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Statement on behalf of the **International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity (IIFB)** delivered by **Ramson Karmushu**

Thank you, Chair. I am delivering the statement on behalf of the International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity (IIFB).

We thank the Secretariat for the documents and the work undertaken under this agenda item. We welcome the review of the implementation of the Strategy for Resource Mobilization. However, we note that data on international financial flows are available only until 2023, yet it is evident that 2024-2026 financial flows for biodiversity, including direct funding for actions led by Indigenous Peoples and local communities, have been drastically reduced due to geopolitical issues and the fiscal crisis within the UN system.

The findings of OECD-DAC clearly show that a minimal amount of international finance flows to Indigenous Peoples and local communities. Furthermore, of the 8% quoted in the report as going to Indigenous Peoples and local communities, represents a huge proportion is actually being funneled through intermediaries who are not necessarily chosen by Indigenous Peoples and local communities. In fact, only 1.7% of biodiversity finance goes directly to Indigenous Peoples and local communities, which is not in accordance with demands for direct access to finance.

On further development of the criteria for the institutional structure to operate the financial mechanism, the notion of "**ensuring the full and effective participation of indigenous peoples and local communities"** in item 9 is not adequately reflected in the word "inclusive" and, therefore, the full wording needs to be retained. Proposed criteria 14 and 19 need to be adequately reflected as additional criteria, particularly the notion of direct access to finance. They can be merged into a single criterion, as follows:

> "PROVISION OF DIRECT AND ACCESSIBLE FINANCIAL RESOURCES TO INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES, WOMEN AND YOUTH, BASED ON THE APPROPRIATE RECOGNITION OF THE VALUE OF THEIR ROLE AND COLLECTIVE ACTION, MOTHER EARTH-CENTRIC ACTIONS AND NON-MARKET-BASED APPROACHES."

Regarding the proposed criterion 15 on the existence of a grievance and redress mechanism, this needs to be included. There should be an effective and independent grievance mechanism that can receive complaints and concerns from communities, groups, and individuals that may be adversely affected by the impacts of activities funded by a financial mechanism.

On identification of impediments to the effectiveness of global biodiversity finance and of elements for its further enhancement, we welcome the elements under safeguards, capacity and monitoring gaps and under

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equity, access and power asymmetries in biodiversity finance, noting that direct access, not just access through trusted intermediaries, should be guaranteed.

We have included our recommendations in green in the document as indicated below.

Thank you, Chair.

The IIFB suggested text is in GREEN CAPITALS.

ANNEX

Subsidiary Body on Implementation
Seventh meeting
Nairobi, 4–12 August 2026
Item 4 (a) of the provisional agenda[1*]
Resource mobilization and financial mechanism: resource mobilization

Resource mobilization[2**]

[contents abridged]

1. Further development of the criteria for the institutional structure to operate the financial mechanism

- Further to subparagraph 22 (a) of decision 16/34, a methodology for further developing the criteria for the institutional structure to operate the financial mechanism, taking into consideration the compilation of views contained in annex II to decision 16/34 is proposed in document CBD/SBI/7/3/Add.3. It consists of a comparison of the individual items on the list contained in annex II to decision 16/34, relevant Articles of the Convention and the criteria already recognized, as provided in paragraph 21 of decision 16/34. Based on the comparison, as provided in the annex to that document, it is proposed not to consider further eight items or elements of items, either because they are already captured in the list provided in paragraph 21 of decision 16/34 (element of item 2, items 5, 7 and 8, and elements of item 9) or for other reasons (items 4, 6 and 16).

- The items or elements of items in table 1 below are proposed for inclusion in the list, because they are not yet captured in the list provided in paragraph 21 of decision 16/34, while they are reflected in relevant Convention Articles.

[1*] CBD/SBI/7/1.

[2**] The present document is being issued without formal editing with the exception of the draft recommendation in section IV.

