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Enhancing integration under the Convention and its Protocols with respect to provisions related to Access and Benefit-Sharing, provisions related to biosafety, and provisions related to Article 8(j)

Thank you Chair,

The IIFB very much appreciates the work the Secretariat has done on these documents to provide important information about a major change to the work of the Working Group on 8(j).

In relation to document CBD/SBI/2/21, there have been many discussions amongst IIFB members to ensure that an enhanced participation mechanism is embedded in any option that might be put forward as a preferred model.

As our deadlines draw closer, the IIFB requests that any online forums should take place as soon as possible so that they can provide information and allow the time needed for deep and meaningful discussion to take place for a fully integrated model to be recommended at COP15.

We have also been in dialogue with many Parties to gather views and ideas and would welcome any further engagement with Parties in the period leading to COP14, in Egypt.

The IIFB Proposal

In our view, it is imperative to **mainstream IPLC perspectives and participation** in the overall CBD agenda in a manner that complements the **establishment of a permanent subsidiary body** to channel the perspectives of indigenous peoples and local communities to the COP. The mandate for this proposed permanent body should build upon the existing mandate of the working group on 8(j). The IIFB appreciates the open-ended and inclusive spirit of the current structure and proposes that this should be carried forward in any future enhanced participation mechanism(s).

In addition to this, the IIFB would advance the following principles for the development of any new proposed body:

1. Full and equal participation, including in leadership roles.
2. The participation of IPLC representatives in accordance with IPLC procedures.
3. Adequate funding from the Secretariat, in addition to Voluntary Contributions to enable its functions.
4. Permanent, open-ended, and inclusive, beyond the limited scope of an "expert" body.
5. Supportive of the objectives of a "learning" platform for an effective exchange of information.



6. Inclusive of fundamental ethical standards, including Knowledge Security, FPIC, and a rights-based approach.

These principles to be framed in a way that would accommodate any functions of a new body that could evolve in the period between 2020 and 2050.

Thank you, Chair