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PANEL 6

Process for reviewing and updating the Voluntary Glossary
of Key Terms and Concepts in the Context of Article 8(j)
and Related Provisions of the Convention

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I have followed the CBD since the prepcoms in 1990-1991, participated in the foundation of the IIFB, and have been a participant continuously since COP3 in 1996

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- 2008 (COP 4): AHWG on 8j and related provisions established by COP IV, and part of the mandate was to develop standards, guidelines, and principles to effectively implement Article 8(j) and related provisions. IX/13, A, paragraph 7, Task 12 in relation to *sui generis* systems.
- The AHWG and Secretariat were tasked to identify terms of particular relevance to 8j and related issues, taking into account diverse relationships with national legislation

- 2010 (COP 5): Decision X/43 decided to address Task 12, with 2 subtasks, one of which was to develop a glossary of relevant key terms and concepts to be used within the context of Article 8(j) and related provisions
- 2012 (COP11) Decision XI/14 E para 10 reviewed draft and invited more submissions to further revise the glossary terms which were considered at the 8th meeting of the AHWG (2013) (recommendation 8/5, para 3)

- 2014 (COP 12): Decision XII/12 D, para 5 also called for Gap Analysis, Taking into account the need for consistency within the Convention and considering terms and concepts adopted under the Convention, the Nagoya Protocol and the Akwé: Kon Guidelines. Decision XII/12 E, paragraph 3 on sui generis systems recognized relevance, recommended further elaboration, and endorsed using draft in work of the AHWG.

- 2015 (AHWG 8j 9), under recommendation 9/3, para 1 made suggestions for revision for consideration at COP13
- 2016 (COP13): Considered, but not adopted
- 2018 (COP14): Decision 14/13 adopted the Glossary of relevant key terms and concepts within the context of Article 8(j) and related provisions

<https://www.cbd.int/traditional/glossary.shtml>

- Characteristics:
- Voluntary Use: Not legally binding
- Non-Prejudicial to Terminology: Must not be prejudicial to the terms of the Convention
- Subject to National Legislation: Subject to the diverse national circumstances and legislation and national understandings

- 2024 (COP16): Decision 16/5 passed work on revision of terms under Task 5.4 of the programme of work of the Subsidiary Body
- The Secretariat has developed a draft process for revision: CBD/SB8J/1/5

Annex 1: Process for reviewing and updating

Annex 2: Terms of Reference for an Ad Hoc
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- Annex 1: Process for reviewing and updating

- 1. Open submission of views on possible elements
- 2. Secretariat synthesizes views
- 3. Convene Ad Hoc Technical Expert Working Group (AHTEG): based on received views and technical analysis make recommendations to COP18 (2028)

Annex 2: Terms of Reference for an Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group

- 1. Advice and proposals on updating and revisions in the light of the adoption of the KMGBF
- 2. Submit advice of AHTEG for consideration at SB8j and related provisions 2 (2027)

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- 3. Composition: 35 experts

14 experts from IPs & LCs

15 experts from Parties

6 experts from stakeholders

Process going forward:

Recommend not getting into discussions on details of terminology at this time.

Terminology itself will not be discussed. It will go to revised draft process. Focus before Panama should be to recommend revisions to draft process, not on terminology itself

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- 4. Experts shall be selected taking into consideration gender balance, equitable geographical distribution and the need for a range of relevant expertise, ensuring of a diversity of knowledge systems, including traditional knowledge and policy development

- Recommendation for Panama
- Establish IIFB WG on Glossary to address consensus IIFB positions for open submissions and guide selected experts
- Bureau selects: Should IIFB select?
- Invite representative from PF, from OHCHR and Special rapporteur to be observers

Many thanks