Table 1
Items or elements of items reflected in the Convention that are proposed for inclusion

	Item	*Explanation*[b]	*Suggested action*
	Added value and complementarity vis-à-vis the current biodiversity finance landscape	The notion that the financial mechanism operates within a broader finance landscape is reflected in Article 21 (4) of the Convention	Include as new criterion (e)
	Access to new, additional, predictable, adequate and timely financing	"New" and "additional" are included in Article 20 (2) Predictability and adequacy are included in Article 21 (1)	Include the terms "new", "additional", "predictable" and "adequate" in criterion (d)
	Contributor base aimed at the mobilization of resources from all sources	The notion is broadly reflected in Article 21 (1)	Include as new criterion (f)

[a] Items from annex II to decision 16/34.
[b] See the table in the annex to document CBD/SBI/7/3/Add.3 for a more detailed analysis.

- The items or elements of items in table 2 below were found to be essentially captured in the list provided in paragraph 21 of decision 16/34, but through more generic terms. At its seventh meeting, the Subsidiary Body on Implementation may wish to consider the level of detail needed in the final list of criteria, and recommend amendments as needed:

Table 2
Items or elements of items essentially captured but in more generic wording

	Item	*Explanation*[b]	*Suggested action*
	Equitable, efficient and representative governance structure, **including by ensuring the full and effective participation of indigenous peoples and local communities**	The text in bold is essentially captured by criterion 21 (c) of decision 16/34, with "full and effective participation of indigenous peoples and local communities" captured by the term "inclusive": "(c) It operates within a democratic and transparent system of governance, ensuring a structure that is fair, equitable, **inclusive**, efficient and representative;"	Consider further whether the explicit reference to "full and effective participation of indigenous peoples and local communities" is needed or whether the term "inclusive" in criterion (c) is sufficient
	Provision of financial resources to **developing country Parties, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States, and countries with economies in transition**, responding to their	The text in bold, on the recipients of financial resources, is essentially captured by the reference to "all eligible Parties" in criterion 21 (d): "(d) It is accessible by **all eligible Parties** to the Convention in a fair, timely, simplified, equitable, inclusive and	Consider further whether the phrase "developing country Parties, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States, and countries with economies in transition" is needed or whether to use the phrase "all eligible Parties"

	Item	*Explanation*[b]	*Suggested action*
	needs and priorities	non-discriminatory manner;”	
	Ability to capitalize on synergies between support for biodiversity action and support for actions to address other related environmental challenges	The text in bold is captured in a more generic form by the term “efficient” in criterion 21 (c): “(c) It operates within a democratic and transparent system of governance, ensuring a structure that is fair, equitable, inclusive, **efficient** and representative;”	Consider whether the explicit reference to synergies is needed or whether the term “efficient” is sufficient

[a] Items from annex II to decision 16/34.
[b] See the table in the annex to document CBD/SBI/7/3/Add.3 for a more detailed analysis.

• The items in table 3 below are not captured in the list provided in paragraph 21 of decision 16/34 and are not reflected in relevant Convention Articles. Overlaps between certain items also exist, and the Subsidiary Body may therefore wish to merge their consideration.

Table 3

Items or elements of items not reflected in the Convention and not captured

Item no.a	*Item*	*Suggested action*
10 12 13	Provision of financial resources to developing country Parties, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States, and countries with economies in transition, **responding to their needs and priorities** Reliance on national executing agencies Participation and involvement of relevant recipient-country authorities in all steps of the funding allocation process, including project development and execution	The text not in bold is already essentially captured under criterion 21 (d). Consider further whether to include the notion reflected in the text in bold and, if so, decide on preferred wording Consider further whether to include and, if so, decide on preferred wording Consider further whether to include and, if so, decide on preferred wording
11	Direct allocation and/or project-based disbursement	Consider further whether to include
14 19	Recognition of the value of the role of indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth, including by providing direct access to finance Provision of financial resources for collective action, including by indigenous peoples and local communities, Mother Earth-centric	Consider further whether to include the notions reflected in items 14 and 19 and, if so, decide on preferred wording IIFB: Items 14 and 19 need to be adequately reflected as additional criteria, particularly the notion of direct access to finance Proposed Wording (merging the 2 criteria):

