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Progress in the implementation of the Convention and the Strategic Plan For Biodiversity 2011-2020 and towards the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets

Thank you, Madam/Mr. Chair

The IIFB would like to acknowledge the Mohawk Indigenous peoples of this region and thank them for their hospitality and look forward to a very exciting Opening Ceremony this evening.

We also want to acknowledge Malawi and Canada, in collaboration with the SCBD, are proposing the creating of a new group called "Friends of Gender Equality".

The IIFB thanks the Secretariat for the comprehensive documentation prepared for this second meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation.

The IIFB has a very comprehensive response to this item but we will just highlight the critical points. There is context in the full IIFB Statement that supports our recommendations which we will provide the full version in full in writing.

However, it would have been useful to have, but we could not find CBD/SBI/2/2/Add.4 document on the website which was indicated in the Annotated Provisional Agenda to have updated information on progress towards Aichi Biodiversity Target 18 on traditional knowledge and customary sustainable use of biodiversity, as well as implementation of the Plan of Action on Customary Sustainable Use.

The IIFB is concerned with the progress towards the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity targets are not sufficient and would urge the parties to implement further urgent and effective action to reduce the pressures on biodiversity decline. Of most relevance the IPLC's is almost 1/3 of the NBSAPs did not contain targets related to Aichi Target 18.

The IIFB urges the Parties to consider traditional knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous peoples and local communities for integration in parallel with national legislation and relevant international obligations. This will go some way towards the implementation of the Convention with full and effective participation of indigenous peoples and local communities, at some relevant levels.

The IIFB appreciates many parties have established targets or made commitments within the framework of other international processes beyond the CBD. We believe, in this context, there is an opportunity for parties, when establishing or reviewing their national targets under the Convention, to take into account relevant targets under other innovative processes including the opportunity



for IPLCs, indigenous women and youth participation in the further development and revision of NBSAPs.

The IIFB notes the parties have made progress towards the Aichi Targets but at a rate that is insufficient to allow the targets to be met by the deadline unless additional actions are taken. We would again, humbly like to bring to the attention of the parties, the publication of the Local Biodiversity Outlooks (LBOs). 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. The LBO was a collaborative effort between the IIFB, the Secretariat of the CBD and the Forest Peoples Programme, launched at COP13 to complement GBO4. IPBES global assessment authors have acknowledged the usefulness of the LBO document.

We congratulate the CBD Secretariat and thank those donors who have made possible the capacity-building and training for many IPLCs and government representatives at numerous regional, national and sub-national workshops. The ability of workshop participants to replicate and echo these workshops in-country for many more participants, demonstrates the effectiveness of the workshops and calls for additional funding to be provided to IPLCs for national and local activities.

To address an issue of equity, we urge Parties to consider that there should be the opportunity for IPLCs to be supported by Parties and to be provided with legal and professional advice about negotiating agreements for what could be shared in the way of information, knowledge and benefits so that there is equity for the IPLCs who are entering into an Agreement to have the same opportunities as the Parties. Otherwise some IPLCs may not be benefitting in the long term and some legal and professional guidance would be very useful for them.

In regard to the Review of implementation and operation of the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House, including number of access and benefit-sharing measures made available, it is stated that: Relevant stakeholders, indigenous peoples and local communities, and relevant organizations may not be aware of possible information they have that they could contribute. Therefore, more effort is needed to build capacity as well as the awareness of these groups.

The IIFB feel that this could be a problem as it would involve intellectual property rights of IPLCs Indigenous knowledge, innovations and practices. There needs to be some safeguards so that IPLCs are not exploited for their Indigenous knowledge.

IIFB has the following recommendations

In the draft recommendation, para 139, 4(c): The IIFB would like to urge parties to address an equity issue with the following words after minimum requirements for mutually agreed terms - To support the participation of indigenous peoples and local communities in the implementation of the Protocol, including by supporting the development by indigenous peoples and local communities of community protocols and procedures, minimum requirements for mutually agreed terms **and to provide support for IPLCs to access to legal and professional advice and guidance so that there is equity arrangements when negotiating agreements**, and model contractual clauses for



benefit-sharing arising from the utilization of traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources, and raising their awareness and capacity about access and benefit-sharing;

In para 127(d) the IIFB is concerned that the way the para reads now: *Relevant stakeholders, indigenous peoples and local communities, and relevant organizations may not be aware of possible information they have that they could contribute. Therefore, more effort is needed to build capacity as well as the awareness of these groups.*

While this is a finding of the Review of implementation and operation of the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House, including number of access and benefit-sharing measures; the IIFB is concerned that this could be a problem as it would involve intellectual property of IPLCs Indigenous knowledge. There needs to be some safeguards so that IPLCs are not exploited for their knowledge.

We propose to add to the end of recommendation 6(c): To make available information on capacity-building initiatives and capacity-building resources on the ABS Clearing-House ***ensuring that measures for safeguarding the intellectual property of the Indigenous knowledge, innovations and practices must be integrated into the processes of the ABS Clearing House Mechanism and all capacity building opportunities;***

Review of national biodiversity strategies and action plan and national reports

The Conference of the Parties

1. *Takes note* of the progress of the updated analysis of national biodiversity strategies and action plans as whole-of –government policy instruments and *requests* the Executive Secretary to update this information periodically, ***including the consideration of the Local Biodiversity Outlook₂***, and to make it available through the clearing-house mechanisms of the Convention.

Gender Plan of Action

4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, subject to availability of resources, to undertake a review of the implementation of the 2015-2020 Gender Plan of Action, in parallel to the development of the fifth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook*, ***and the second edition of the Local Biodiversity Outlook₂***, in order to identify gaps, best practices and lessons learned.

We would appreciate the support of parties in this regard.

We will submit the proposal in writing.