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Opening Statement

Thank you, Mr Chairman,

The IIFB would like to thank the secretariat for the preparation of the meeting documents in in this meeting. The IIFB would like to bring to the attention of the Parties and observers of the SBI1 that the consistent use of the terminology, Indigenous peoples and local communities, as the language to be used following the decision of the COP12 meeting in Pyeongchang.

While the Parties to the Nagoya Protocols have not yet endorsed the decision, the IIFB would like to include this as a recommendation from SBI to the Parties' meeting in COP-MOP2 of the Nagoya protocol meeting in COP13. Mr Chairman, we will be discussing this week the vital role that IPLCs play in the implementation of the work of the convention. Progress has been done, but it is not enough. IIFB is worried that some critical Targets are being left behind. It is for this reason that IIFB is recommending that Article 8(j) and related provisions are enhanced if we want to achieve the implementation of the strategic plan and the Aichi targets.

With regard to the conduct of this meeting, adequate time needs to be given for statements by IPLCs, to be read in full to obtain and to support from the Parties. The IIFB requests the Chair of the meeting to raise Parties' support for proposals from the IIFB and other organisations, speaking at the end of agenda items at SBI1. There may also be on occasion 2 statements from IPLCs – one from IIFB on behalf of Indigenous peoples and one separately from local communities.

The IIFB would like to thank the donors Australia, Germany, Japan, the Republic of Korea, New Zealand, Sweden and Switzerland for their financial contributions to support us to be able to participate in these important CBD meetings and COPs. We also recommend that the parties support strategies and other mechanisms to enhance the contribution to the participation of IPLCs in the work of the convention, for example, capacity building and the contributions of Indigenous women and youth. Therefore, this is a plea to maintain that IPLCs including Indigenous women and youth, full and effective participation at these CBD meetings and be able to share information with the Parties on the work of IPLCs and learn from the Parties as well.

Thank you, Mr Chair.