Item no.[a]	*Item*	*Suggested action*
	actions and non-market-based approaches	PROVISION OF DIRECT AND ACCESSIBLE FINANCIAL RESOURCES TO INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES, WOMEN AND YOUTH, BASED ON THE APPROPRIATE RECOGNITION OF THE VALUE OF THEIR ROLE AND COLLECTIVE ACTION, MOTHER EARTH-CENTRIC ACTIONS AND NON-MARKET-BASED APPROACHES.
15	Existence of a grievance and redress mechanism	Consider further whether to include

[a] Items from annex II to decision 16/34.

- A need for further clarification was identified for one item, as shown in table 4 below.

Table 4
Item requiring clarification

Item no.[a]	*Item*	*Explanation of clarification needs and suggested action*
17	Accountability of trustee and compliance with	The notion of accountability is captured and already included in Article 21 (1) of the Convention, referring however to the mechanism as a whole, not to the trustee specifically It is unclear whether the term "governing body" refers to the Conference of the Parties or to the governing body of the mechanism

Item no.[a]	Item	Explanation of clarification needs and suggested action
	decisions of the governing body	Seek clarification from proponent on intent and meaning, and consider further as appropriate

[a] Items from annex II to decision 16/34.

• In discharging the task contained in subparagraph 22 (a) of decision 16/34, the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its seventh meeting may wish to consider tables 1 to 4 above and the suggested actions contained therein, together with the relevant elements of the draft recommendation below. Once considered, any agreed elements of these tables will be consolidated into annex III to the draft recommendation (sect. IV below), with a view to their adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth meeting.

• Further to the road map provided in paragraph 22 of decision 16/34, the Subsidiary Body may also wish to recommend that the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth meeting request the Subsidiary Body, prior to the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, to develop a recommendation, including elements of a draft decision, addressing the tasks spelled out in subparagraph 22 (b) of the road map. The Subsidiary Body may wish to further recommend requesting the Secretariat to prepare or commission the documentation to support the consideration of these items by the Subsidiary Body.

• It should be noted that the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its sixth meeting considered draft terms of reference for the seventh quadrennial review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism, which are provided in annex II to its recommendation 6/2. Some elements of the draft terms of reference are relevant for the work requested in paragraph 41 of decision 16/33[3] and the stocktake review of the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund foreseen in decisions 15/7 and 15/15.

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IV. Recommendation

• Taking into account the information provided above, the Subsidiary Body on Implementation may wish to adopt a recommendation along the following lines:

[3] Ibid.

The Subsidiary Body on Implementation

1. *Takes note* of the report on progress in implementing decision 16/34 of 27 February 2025[4] prepared by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity;[5]

2. *Recommends* that, at its seventeenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties adopt a decision[6] on resource mobilization that includes the following elements:[7]

The Conference of the Parties

1. *Takes note* of the review of implementation of the strategy for resource mobilization for the period 2025–2030,[8] as conducted through the global review of collective progress in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework;[9]

2. *Adopts* the criteria for the institutional structure to operate the financial mechanism envisaged under Article 21 of the Convention on Biological Diversity,[10] which consist of the elements listed in paragraph 21 of decision 16/34 of 27 February 2025 and the amendments thereto included in annex I to the present decision;

3. *Invites* relevant existing financial entities to take the criteria into account, as appropriate, in their ongoing efforts to reform or improve their operations;

4. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, in accordance with the road map established in paragraph 22 of decision 16/34, at a meeting held before the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties:

