IPBES-5/4: Enhanced participation of the European Union in sessions of the Plenary of the Platform

The Plenary,

Recalling ongoing discussions on the status of regional economic integration organizations in the Platform,

Taking note of the request of Slovakia in document IPBES/5/INF/27 and the commitment of the European Union to providing active support to the Platform,

Noting the unique nature of the Platform,

1. Decides, in this context, to allow the enhanced participation of the European Union in its capacity as observer in the sessions of the Plenary of the Platform;

2. Also decides that such enhanced participation includes the right to speak in turn; the right to reply; the right to introduce proposals; the right to provide views; and the ability to support the implementation of the work programme of the Platform through financial support, among other means;

3. Further decides that the rights referred to in paragraph 2 above are exclusive and do not grant the ability to vote or to be elected to the Bureau of the Platform;

4. Decides that the foregoing paragraphs apply on an interim basis, pending the resolution of the status of regional economic integration organizations in the Platform in the rules of procedure.