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**Cooperation with other conventions, international organizations and initiatives**

Thank you Chair,

The IIFB would like to thank the Secretariat for the preparation of the documents for this item. Documents CBD/SBI/2/10 and associated information documents provide impressive coverage about the range of activities and processes being undertaken with other conventions and international organisations to build partnerships for biodiversity.

The IIFB would like to bring your attention to Section B, where there is only one very short paragraph 23 in the document which describes some efforts by Parties to the Convention and the Secretariat to collaborate with civil society stakeholder groups including those representing indigenous peoples and local communities, youth, women, academia, and local authorities in order to engage these stakeholders in the work of the Convention.

On the theme of building partnerships, IIFB sees this as a serious gap in the work of the CBD, but also one of its major opportunities to significantly catalyze enhanced implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity (2011-2020) and more so towards the post-2020 biodiversity framework and the 2050 vision.

At this meeting, SBI will be considering the future work of Working Group 8j. Alongside these deliberations, and under this agenda item and in support of mainstreaming efforts with key actors and across society, SBI needs to begin consideration of partnerships with indigenous peoples and local communities, civil society organisations, youth, women, academe and other so-called non-state actors as key actors for transformation and key partners of the Convention.

Actively pursuing such partnerships will significantly raise the political profile of biodiversity and awareness of its diverse values.

IIFB proposes the following recommendations under paragraph 34

*The Subsidiary Body on Implementation:*

***3(bis) Notes the gap in collaborations with civil society stakeholder groups including those representing indigenous peoples and local communities, youth, women, academia, and local authorities;***

***6(bis) Requests the Executive Secretary to present a report to SBI3 on options for building partnerships with non-state actors, in collaboration with the International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity, the Global Youth Biodiversity Network, the CBD Alliance and other***



***stakeholder groups;***

The Parties may also wish to add a new section to address the gaps identified in our Statement.

Under: *The Conference of Parties:*

**D. Partnerships with Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities, Civil Society Organisations, Women and Youth**

***31. Welcomes the building collaboration and strong partnerships with Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities, Civil Society Organisations, Women and Youth in implementing the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity (2011-2020) towards the 2050 vision***

***32. Requests the Executive Secretary to provide further guidance on modes of collaboration and ways and means to build these partnerships in a manner that is respectful of the values, customs, rights and interests of Indigenous peoples and local communities.***

We seek the support from Parties.

Thank you, Mr Chair.