(a) To conduct a review of progress in the reform of relevant existing financial entities to meet the criteria, following the seventh quadrennial review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism referred to in paragraph 40 of decision 16/33 of 27 February 2025, while also taking into account the work undertaken further to paragraph 41 of the same decision;

(b) To prepare elements of a draft decision, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its eighteenth meeting, either to establish a new entity to operate the financial mechanism, whether by itself or alongside an existing entity or entities, or to confirm an existing entity or entities in that role;

[4] CBD/SBI/7/3.
[5] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.
[6] The estimated extrabudgetary resource requirements for the activities outlined in the draft decision are shown in the annex to the present document.
[7] In complement to recommendation 6/1 of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation.
[8] Decision 16/34, annex I.
[9] Decision 15/4, annex.
[10] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

(c) To include in the elements of a draft decision. if appropriate, the establishment of an intersessional process to develop the terms of reference and modalities of a new entity on the basis of the criteria;

(d) To undertake a stocktake review on the operations and performance of the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund, as mandated in decisions 15/7 and 15/15 of 19 December 2022, on the basis of the reports referred to in paragraph 9 below,[11] relevant reports of the Global Environment Facility and other relevant information, as appropriate;

(e) To make a recommendation on responding to the stocktake review of the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund and integrate it into elements of a draft decision for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its eighteenth meeting;

5. *Notes* the impediments to the effectiveness of global biodiversity finance and elements for its further enhancement, as set out in annex II to the present decision;

6. *Invites* Parties, other Governments, relevant organizations, multilateral development banks, the private sector and other stakeholders to take action immediately, where possible and as appropriate, in relation to the elements for the further enhancement of global biodiversity finance;

7. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, at a meeting held before the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and in accordance with the road map established in paragraph 23 of decision 16/34:

(a) To develop, on the basis, inter alia, of the elements provided in annex II to the present decision, measures that could be taken to enhance global biodiversity finance in order to mobilize new and additional resources from all sources;

(b) To assess the performance of existing relevant financial instruments and entities with respect to the implementation of the Framework, in particular Target 19 (a);

8. *Invites* developed country Parties and other Parties that may voluntarily assume the obligations of the developed country Parties, in accordance with paragraph 2 of Article 20 of the Convention, to indicate to the Secretariat their interest in being included in the corresponding list established in accordance with that Article;

9. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of financial resources, to support the work requested of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation before the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, including by preparing or commissioning reports to support consideration by the Subsidiary Body of the items referred to in paragraphs 4 and 7 above;

10. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary:

[11] The Secretariat has suggested, in document CBD/SBI/7/4, on the financial mechanism, that the preparatory work for the stocktake review be undertaken in conjunction with the seventh quadrennial review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism.

(a) To issue the invitations referred to in paragraph 8 at every other meeting of the Conference of the Parties, starting at its nineteenth meeting;

(b) To amend the list of developed country Parties and other Parties that voluntarily assume the obligations of the developed country Parties in accordance with indications of interest received and to submit the amended list for review and adoption at every other meeting of the Conference of the Parties, starting at its eighteenth meeting;

11. *Decides* to review the process described in paragraphs 8 and 10 above at its twenty-first meeting.

Annex I

Amendments to the criteria for the institutional structure operating the financial mechanism envisaged under Article 21 of the Convention on Biological Diversity

[Placeholder for the amendments]

Annex II

Impediments to the effectiveness of global biodiversity finance and elements for its further enhancement

Impediments to the effectiveness of global biodiversity finance	*Elements for the further enhancement of the effectiveness of global biodiversity finance*
Policy misalignment, poor synergy and mainstreaming challenges	
Lack of policy alignment and mainstreaming at all levels	Significantly increase action to meet Target 14 of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework; strengthen the role of national biodiversity strategies and action plans in national policy and planning
Lack of alignment of relevant financial and fiscal flows; and weak synergies across environmental finance	Significantly increase action to meet Target 14; consider acting on recommendations provided in [placeholder for the operative paragraph of the present decision that would include the provisions of paragraph 8 of the elements of a draft decision contained in recommendation 6/1 of the Subsidiary Body of Implementation] and [placeholder for a reference to operative

