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Thank you, Mr. Chair

The IIFB thanks the Secretariat for the documentation prepared on this agenda item. We have two comments and two recommendations.

First, in section III, MONITORING AND EVALUATION, paragraph 19, sub-paragraph (g) on *Reviewing and revising safeguards policies*, we welcome the proposal that the policy on safeguards and rules of engagement with indigenous peoples should be reviewed for gaps against good practices and be updated accordingly. We stand ready to participate in the revision and updating of this policy and we call on the GEF to initiate the revision and updating process as soon as possible.

Second, in section IV, DETERMINATION OF FUNDING REQUIREMENTS, paragraph 23, we welcome the increased allocation of funding share for the biodiversity focal area for GEF-7. We also note with interest the indicative allocation of funding to various areas, programmes and activities within the biodiversity focal area as described in sub-paragraphs (a) to (e). We would like to highlight that the collective actions of indigenous peoples and local communities at the local and national level are relevant to all of these areas, programmes and activities proposed for funding.

In this regard, we would again like to bring to the attention of the parties the publication of the Local Biodiversity Outlooks (LBO). Produced in collaboration with the CBD Secretariat and launched at COP-13 as a complement to GBO-4, the LBO provides rich, updated information about the contributions of IPLCs to each of the Aichi Targets and options for accelerating progress in their implementation. This represents only the tip of the iceberg of IPLCs' contributions to the objectives of the convention and the Aichi Targets; very many more cases are on the ground in all of the planet's ecosystems. However, many local actions, practices and initiatives are under threat and are severely under-resourced and undocumented. An increased allocation of financial resources to IPLCs' collective actions would go a long way to improve progress towards achieving the Aichi Targets. Furthermore, financial support for Community-based Monitoring and Information Systems would greatly enhance the evidence base and provide up to date information about collective actions of IPLCs and complement data and information generated by Parties and relevant organisations.

Based on the two comments above, we would like to propose the addition of two paragraphs in Section VI, SUGGESTED RECOMMENDATIONS:



Proposed added text:

3. bis Requests the GEF to review and update the policy on safeguards and rules of engagement with indigenous peoples, against criteria of best practice and in line with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

3. ter Urges the GEF to ensure that the collective action and contributions of IPLCs towards achieving the Aichi Biodiversity Targets are better supported and upscaled through an increased targeted and direct allocation of GEF-7 financial resources to IPLCs' programmes, projects and activities in addition to the existing Small Grants Programme.

We would welcome support by Parties. Thank you, Chair.