

Mandates for the Bern Process and cooperation in implementing the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

Information paper 1

The following clauses have been extracted from decisions of the various MEA governing bodies as they are directly relevant to the Bern III Conference agenda and may help participants during discussion. These are intended as an 'aide memoire', and the decisions themselves need to be referred to for the full context. Note that these clauses only relate specifically to the Bern Process and/or the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, and do not include other earlier mandates relating to cooperation, although these remain relevant. There will also be other decisions and paragraphs that are relevant, but make no specific mention, and these have also not been included.

Bern Process

CBD COP [decision 15/13](#) on cooperation with other conventions and international organizations:

- “Invites the United Nations Environment Programme to build on the **Bern Process** and continue to strengthen cooperation and collaboration among biodiversity-related conventions, contributing to effective and efficient implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework by facilitating a process for cooperation among Parties to the relevant biodiversity-related conventions;” (Paragraph 13)
- “Requests the Executive Secretary and encourages Parties to actively engage in the **Bern process** on cooperation among Parties to the various biodiversity-related conventions facilitated by the United Nations Environment Programme, contributing to effective and efficient implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework;” (Paragraph 14)

ITPGRFA GB [resolution 13/2022](#) on cooperation with the CBD:

- “Invites the United Nations Environment Programme to build on the **Bern Process** and continue to strengthen cooperation and coordination among biodiversity-related conventions contributing to effective and efficient implementation of the Post-2020 GBF, when adopted, by facilitating the process for cooperation among Parties to the relevant biodiversity-related conventions;” (Paragraph 19)
- “Requests the Secretary and encourages Contracting Parties to actively engage **in this effort** contributing to effective and efficient implementation of the Post-2020 GBF, when adopted;” (Paragraph 20)

ITPGRFA GB [resolution 1/2023](#) on the role of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture within the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

- “Welcomes the Bern process on cooperation and coordination among Parties of biodiversity-related conventions, contributing to an effective and efficient implementation of the GBF.” (Paragraph 15)

ITPGRFA GB [resolution 13/2023](#) on cooperation with the Convention on Biological Diversity

- “Takes note of the **Bern Process** on cooperation and coordination among Parties of the biodiversity-related conventions and its contribution to the effective and efficient implementation of the GBF;” (Paragraph 4)

Ramsar COP [resolution XIV/26](#) on enhancing the Convention’s visibility and synergies with other MEAs and international institutions:

- “Invites UNEP to build on the **Bern Process** and continue to strengthen cooperation and coordination among biodiversity-related Conventions contributing to effective and efficient implementation of the post-2020

Global Biodiversity Framework, when adopted, by facilitating the process for cooperation among Parties to the relevant biodiversity-related Conventions;” (Paragraph 46)

- *“Requests the Secretary General, encourages Contracting Parties and invites other Governments to actively engage in the **Bern Process** among Parties to the various biodiversity-related Conventions facilitated by UNEP contributing to effective and efficient implementation of the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, when adopted;” (Paragraph 47)*

Minamata Convention COP decision MC-5/17 on Mercury and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (not yet available online):

- *“Welcomes the “Bern meetings” initiated by Switzerland to support synergies between relevant Multilateral environmental agreements, including the Minamata Convention;” (Paragraph 3)*
- *“Requests the Secretariat to continue supporting the relevant processes to improve coherence among multilateral environmental conventions ... ;” (Paragraph 7)*

Carpathian Convention COP [decision 7/4](#) on cooperation with UNEP:

- *“Invites the United Nations Environment Programme to build on the ongoing **Bern Process** and continue to strengthen cooperation and coordination among biodiversity-related conventions contributing to effective and efficient implementation of the GBF by facilitating the process for cooperation among Parties to the relevant biodiversity-related conventions, and while recognizing that Carpathian Convention is a viable vehicle for the implementation of the GBF, encourages better consideration of regional convention and initiatives in the process; in that regard acknowledges the organization of the Bern III Conference on Cooperation among the Biodiversity-related Conventions for the implementation of the GBF ... organized by UNEP in close collaboration with the Secretariat of the CBD and Switzerland, with the objective to identify opportunities for MEAs collaboration in implementing the GBF at all appropriate levels, make recommendations on further steps to strengthen cooperation and collaboration, and share practical experiences on synergies in implementing MEAs.” (Paragraph 4)*

Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

CBD COP [decision 15/4](#) on the **Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework**:

