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Tools to Evaluate the Effectiveness of Policy Instruments for the Implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020

Mr./Madam Chair,

The International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity welcomes the documents CBD/SBSTTA/21/7 and the broad range of methodologies applied towards the evaluations of the effectiveness of measures or policy instruments, including on experiences and lessons learned in their application.

In order to evaluate the effectiveness of instruments for the implementation of the strategic plan, reports, where they address issues related to indigenous peoples and local communities, should include information on instruments and criteria should contain information on how these were derived, on the full and effective participation of indigenous peoples and local communities in their construction, and whether and how these are consistent with their customary rights or normative systems. The non-recognition of the IPLCs initiatives on community-based monitoring and information systems (CBMIS) as a collective and participatory process of generating, analyzing, monitoring and evaluating data as a powerful tool to link traditional knowledge, science and policy demonstrates the continuing gaps between IPLC contributions and Parties' commitment to ensure their full and effective participation in the work of the Convention and in national planning, implementation and reporting.

On this basis, the IIFB would like to recommend the full and effective participation of IPLCs in the whole process of national reports and the provision of additional resources for implementing national biodiversity action plans with IPLCs participation.

We propose the following changes in the draft decisions:

1. *Takes note* of the range of approaches, **including community-based monitoring and information systems by indigenous peoples and local communities**, for evaluating the effectiveness of policy instruments or measures in supporting the implementation of the Convention and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, which is summarized in the note by the Executive Secretary on tools to evaluate the effectiveness of policy instruments for the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020;

Thank you.