



**Órgano Subsidiario sobre el Artículo 8j y Otras Disposiciones del Convenio sobre la
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**Agenda 5.c. Implementation of the programme of work on Article 8(j) and other provisions
of the Convention on Biological Diversity related to indigenous peoples and local
communities to 2030: process to review and update the Voluntary Glossary of Key Terms
and Concepts Within the Context of Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention
(Task 5.4)**

Date: 27 October 2025

Statement on behalf of the International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity (IIFB), delivered by
Máret Michelsen, Saami Council

Thank you Madam Chair.

I speak on behalf of the International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity (IIFB).

For the IIFB, the review of the glossary of terms is a key task of the program of work on Article 8(j), to ensure a transparent, participatory process to review the glossary of terms where Indigenous Peoples, and local communities embodying traditional knowledge can make our respective contributions. We therefore support the proposed process for review as proposed in Annex 1.

With regards to the composition of the expert group from Indigenous Peoples and local communities, we request that the CBD Secretariat respect the internal regional processes and their own governance structures in the nominations from the seven socio-cultural regions. We also call for equal representation of Party representatives and of representatives of Indigenous Peoples and of local communities in the total composition of the expert group.

In the work of the revision of the glossary of terms, we ask the expert group to take into account the July 2023 joint statement made by the three UN mechanisms on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and the report of the UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Albert K. Barume, “Recognition of Indigenous Peoples,” adopted at the 60th session of the UN Human Rights Council, in order to ensure that a clear distinction between Indigenous Peoples and local



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communities is reflected in the review and update of the Voluntary Glossary, consistent with international human rights standards and the objectives of the Convention.

Thank you, Chair.