- *“Notes that the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework will be supported by the following decisions adopted by” COP-15 “and affirms that these decisions are of equal standing to the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework; (a) Decision 15/5 on the monitoring framework ... ; (b) Decision 15/6 on planning, monitoring, reporting and review; (c) Decision 15/7 on resource mobilization; (d) Decision 15/8 on capacity-building and development and technical and scientific cooperation; (e) Decision 15/9 on digital sequence information on genetic resources; (f) Decision 15/13 on cooperation with other conventions and international organizations.” (Paragraph 2)*
- *“The framework promotes coherence, complementarity and cooperation between the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Protocols, other biodiversity related conventions, and other relevant multilateral agreements and international institutions, respecting their mandates, and creates opportunities for cooperation and partnerships among diverse actors to enhance implementation of the Framework.” (Annex, paragraph 6 in the section on “purpose”)*
- *“Enhanced collaboration, cooperation and synergies between the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Protocols, other biodiversity-related conventions, other relevant multilateral agreements and international organizations and processes, in line with their respective mandates, including at the global, regional, subregional and national levels, would contribute to and promote the implementation of the Framework in a more efficient and effective manner;” (Annex, paragraph 7q in the section on “considerations” for implementation)*

CBD COP [decision 15/6](#) on mechanisms for planning, monitoring, reporting and review associated with implementation of the **Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework**:

- *“Recognizes that other biodiversity-related multilateral environmental agreements will contribute to the implementation with respect to relevant or corresponding elements of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework consistent with their mandates and priorities;”* (Paragraph 22)
- *“Encourages Parties: (a) To include in their national biodiversity strategies and action plans and national reports, relevant actions to implement commitments and recommendations under each of the biodiversity-related multilateral environmental agreements to which they are a party; (b) To facilitate, as appropriate, engagement with and coordination among focal points for other relevant multilateral environment agreements and the Rio conventions;”* (Part of paragraph 23)
- *“The NBSAPs should promote synergies and planning across biodiversity-related conventions and multilateral environmental agreements” and “Synergies among NBSAPs and the planning and implementation mechanisms of the other biodiversity-related conventions, Rio conventions and other relevant multilateral environmental agreements, and the Sustainable Development Goals should be identified and utilized to maximize efficiency and coherence.”* Two phrases from the annexed guidance for reviewing/revising NBSAPs)

CBD COP [decision 15/13](#) on cooperation with other conventions and international organizations:

- *“Invites the governing bodies of other biodiversity-related conventions and relevant Multilateral Environmental Agreements, as well as international organizations and other relevant programmes, to formally endorse the **Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework** through their own governance processes, as appropriate, in order to support its operationalization and contribute to the transparency and monitoring of progress in its implementation, by, amongst others, using synergetic modular reporting tools such as the Data Reporting Tool for MEAs (DaRT);”* (Paragraph 3)
- *“Invites the governing bodies of other biodiversity-related conventions and relevant Multilateral Environmental Agreements, as well as international organizations and other relevant programmes, to contribute to the implementation and monitoring of the **Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework**, in particular by further strengthening cooperation at the global level within their respective mandates and enhancing synergies among themselves, to encourage mutually supportive decisions, to coordinate their own strategies with the **Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework** and to propose key issues for thematic discussions facilitated by the Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Conventions, taking into account, where appropriate, the conclusions of the Bern II workshop;”* (Paragraph 4)

CITES COP [decision 17.56 \(Rev. CoP19\)](#) on cooperation with MEAs and other international organizations:

- *“The Standing Committee shall, with the support of the Secretariat, explore options consistent with the CITES Strategic Vision to strengthen cooperation, collaboration, and synergies at all relevant levels between CITES and the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, taking into account the outcomes of the Second Consultation Workshop of Biodiversity-related Conventions on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework (Bern II), as well as the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals. This should involve the members of the Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Conventions, and, as appropriate, engagement with other relevant organizations and processes, including processes under the Rio Conventions.”*

CITES COP [decision 19.11](#) on the CITES Strategic Vision:

- *“The Secretariat shall undertake a comparative analysis in order to illustrate the linkages between the CITES Strategic Vision 2021-2030 and highlight areas of alignment with the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, as a starting point for an assessment of how CITES can contribute to the implementation of the Global Biodiversity Framework and its monitoring framework; make recommendations for additional actions*

as appropriate; and present its analysis to the Animals and Plants Committees, followed by the Standing Committee.

