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National reporting and assessment and review under the Convention and its protocols

The International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity (IIFB) thanks the Secretariat for preparing the documents CBD/SBI/2/12 and CBD/SBI/2/13.

IIFB takes note of the gradual process being undertaken to bring the Convention and the two Protocols closer together.

Indigenous Peoples and Local communities, women and youth, and other relevant stakeholders may contribute tangible inputs in the preparation of the national reporting under the Convention and its Protocols, including but not limited to the sixth national report under the Convention, as well as into developments for the future strategic plans of the Convention and its Protocols.

The Biodiversity Indicators Partnership played a significant role for the biodiversity-related Conventions and the reporting processes of the Parties. We note the importance and it is essential to continue the ongoing process on development of indicators with the full and effective participation of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities, while developing the post-2020 biodiversity strategic frameworks and other programs.

Furthermore, with regards the monitoring and reporting (Article 33) and Assessment and Review of the Effectiveness of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (Article 35), IIFB would like to reiterate the importance of the precautionary approach and to ensure their free, prior and informed consent (FPIC) prior the introduction of living modified organisms in their lands and territories.

We urge the Parties to ensure the full and effective participation of indigenous peoples and local communities in the risk assessment, monitoring and management and decision-making on living modified organisms. In this regard, we propose the following changes in the suggested recommendations:

I. SUGGESTED RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Monitoring and Reporting (article 33)

19. The Subsidiary Body on Implementation may wish to recommend that the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol at its ninth meeting adopt a decision along the following lines:



The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety

2. *Invites* Parties to prepare their reports through a consultative process involving all relevant national stakeholders, ***including indigenous peoples and local communities***, as appropriate;

On the annex, IIFB would like to insert an additional question 16 that would read:

16. Has your country established legislations or policies that address Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPLCs) concerns about biosafety and possible introduction of living modified organisms on their lands, waters and territories?