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Agenda Item 7. Cooperation with other conventions and international organizations

Thank you, Chair

I am speaking on behalf of the CBD Women's Caucus.

The draft decision can be strengthened especially with regard to how cooperation and synergies advance gender equality and human rights, including by encouraging analysis of the synergistic implementation and progress of the Gender Action Plans across the three Rio Conventions.

The decision would also benefit from explicitly encouraging cooperation at national level among gender focal points from different MEAs as a means to exchange knowledge and good practices on gender-responsive implementation across environmental sector at national and subnational level.

While cooperation among CBD with other MEAs is important, greater attention should be given to engagement with other sectors — such culture and creative industries, and knowledge and education — whose actions significantly influence achievement of the KM-GBF.

Finally, given persistent gaps in gender-disaggregated data across conventions and organisations, the decision should encourage improved analysis, sharing and use of such data, aligned with existing Gender Action Plans, to strengthen accountability and ensure that implementation leaves no one behind.

In this regard, we propose the following textual adjustments to document [CBD/SBI/6/7](#):

In section A. Cooperation with the United Nations system

5. United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women

1. The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) together with the Secretariats of the three Rio Conventions held a successful convening of the first joint, action-oriented workshop to operationalize gender-responsive synergies across global environmental governance frameworks from 30 June to 1 July 2025 at the UNCCD Headquarters in Bonn, Germany. Built on UN Women's earlier analytical work on advancing gender-responsive synergies across the Rio Conventions, the workshop translated normative commitments into a concrete, collectively owned roadmap spanning communications, national focal point engagement, secretariat coordination and gender-responsive financing. This foundational investment directly catalyzed resource-mobilization prospects, in which international partners expressed strong interest

in advancing the joint work, including through co-financed initiatives on financing, capacity-building and national implementation.

In the “Recommendations”

3.bis Notes with appreciation the briefing note prepared by the secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on applying a human rights-based approach in line with Section C of the Kunming Montreal Biodiversity Framework;

3.ter Encourages Parties and other Governments to make use of the briefing note and take up its key messages, both in national implementation and in all cooperative efforts towards the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework;

7. *Invites* the governing bodies of all relevant conventions, organizations and programmes, including those outside the environmental sector (for example, but not limited to, financial/business, cultural and creative, and education sectors) to continue to adopt mutually supportive decisions or elements of decisions to enhance cooperation in the implementation of the Rio conventions, biodiversity-related conventions and other relevant multilateral environmental agreements and accelerate and facilitate action in the implementation of and monitoring of progress with the Framework at all levels within their respective mandates;

8. *Invites* Parties and other Governments to continue to strengthen national cooperation and coordination among the national and thematic focal points of the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Protocols, the national and thematic focal points of other conventions and processes relevant to the implementation of the Framework and other relevant stakeholders in the development of their national biodiversity strategies and action plans and the preparation of their national reports, in line with national priorities and circumstances;

9.bis Invites Parties, relevant conventions and relevant organizations to strengthen the production, analysis, dissemination and sharing of data and statistics on the synergetic implementation across multilateral environmental agreements, including among the Rio Conventions, appropriately disaggregated, including by sex/gender, to ensure implementation of the convention leaves no one behind while enhancing accountability for results against all goals and targets of the Framework;

10. *Requests* the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, subject to the availability of resources:

(a) To further strengthen collaboration and cooperation with the secretariats of the other Rio conventions, biodiversity-related conventions and other relevant multilateral environmental agreements and other relevant organizations in supporting the complementarity of efforts and catalysing collective action for addressing specific gaps in the implementation of the Framework and those targets for which progress has been slow, including coordinated implementation, monitoring and review of respective gender plans of action, without prejudice to the specific objectives and mandates of the various conventions and agreements and while observing their independent and autonomous nature;

(d) To enhance awareness-raising on the interconnectedness of the biodiversity, climate, land and pollution crises, including addressing the interrelated direct and indirect drivers of these crises, and the benefits of coordinated responses to those crises;

We would like to ask Parties for support.

Thank you.

The CBD Women's Caucus (CBD WC) is the women's constituency within the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). It stands as a self-organised global platform, supporting women and girls worldwide to advocate for their

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