CMS COP [decision 13.4](#) on options for a follow up to the Strategic Plan for Migratory Species 2015-2023:

- *“The Secretariat is requested to: a) undertake an analysis of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework once adopted, aimed at assessing its relevance for the mandates of CMS and identifying those aspects of it in which the CMS Family could play a role ; b) compile information on approaches adopted by other biodiversity-related multilateral environmental agreements in defining strategic objectives and strategic planning and in considering the implications for them of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework; c) compile information on lessons learned from experience in implementing, monitoring and assessing previous strategic plans and, in particular, the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Strategic Plan for Migratory Species 2015-2023; d) based on the information and analysis from paragraphs (a) - (c) above, provide recommendations to the Standing Committee for its consideration.”*

ITPGRFA GB [resolution 13/2022](#) on cooperation with the Convention on Biological Diversity:

- *“Requests the Secretary, in line with the guidance provided in this Resolution and in Resolution 11/2019, to continue engaging and providing inputs in the process towards the elaboration of the **Post-2020 GBF**, and its implementation once adopted; (Paragraph 10)*
- *“Requests the Secretary to report back to the Governing Body at its Tenth Session, on the progress with the adoption of the **Post-2020 GBF**, with recommendations to support the Post-2020 GBF, once adopted, and suggested actions to be taken into account by the International Treaty, for consideration by the Governing Body;” (Paragraph 11)*
- *“Decides that at its Tenth Session, it will consider the **Post-2020 GBF**, when adopted, and also consider follow-up actions to support the implementation of the framework and integrate those into its Multi-Year Programme of Work, as appropriate;” (Paragraph 12)*

ITPGRFA GB [resolution 13/2023](#) on cooperation with the Convention on Biological Diversity

- *“Emphasizes the importance of maintaining cooperation, complementarity and coherence as well as avoiding duplication between the International Treaty and the CBD, and with other biodiversity-related conventions, in the implementation of the **Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework**;” (paragraph 3)*
- *“Welcomes the adoption of a strategy for resource mobilization to support the implementation of the **GBF** and requests the Secretary to keep the Standing Committee for the Funding Strategy and Resource Mobilization ... informed of relevant developments in this area and report back to the Governing Body ...;” (Paragraph 6)*
- *“Welcomes the establishment of the **Global Biodiversity Framework Fund** and requests the Secretary to follow developments in the implementation of the ... Fund and to keep the Funding Committee informed regularly and report back to the Governing Body, at its Eleventh Session;” (Paragraph 7)*
- *Welcomes the on-going collaboration between the Secretariats of the International Treaty and the CBD in the development of indicators on benefit-sharing under the **GBF** ...; (Paragraph 14)*

ITPGRFA GB [resolution 1/2023](#) on the role of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture within the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

- *“Welcomes the **GBF**, and highlights its full relevance to plant genetic resources for food and agriculture;” (Paragraph 1)*
- *“Acknowledges that the achievement of the goals and targets of the **GBF** would contribute to the implementation of the objectives of the International Treaty;” (Paragraph 2)*

