Statement by the Republic of Serbia
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Serbia would like to thank Secretariat for preparing document CBD/SBI/3/10. We support the enhancement of the synergies among MEAs and the implementation of CBD commitments at the sub-regional level in the Western Balkan economies as a part of the CEE Region, through the Biodiversity Task Force of South-East Europe (BDTF SEE). Our sub-regional task force, in cooperation with IUCN, played a vital role in the development of the biodiversity action plan to the Sofia Declaration on the Green Agenda for the Western Balkans, an integral component of the EU Green Deal agreed in October 2021 in Brdo, Slovenia.

Therefore, Serbia calls for sub-regional structures such as the Biodiversity Task Force of South-East Europe to contribute to the implementation of MEAs through enhancing synergies among biodiversity related conventions in three broad areas: supporting coordination and avoiding duplication; collecting information and indicators for monitoring and reporting on thematic and cross-cutting areas; and facilitating transboundary cooperation for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.
Serbia also calls parties to increase the financial support to the biodiversity action plan of the Green Agenda for the Western Balkans, including MEAs commitments, as a mechanism to enhance capacity building and technical and scientific cooperation in the Central and Eastern European region as a whole.