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**Protected and other effective area-based conservation measures**

Mr. Chair,

The International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity (IIFB) would like to thank the Secretariat for preparing the document for this agenda item and for assisting 2 indigenous peoples and local communities' representatives to attend the Expert Group meeting on Protected Areas and OECMs last February in Montreal.

We welcome the content of the Annexes, especially Annex 2 on voluntary guidance on effective governance models for management of protected areas, including equity, taking into account work being undertaken under Article 8(j). It includes necessary guidance to improve progress on vital qualitative aspects of Target 11 such as equitable governance and management, including acknowledgement of and respect for the rights, identities, values, knowledge systems and institutions of indigenous peoples and local communities. One recommendation concerning this Annex refers to paragraph 11, sub-paragraph (e): we agree with the need to have appropriate procedures and mechanisms for fair dispute or conflict resolution but would also propose to add the need for an appropriate grievance and redress mechanism.

We note that many of the aspects addressed in Annex 2 are not reflected in the section on Suggested Recommendations of the document, so we would like to suggest some additions to the Suggested Recommendations:

The Conference of the Parties:

4. Invites Parties, ***in collaboration with indigenous peoples and local communities and other relevant organisation***, to apply the scientific and technical advice on other effective area-based conservation measures, including by:
5. Encourages Parties, other governments, relevant organisations and indigenous peoples and local communities to:
  - (a) Take into account the considerations, as compiled in the note by the Executive Secretary, in achieving Aichi Biodiversity Target 11 in marine and coastal areas in their efforts to achieve all elements of Aichi Biodiversity Target 11 in marine and coastal areas;
  - (b) Ensure full and effective participation of indigenous peoples and local communities in monitoring processes, including through community-based monitoring and information systems (CBMIS), of marine and coastal areas and recognise their traditional knowledge, innovations and practices; customary sustainable use; and areas of historical traditional and customary access.***



6. Invites the International Union for Conservation of Nature and the World Conservation Monitoring Centre to upgrade the World Database on Protected Areas by providing a section on the other effective area-based conservation measures and to work with Parties and other Governments **and indigenous peoples and local communities** on the basis of their analysis of other effective area-based conservation measures at the national level in order to update the World Database on Protected Areas accordingly;
7. Requests the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with partners, Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations:
  - (a) To provide capacity-building **including training workshops to increase dissemination at the local level** to enable the application of the guidance developed in response to paragraphs 9(a)(i-iv), 10(a) and 10(b) of decision XIII/2;
  - (b) To systematically collect information **including from indigenous peoples and local communities with their free prior and informed consent** on other effective area-based conservation measures, to facilitate mapping and showcase their contribution to Aichi Biodiversity Target 11 and to disseminate this information through the clearing-house mechanism of the Convention and relevant publications;
8. Encourages Parties **other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities and relevant organisations** to:
  - (a) share case studies/best practices and examples of management approaches, governance types and effectiveness related to other effective area-based conservation measures, including experiences with the application of the guidance, through the clearing-house mechanism of the Convention and other means;
  - (b) Take into account the 2016 report of the UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples on the theme Indigenous Peoples and Conservation<sup>1</sup> and the 2017 report of the UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and the Environment<sup>2</sup> and apply their recommendations, where appropriate.**

Thank you chair.

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<sup>1</sup> Tauli-Corpuz, V (2016) Report of the Special Rapporteur of the Human Rights Council on the rights of indigenous peoples, A/71/229.

<sup>2</sup> Knox (2017), Report of the Special Rapporteur on the issue of human rights obligations relating to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment, A/HRC/34/49.