- *Emphasises that implementation of the International Treaty would make a significant contribution to the achievement of the GBF's Vision, Goals and Targets, particularly in relation to sustainable food systems;" (Paragraph 3)*
- *"Recognises that, as a result of the GBF's adoption, biodiversity is receiving higher attention on the policy agenda, at national and international level, which presents an opportunity to strengthen Treaty implementation, by strengthening actions to meet mutually supportive Goals and Targets of the GBF;" (Paragraph 4)*
- *Invites Contracting Parties to: encourage effective liaison between the respective national focal points of the CBD and the International Treaty in national processes related to the KM-GBF implementation; mainstream the implementation of the International Treaty within NBSAPs and other relevant policies, plans and programmes to support the GBF implementation; share lessons learned regarding the integration of PGRFA in NBSAPs and other relevant policies, plans and programmes with other Contracting Parties and requests the Secretary ... to bring together Parties and Treaty enabling partners to share success stories, knowledge gained and lessons learned in this area ...; (Paragraph 5)*
- *"Emphasises the importance of developing a monitoring framework for the GBF that relies, inter alia, on established monitoring systems and reporting processes, including those related to PGRFA, in particular those of the International Treaty and FAO's Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture;" (Paragraph 6)*
- *"Encourages Contracting Parties and other Governments to work together with all stakeholders to jointly implement the GBF in a spirit of cooperation and mutual support, at global, regional, subregional, national and subnational levels, across areas and sectors, through bilateral joint work programmes where appropriate, and through existing global, regional, subregional, national and subnational instruments, mechanisms and processes; (Paragraph 8)*
- *"Thanks the intersessional/subsidiary bodies of the Governing Body for having considered possible implications of the outcomes of the GBF for the work of the International Treaty in their respective areas of work and requests the Secretary to continue to engage them in the processes of implementation and monitoring of the GBF;" (Paragraph 9)*
- *"Requests the Secretary to continue engaging and providing inputs in relevant CBD processes related to the GBF and to report back to the Governing Body;" (Paragraph 11)*
- *"Emphasises the importance of maintaining cooperation, complementarity and coherence as well as avoiding duplication between the International Treaty and the CBD, and with other biodiversity-related conventions, in the implementation of the GBF and requests the Secretary to strengthen cooperation in the implementation of goals and targets related to plant genetic resources for food and agriculture;" (Paragraph 13)*
- *"Noting that the COP of the CBD, at its Sixteenth Session, will finalise a number of elements of the GBF, including on the monitoring framework, resource mobilization, national planning processes and a multilateral mechanism for benefit-sharing from the use of digital sequence information on genetic resources DSI, decides to add "GBF implementation and follow-up actions" as a GB-11 milestone for the GB-11 in the Multi-Year Programme of Work;" (Paragraph 14)*

ITPGRFA GB [resolution 14/2023](#) on cooperation with other international bodies and organizations

- *"Requests the Secretary to continue actively participating in relevant meetings and processes of the BLG to enhance collaboration among the members for the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) in accordance with their respective mandates;" (Paragraph 6)*
- *"Requests the Secretary ... to continue participating in relevant activities of the InforMEA Initiative and collaborating with the World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC) for the development of a new*

version of the Online Reporting System and other related activities in support of the CBD's monitoring of the implementation of the GBF;" (Paragraph 7)

Ramsar COP resolution XIV/26 on enhancing the Convention's visibility and synergies with other MEAs and international institutions:

- *"Emphasizing the importance of cooperation among all relevant Conventions, organizations and initiatives to contribute to the objectives of the CBD and its post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework once it is adopted ... ;"* (Paragraph 4)
- *"Recognizing, in the context of the ongoing work on synergies, the importance of the linkages between the Strategic Plan of the Convention on Wetlands and the CBD and its forthcoming post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework once adopted ... and related reporting and indicators;"* (Paragraph 8)
- *"Welcoming the memorandum of understanding and the sixth joint work plan between the Convention on Wetlands and the CBD to enhance the conservation and sustainable and wise use of biodiversity, especially in wetlands, helping to ensure the full achievement of the forthcoming Vision, Mission, and Goals of the CBD's post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework when adopted, and the Mission and Targets of the Convention on Wetlands Strategic Plan 2016-2024, to be signed at the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the CBD;"* (Paragraph 9)
- *"Recognizes the importance of Ramsar Sites for implementation of the CBD and the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework;"* (Paragraph 43)

WHC decision 44 COM 7.2 on conservation issues:

- *"Considers that the post-2020 GBF should provide a common framework for all Biodiversity-related Conventions and build on the strength of each convention."*
- *"Requests the World Heritage Centre and IUCN to report back at its 46th session, with recommended policies and actions to support the adopted post-2020 GBF be taking into account in the processes of the World Heritage Convention."*

WHC decision 44 COM 7.2 on conservation issues:

- *"Welcomes the adoption of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) during the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP-15) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) in December 2022 to set the global pathway to halt and reverse biodiversity loss by 2030, in line with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development."* (Paragraph 17)
- *"Requests the States Parties to fully harness the World Heritage Convention in supporting the goals and targets of the GBF, including through effective collaboration among convention focal points, and by integrating World Heritage-related objectives within their National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs)." (Paragraph 18)*
- *"Also requests the World Heritage Centre, in collaboration with the Advisory Bodies, to identify and develop coordinated actions on World Heritage and the GBF, including specific guidance on how the World Heritage Convention might contribute to the aims of the Joint Programme of Work on the Links between Biological and Cultural Diversity, subject to the availability of resources, and to integrate reporting on progress regarding contributions of World Heritage to the GBF under the Committee's item on Sustainable Development, and invites States Parties to contribute financially for this purpose."* (Paragraph 19)