Impediments to the effectiveness of global biodiversity finance	*Elements for the further enhancement of the effectiveness of global biodiversity finance*
	paragraph 6 of the draft decision contained in recommendation 27/3 of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice], and harness and align project development support facilities across environmental finance
Lack of coordination and complementarity across financial institutions and instruments	Strengthen synergies with portfolios of development banks at all levels
Lack of private sector involvement in biodiversity finance	Stimulate private biodiversity finance through incentives and biodiversity-positive policy signals
Subsidies and financial flows harmful to biodiversity	
Subsidies and financial flows harmful to biodiversity, which often reduce the cost of activities that harm biodiversity or insulate them from market signals reflecting ecological damage	Significantly increase action to meet Target 18, including through such tools as those supported by the Biodiversity Finance Initiative
Issues related to illicit financial flows, tax justice, tax evasion and illegal, unreported and unregulated resource exploitation	Consider policy reforms to enhance transparency, tax justice, accountability and enforcement
Macroeconomic and public-finance constraints	
Discretionary nature and institutional fragmentation of biodiversity spending; unpredictable international public flows; and impact of debt sustainability	Significantly increase action to meet Target 19; integrate biodiversity finance budget earmarking; and consider acting on recommendations provided in [place holder for the operative paragraph of the present decision that would include the provisions of paragraph 5 of the elements of a draft decision contained in recommendation 6/1 of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation]
Mismatch between long-term finance needs and short-term project finance, in	Align international biodiversity finance with needs, not project funding cycles; invest

Impediments to the effectiveness of global biodiversity finance	*Elements for the further enhancement of the effectiveness of global biodiversity finance*
particular in international biodiversity finance	international biodiversity finance in capacity-building and de-risking in order to mobilize sustainable domestic resources; invest finance for finance, with a view to developing capacity and mobilizing domestic resources; and invest in development and operationalization of national biodiversity finance plans
Institutional and absorptive capacity constraints	
Institutional capacity constraints	Integrate capacity needs into systemic long-term biodiversity finance planning; and establish dedicated biodiversity finance units within both ministries of finance and environment
Absorptive capacity constraints	Review and streamline national policies, procedures and regulations
Biodiversity finance tracking and taxonomy fragmentation	
Fragmented biodiversity finance tracking	Enhance national budget tagging and coherent reporting structures domestically and internationally
Insufficient uptake of biodiversity finance taxonomies	Incentivize the private sector to include and take up established biodiversity finance taxonomies
Safeguards, governance and monitoring gaps	
Capacity and resource gaps; weak coordination; measuring, reporting and verifying challenges; regulatory complexity; information asymmetry, trust gaps and awareness limitations; stakeholder engagement issues; and governance challenges	Consider recommendations provided in [place holder for the operative paragraph of the present decision that would include the provisions of paragraph 7 of the elements of a draft decision in recommendation 6/1 of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation]; enhance capacity-building on safeguards; improve national policies on monitoring and reporting; and strengthen legal frameworks that support safeguards

Impediments to the effectiveness of global biodiversity finance	*Elements for the further enhancement of the effectiveness of global biodiversity finance*
Equity, access and power asymmetries in biodiversity finance	
Insufficient funding and limited access; and mismatches between long-term finance needs and short-term project finance approaches	Simplify access with flexible, long-term, predictable, DIRECT, ACCESSIBLE financing; and invest in finance for finance in order to support domestic resource mobilization
Additional barriers faced by indigenous peoples and local communities; and unequal representation	Consider the strategies for ADEQUATE, INCLUSIVE, improved AND DIRECT access compiled in document CBD/SB8J/1/2; and work through trusted intermediaries CHOSEN BY INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES