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Closing Statement

Thank you, Mr Chair,

I'm speaking on behalf of IIFB

IIFB wishes to thank Parties for the productive interaction with the IIFB during SBI1. We really appreciate the fundamental support from the parties to include the proposals of the indigenous peoples and local communities at this meeting.

It is important to understand and recognize that as indigenous peoples we have our own view of life and the universe, we have our own forms of use, management and conservation of biodiversity and our lands and territories, which have made contribution to conservation issues in several countries where there are indigenous peoples.

We also underline the full and effective participation of Indigenous peoples and Local Communities including women and youth, in all programs of implementation and integration of the CBD, for instance, Cartagena Protocol, capacity building at all levels , and participation in all meetings of the CBD. For this reason we ask you kindly increase financial support for the voluntary fund to ensure greater representation and participation of indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth.

We would like to urge Governments and other partners to also include Indigenous Peoples and local communities, women and youth in process such as Capacity building, NBSAPs and CEPA (target 1,14, 16, 17 and 18) of the strategic plan and Aichi targets at the regional, sub regional, national and local levels.

For to the Government of Mexico, we hope to work together in the framework of the COP13.

Thank you, Mr Chair.