UNFCCC COP serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA-5) outcome of the first global stocktake (available as an advanced unedited version):

- *"Further emphasizes the importance of conserving, protecting and restoring nature and ecosystems towards achieving the Paris Agreement temperature goal, including through enhanced efforts towards halting and reversing deforestation and forest degradation by 2030, and other terrestrial and marine ecosystems acting*

as sinks and reservoirs of greenhouse gases and by conserving biodiversity, while ensuring social and environmental safeguards, in line with the **Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework**;" (Paragraph 33)

Minamata Convention COP decision MC-4/12 on international cooperation and coordination:

- "Requests the secretariat to prepare, subject to the availability of resources, a report, including possible recommendations, on how the Convention could contribute to the **post-2020 global biodiversity framework**, once adopted, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its fifth meeting;" (Paragraph 7)

Minamata Convention COP decision MC-5/17 on Mercury and the **Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework** (not yet available online):

- "Welcomes the adoption of the **Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework** by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, in its decision 15/4;" (paragraph 1)
- "Takes note of the report prepared by the secretariat on how the Minamata Convention and the **Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework** can be implemented in a mutually supportive manner ...;" (paragraph 2)
- "Encourages parties, through their operational focal points of the Global Environment Facility, to integrate mercury action into projects developed under the biodiversity focal area and integrated programmes of the eighth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility trust fund, as well as through the new Global Biodiversity Framework Fund;" (paragraph 4)
- "Also encourages parties and invites other Governments and local and subnational governments, as well as relevant organizations and stakeholders, as appropriate, to: promote research on the impacts of mercury on biodiversity and ecosystem functions and services; reflect national mercury reduction and control targets in their revised or updated national biodiversity strategies and action plans to align with the **Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework**; share the experience gained to promote coordination and integration of biodiversity- and mercury-related priorities through policy development and implementation, including lessons learned and challenges faced; disseminate information on actions that can generate co-benefits for the Minamata Convention and the **Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework**;" (paragraph 5)
- "Notes the absence in the monitoring framework for the **Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework** of indicators regarding the overall risk from highly hazardous chemicals, and invites the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity to consider additional indicators, under target 7, to cover highly hazardous chemicals and mercury;" (paragraph 6)
- "Also requests the secretariat ... to support parties and other stakeholders in sharing their experience, as per paragraph 5 above, and to compile and synthesize the information gathered and prepare a draft road map, including possible actions and indicators, to support parties in demonstrating and maximizing the co-benefits arising from the implementation of the Minamata Convention and the **Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework**, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting." (paragraph 8)

Minamata Convention COP decision MC-5/7 on artisanal and small-scale gold mining (not yet available online):

- "Noting the critical importance of full implementation of article 7 of the Minamata Convention on Mercury, on artisanal and small-scale gold mining, to achieving the objective of the Convention and to contributing to the goals and targets of the **Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework**." (preambular text)

Minamata Convention COP decision MC-5/11 on review of the financial mechanism of the Minamata Convention on Mercury (not yet available online):

- "Provides additional details to supplement the guidance of the Conference of the Parties to the Global Environment Facility, as follows: the Global Environment Facility, in planning for its ninth replenishment period, should promote synergies with other focal areas in line with decision MC-1/5, including the

*biodiversity focal area, as it advances work under the **Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework** ...;*" (paragraph 4)

In **decision BC-15/25**, **decision RC-10/14** and **decision SC-10/21** on international cooperation and coordination with other organizations, the COPs of the **Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions**:

- *"Call on Parties to take into account the objectives of the **post-2020 global biodiversity framework**, once adopted, in their actions to implement the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions;"* (Paragraph 26)
- *"Request the Secretariat to prepare, subject to the availability of resources, a report, including possible recommendations, on how the conventions could contribute to the **post-2020 biodiversity framework**, once adopted for consideration by the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions at their next meetings;"* (Paragraph 27)

In **decision BC-16/22**, **decision RC-11/9** and **decision SC-11/21** on international cooperation and coordination with other organizations, the COPs of the **Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions**:

- *"Welcome the adoption of the **Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework** by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity and reiterates the call to Parties contained in paragraph 26 of decisions BC-15/25, RC-10/14 and SC-10/21 to take into account the objectives of the Framework in their actions to implement the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions;"* (Paragraph 24)
- *"Reiterate the requests contained in paragraph 27 of decisions BC-15/25, RC-10/14 and SC-10/21 to the Secretariat to prepare, subject to the availability of resources, a report, including possible recommendations, on how the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions could contribute to the implementation of the 2030 targets and 2050 goals of the **Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework**, for consideration by the conferences of the Parties to the conventions at their next meetings;"* (Paragraph 25)

