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Mainstreaming of biodiversity across sectors, including agriculture, forests and fisheries

The IIFB honours to the Mohawk and Haudenosaunee Peoples for having us here one more time on their traditional lands. We thank the Secretariat and the parties for allowing IPLCs participate in the mainstreaming meeting in Mexico and other meetings. We also thank the Secretariat for preparing the documents.

The IIFB welcomes the document SBSTTA/20/15 which refers to the interdependency of agriculture, forests and fisheries with biological diversity and the need to have an integral planning, a common vision of the inter-sectorial synergies and the application of sustainable policies and practices to increase the productivity and sustainability of these sectors.

In this regard the IIFB would like to recall that for IPLCs Mother Earth and all her beings is alive and sacred, that all her elements are interconnected and interrelated within the diverse ecosystems. These ecosystems had been preserved throughout the time and space with our systems of knowledge, cultures, worldviews, times, languages, stories, spiritualities and relationships among human beings and among us with the cosmos and the environment.

IPLCs practice on a daily bases values such as respect, solidarity, reciprocity, care one another, oral tradition, collective rights, trust, collective well-being among others. Values that we as Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities would like to practice in this new CBD process of mainstreaming despite the fact that we practice it since ancestral times with a holistic approach. Therefore, IPLCs would like to work in the mainstreaming with a clear framework, responsibility, honesty, transparency, consultation, dialogue about problems and solutions, and real inclusion and effective participation. The IIFB is conscious of the challenges that IPLCs have to overcome while working for mainstreaming, such as:

- Tenure of land, territories and waters The negative effects of extractive industries (destruction of flora, fauna, culture, language ...)
- Have full and effective participation at local, national, regional levels in the CBD process, CBD meetings, intersessional meetings, WG8j, SBSTTA, SPI, Nagoya Protocol, benefit sharing, National Plans, Aichi targets (18)
- Political will for creating coherent and inclusive policies related to biodiversity taking in consideration the cultural diversity
- Robust social safeguards to ensure IPLCs survival and Mother Earth's too (FPIC, MAT, BS, veto, community protocols)
- Have intercultural teams and frameworks for biodiversity mainstreaming (intergenerational and multidisciplinary)
- Have disaggregated data for policy making
- Inclusion of customary law and traditional knowledge and practices (holistic view)
- Sustainable financial resources for participation, capacity building and implementation



- Capacity building at all levels (for instance the RMIB-LAC work)
- Inclusion of women and youth

Regarding to suggested recommendation N-9 the IIFB would like to recommend the inclusion of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities before the word needs:

9. *Urges* Parties and other Governments to align financial incentives and performance-based payments with national biodiversity objectives to reduce habitat loss, degradation and fragmentation, and to channel public and private sources of finance into practices that improve the sustainability of production while reducing biodiversity loss and promote the restoration of critical ecosystems in a way that provides for ***Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities*** needs, does not cause harm to other ecosystems, and complies with applicable legal environmental regulations;

In the paragraph 32 related to Forests the inclusion of IPLCs after relevant the word stakeholders

32. *Encourages* Parties and other Governments and other relevant stakeholders ***including Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities*** to contribute to the preparation of the 2017-2020 Strategic Plan of the international arrangement on forests;

Thank you Mr. Chair.