomes* the draft work programme of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, in particular the proposed regional, global and thematic assessments, development of tools and capacity-building activities, and *notes* that the draft work programme responds to the invitation of the Conference of the Parties in paragraph 28 of decision XI/2, and that the draft work programme is expected to provide useful and evidence-based information for the Convention;

3. *Emphasizes* the importance of the role of indigenous and traditional knowledge systems as well as of intercultural and scientific dialogues and of including a broad range of approaches, visions and models related to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity at multiple scales in the work of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, in order to complement scientific and other relevant information, tools and methodologies for policymaking;

4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary:

(a) To continue and enhance collaboration with IPBES, in line with decision XI/2, with regard to the further development, scoping and implementation of the work programme of IPBES, avoiding duplication of work;

(b) To transmit to the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services the key findings on the scientific and technical needs for the implementation of the

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Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 (recommendation XVII/1) to provide further explanatory information on the requests contained in paragraph 4 of decision XI/13 C, in line with paragraph 5 of that decision;

5. *Also requests* the Chair of the Subsidiary Body, as an observer in the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel of IPBES, to facilitate the requests to the Executive Secretary in paragraph 4 above;

6. *Recommends* that the Conference of the Parties request the Subsidiary Body to evaluate the scope and process of the Global Biodiversity Outlook, following the publication of GBO-4, and in light of, and avoiding duplication with, the ongoing work of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services on a global assessment on biodiversity and ecosystem services, and to report to the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to inform its consideration of the modalities of future editions of the Global Biodiversity Outlook.