Carpathian Convention COP [decision 7/6](#) on implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework:

- *"Recognizing that the Carpathian Convention provides a regional mechanism for the implementation of the ... **Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework** in the Carpathians to advance on addressing biodiversity loss and ecosystem restoration with benefit to all interlinked processes, welcomes the [Carpathian Biodiversity Framework](#) and requests the Parties to use it as a key tool to implement the Carpathian Convention and its Protocols contributing to the achievement of the **Global Biodiversity Framework**, by taking joint and synergistic actions with the involvement and cooperation of all relevant actors and stakeholders; and requests the Secretariat to facilitate the implementation process."* (Paragraph 1)
- *"Invites the Parties to include the relevant aspects of the Carpathian Convention activities within the revised national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs) under the CBD, to mutually strengthen the implementation of both conventions, help avoiding isolated approaches and making the best use of limited financial and human resources."* (Paragraph 2)
- *"Welcomes the signing of the trilateral Memorandum of Cooperation between the CBD, the Alpine Convention and the Carpathian Convention renewed in the light of the **Global Biodiversity Framework**, which shall enhance synergies and initiate common activities for the implementation of the new framework and guide the way for effective mountain biodiversity protection in the Alpine and Carpathian regions and beyond, supporting experience and knowledge sharing with other mountain regions of the world, in this respect, invites the Parties, the relevant Secretariats and stakeholders to initiate implementation activities and support the process."* (Paragraph 3)
- *"Welcomes with appreciation the active role of the Secretariat in the process of developing the **Global Biodiversity Framework** ... and ... requests the Secretariat to continue active engagement in the **GBF** implementation process."* (Paragraph 4)

- *“Encourages the Parties to take active role in promoting the importance of mountain biodiversity within the CBD and GBF processes, and consider establishing of and participation in an informal group of like-minded mountain biodiversity countries, which shall provide a forum for consultation and cooperation to promote the group’s interest and priorities related to protection of mountain biodiversity and sustainable development of mountain regions, as well as strengthen the voice of the mountain countries presenting joint views for better consideration of needs, challenges and opportunities of the mountain biodiversity within the CBD meetings and consultation processes; in this respect, invites the Secretariat, UNEP and the CBD Secretariat to support the process.” (Paragraph 6)*
- *“Calls on the Parties and the Secretariat to take actions to enhance synergies, coherence and effective cooperation among the biodiversity related Conventions and other relevant initiatives and process in a manner fully consistent with their mandates and priorities to strengthen the contribution of these instruments to the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.” (Paragraph 7)*
- *“Take notes that the Data Reporting Tool for MEAs (DaRT) can support Parties in revising their NBSAPs and aligning them with the GBF, readily identifying interlinkages between their NBSAPs, the goals and targets of Carpathian Convention Protocol on Biodiversity and that of the GBF.*

Cartagena Convention COP decision 17/XII on collaboration with global MEAs:

- *“Request the Secretariat to continue to explore opportunities for collaboration on activities of the Cartagena Convention with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, as appropriate and within respective mandates, and to advise Contracting Parties on the opportunities to support the implementation of the Cartagena Convention that this helps to identify.”*
- *“Request the Secretariat to work with UNEP to further identify tools and guidance that could support Contracting Parties' collaborative approaches to implementing Multilateral Environmental Agreements at the national level, as appropriate and within respective mandates, including at the 6th United Nations Environment Assembly which will take place from 26 February to 1 March 2024.”*
- *“Invite Contracting Parties to establish close collaboration between Convention focal points and the focal points of other relevant Multilateral Environmental Agreements to align approaches in implementation, as appropriate and within respective mandates, to increase efficiency and effectiveness.”*
- *“Further invite Contracting Parties to include strategies and actions relevant to the Cartagena Convention in National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans, and in associated knowledge management and reporting, as appropriate and within respective mandates.”*
- *“Invite Contracting Parties to explore the benefits of using the Data Reporting tool for MEAs (DaRT) developed by the United Nations Environment Programme as a tool to support national reporting on Multilateral Environmental Agreements including through sharing of experiences with Contracting Parties of the Cartagena Convention who are already using this tool.”*