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IIFB appreciate the comprehensive work done to compile the document and welcome the document **UNEP/CBD/SBI/1/11** and other such complimentary documents

We take note of the limited progress made, in the fifth National Report, the small percentage of reports reaching the Secretariat on the required time line that have contributed to the gaps and the timely completion of the Global Biodiversity Outlook.

Mr Chair, IIFB welcome the development of common reporting modules on issues or areas shared by biodiversity related conventions and associated protocols. And we welcome the draft guidelines for the sixth national report. We take note of the suggestion and thank the Secretariat for recognizing and integrating the international customary law in the draft guidelines for the sixth national report.

In this respect, we urge parties to involve indigenous people and local communities in the preparation of the sixth national report.

Mr, Chair, IIFB would like to propose to include in the suggested recommendation

7. *Requests* Parties to involve relevant stakeholders *including indigenous peoples and local communities in* the preparation and review of the sixth national report to ensure that national reports reflect national implementation comprehensively, and to increase alignments and coordination in reporting to the Convention and its Protocols and synergies in reporting among related conventions, including the biodiversity-related conventions and the Rio conventions;

Thank you Mr, Chair.