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**Mainstreaming of biodiversity into the sectors of energy and mining, infrastructure, and manufacturing and processing industry, and health: scientific and technical considerations and use of the programmes of work of the Convention.**

Distinguished madame chair,

Thank you for this opportunity to take the floor on behalf of the International Indigenous Peoples Forum on Biodiversity (IIFB).

We, indigenous peoples are the custodians of the world's remaining natural resources, however, mining, infrastructure, mega dams, palm oil and rubber plantations, wind mills, geo-thermal, and illegal logging among others, are appropriating our lands and resources without our Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC). This has adversely affected our lands and resources including the loss of biodiversity and traditional knowledge.

Therefore, it is urgent to recognize the rights of indigenous peoples and local communities, and to develop genuine engagement, partnerships and dialogue, to continue the protection of existing biodiversity. This will not only benefit traditional livelihoods of indigenous peoples, but will also rebalance biodiversity for the entirety of the earth.

We call on the the industry to take up the opportunity and potential to positively contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals and to reorient their core business to include local participatory decision making processes, IPLCs best practices of impact assessments and monitoring of safeguards.

The IIFB welcomes the reference to the importance of indigenous peoples and local communities in mainstreaming in paragraph 75 c. We would also encourage parties to acknowledge the roles and contributions of community based monitoring and information systems.

We therefore propose the following text on 75 c:

Also note the important role of indigenous peoples and local communities and relevant stakeholders; **and roles and contributions of community based monitoring and information system** in addressing mainstreaming in these sectors;

Furthermore, we would like to propose some additions in paragraph 75 e i, so that it would read as follows.



(e) Encourage Parties:

(i) To review the trends with respect to these sectors in their own countries, as well as existing laws, policies and practices to address potential impacts on biodiversity ***and traditional livelihoods and knowledge of indigenous peoples and local communities*** from these sectors.

Finally, we request parties to please support our intervention.

Thank you Madam Chair.