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AGENDA ITEM 8: PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL SCIENCE-POLICY PLATFORM ON BIODIVERSITY AND ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES (IPLCS – MAJOR GROUP), INTERNATIONAL INDIGENOUS FORUM ON BIODIVERSITY (IIFB) DELIVERED BY MS. JOJI CARIÑO, FPP.

The International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity (IIFB) deeply appreciates the Global Assessment on Biodiversity and Ecosystem published by IPBES and the application of its approach to recognising and working with and Local Knowledge in all its functions. We look forward to increased collaboration with the platform in its future programme of work.

IIFB would like to make the following recommendations under this Agenda item.

After paragraph 1, which welcomes the rolling work programme of the platform to 2030, to add a new paragraph 1 bis.

Furthermore, given the ground-breaking work of IPBES on indicators relevant for indigenous peoples and local communities, to add some words at the end of paragraph 6, and a new paragraph 6bis:

The new paragraphs will read as follows:

1. *Welcomes* the rolling work programme of the Platform up to 2030,

1. bis Also welcomes the ground-breaking efforts of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services to advance the inclusion of indigenous and local knowledge and diverse knowledge systems in all its assessments and other functions, as well as its engagement with self-organised networks and organisations of indigenous peoples and local communities and other stakeholders through outreach and communications.

6. *Invites* the Platform to consider providing methodological support to help and assist monitoring and reporting, ~~at the national level,~~ of status and trends in biodiversity and ecosystem services and of the drivers of their change, **including cultural indicators relevant for conservation, sustainable use and benefit-sharing from the use of biodiversity;**

6. bis Invites the Platform to work in meaningful partnership with indigenous peoples and local communities to put forward a strong approach to equitably bring together indigenous and local knowledge and science in the identification of indicators, the development of assessments, reports, and additional products needed to inform decision-making and policy.