

## PURPOSE OF THE STATEMENT

These commitments by GEB align the Group's operations with the principles and action criteria necessary to properly address regional and local environmental challenges. This is an integral part of the Group's corporate and sustainability strategy

## SCOPE

This statement applies to the GEB Corporate, its controlled subsidiaries, including the processes for selecting and operating new businesses, and its application will be promoted among non-controlled companies (partners) and suppliers.

## **STATEMENT OF COMMITMENTS**

The following are the commitments to ensure the effective management of biodiversity. These must be adopted in accordance with the context and specific circumstances of each subsidiary and its operations.

- 1. Protect biodiversity, and conserve and restore ecosystems within the area of influence of its activities and projects, aiming to achieve net zero deforestation across all its projects and operations.
- 2. Avoid activities that could generate negative impacts, either directly or indirectly (through the value chain), on or near World Heritage Sites and protected areas categorized as I to IV by the IUCN, as well as sites containing important biodiversity. When operating in areas of particular biodiversity value, the Group commits to applying the mitigation hierarchy (avoid, minimize, restore, and offset) and to working with strategic partners and other stakeholders to fulfill this commitment.
- 3. Apply the precautionary principle to all planning processes. Prevention, mitigation, and corrective actions must be included in all processes involving environmental risks, based on the measures outlined in the mitigation hierarchy: avoid, minimize, rehabilitate/restore, and offset, as applicable. The goal is to achieve No Net Loss and a Net Positive Impact.
- 4. Take the necessary measures to prevent impacts on ecosystems, and adopt appropriate actions to offset unavoidable impacts during project design, in order to ensure a net positive ecological outcome.
- 5. Establish ecological corridors along easements and within their areas of influence as a primary strategy for compensation and for generating environmental benefits in the case of linear projects (transmission lines and gas pipelines).
- 6. Contribute to the ecological restoration of the territories traversed by linear infrastructure through the establishment of biological corridors. In addition to helping with CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration, these corridors will facilitate the repopulation of native fauna and flora species, support watershed regulation, and create favorable conditions for the development of sustainable agricultural systems. All new and ongoing projects will identify opportunities to contribute to the restoration of these areas.
- 7. Conduct biodiversity risk assessments for each project.

## GOALS

- 1. Achieve no net loss of biodiversity and ensure a net positive balance within areas of influence by 2040.
- 2. Reach net zero deforestation in all GEB projects and operations, including subsidiaries, by 2040.