

Statement for SBSTTA25 Plenary, Agenda Item3

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Subnational & Local Governments Major Group Statement

read by Aichi Prefectural Government:

Honorable Chair and distinguished delegates,

I am taking the floor on behalf of GoLS - the Group of Leading Subnational Governments toward the Global Biodiversity Targets, ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability, and the Advisory Committee on Subnational Governments and Biodiversity coordinated by Regions4 and the Government of Québec.

We welcome the increased recognition of subnational and local governments in the CBD negotiation.

The subnational & local governments do know how hard local people work voluntarily in each part of the world to tackle with threats to biodiversity in their ardent desire to pass on the precious nature to next generations. The best way to repay their devotion is a fruit of the negotiations here that lead to immediate

actions and international cooperation with the best available knowledge and policy tools to prevent further biodiversity loss.

In order to achieve GBF goals and targets, and to ensure human well-being, we stand ready making maximum use of resources to play essential roles to implement appropriate, effective and practical solutions within subnational and local context.

We would like to take this opportunity to deliver on our strong commitment to contribute to the GBF by fostering its implementation, promoting the monitoring by the whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach, sharing our experiences with the international community and evolving as pioneers to spark transformative change.

We are looking forward to having a productive meeting.

Thank you.