

AGENDA ITEM 12: MAINSTREAMING OF BIO-DIVERSITY ACROSS ALL SECTORS

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Statement of the International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity (IIFB)

The Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework recognizes that achieving transformative change requires the full and effective participation of Indigenous Peoples and local communities. Biodiversity mainstreaming must therefore go beyond integrating biodiversity into sectoral policies, it must also integrate the rights, governance systems and knowledge of Indigenous Peoples and local communities across all sectors and levels of decision-making.

We welcome the progress outlined in the Secretariat's report. However, it also shows that mainstreaming remains stronger in planning than in implementation, and that important gaps remain in accountability, financing and cross-sectoral coordination.

First, biodiversity mainstreaming must be grounded in a human rights-based approach. All sectoral policies and decisions affecting biodiversity should fully respect the rights of Indigenous Peoples and local communities, including our rights to lands, territories and resources, our governance systems, ensuring free, prior and informed consent and our traditional knowledge that should be integrated alongside scientific knowledge in planning, monitoring and decision-making.

Secondly, mainstreaming must address the underlying drivers of biodiversity loss. We encourage Parties to reform incentives harmful to biodiversity while strengthening positive incentives that support Indigenous-led conservation, customary sustainable use and community governance.

Thirdly, direct and accessible financing for Indigenous Peoples and local communities remains essential. Resources should reach Indigenous institutions and communities directly to support implementation of the Framework, strengthen territorial governance and maintain traditional knowledge systems.

Finally, we urge Parties to ensure that biodiversity mainstreaming is measured not only by new policies, but by real improvements in rights recognition, meaningful participation, biodiversity outcomes and accountability.

Thank you

The text proposal of the IIFB is in **GREEN CAPITALS**.

Textual Proposals

V. Elements of a recommendation

3. *Encourages* Parties, in accordance with national circumstances, to continue to strengthen efforts to integrate biodiversity considerations into relevant sectoral and cross-sectoral policies, plans, programmes and decision-making processes, including through whole-of-government and whole-of-society approaches, **ENSURING THE FULL AND EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES, WOMEN AND YOUTH;**

4. *Also encourages* Parties, and invites other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities, women, youth and other relevant organizations, the private sector and other stakeholders, as appropriate, to continue to share good practices, tools, mechanisms, guidance and relevant solutions related to biodiversity mainstreaming through existing reporting, knowledge-sharing and cooperation mechanisms under the Convention, including the clearing-house mechanism;

4. BIS. ENCOURAGES PARTIES TO STRENGTHEN THE MAINSTREAMING OF BIODIVERSITY ACCOUNTABILITY THROUGH NATIONAL REPORTING BY RECOGNIZING AND INCORPORATING DATA GENERATED BY INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES INCLUDING THROUGH COMMUNITY-BASED MONITORING AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS ENSURING THE FREE, PRIOR AND INFORMED CONSENT OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES, RESPECTING THEIR GOVERNANCE SYSTEMS, DATA SOVEREIGNTY, AND TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE AS PROVIDED IN ARTICLE 8J OF THE CONVENTION.