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**AGENDA ITEM 9: MECHANISMS FOR REPORTING, ASSESSMENT AND REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION**

**Statement of the International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity (IIFB), Presented by Ms. Joji Carino from FPP.**

Thank you, Madame Chairperson, honoured colleagues,

I am speaking on behalf of the International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity (IIFB). In this statement, IIFB wishes to underline the fundamental importance of indigenous peoples and local communities' full and effective participation in the processes of planning, reporting, assessment and review, to enhance the implementation of the goals of the Convention.

Such participation requires an enabling framework, including accessible mechanisms, supportive partnerships with governments and others, as well as targeted financial resources for IPs & LCs to effectively contribute to this work at local, national, regional and global levels.

GBO-5 and LBO-2 report that despite some progress during the decade, Aichi Biodiversity Target 18 has not been met. Only 10% of Parties have engaged IPs & LCs in the planning of NBSAPs, and national reporting on Target 18 has been piece-meal, primarily on projects and activities, and that the indicators on Traditional Knowledge have not been used. There is also a gap in the engagement and inclusion of IPs & LCs in the Cartagena and Nagoya Protocols, and in the monitoring and reporting mechanisms.

IIFB's message is that the ongoing disregard for the vital contributions of indigenous peoples and local communities (IPLCs) to biodiversity conservation and sustainable use constituted a major missed opportunity for the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity 2011–2020 that has also impacted the fulfilment of complementary global binding agreements.

This consistent neglect has affected the under-achievement of all 20 Aichi Biodiversity Targets, with fundamental lessons remaining to be learnt about securing the future of nature and cultures. Putting the cultures and rights of IPLCs at the heart of the 2050 biodiversity strategy would deliver sustainable livelihoods and wellbeing, and positive outcomes for biodiversity and climate.

We congratulate the Secretariat for the comprehensive documents prepared under this Agenda Item, but would also like to highlight some needed additions, based on lessons learned about the implementation of Aichi Biodiversity Target 18 under the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity (2011-2020).

IIFB makes the following proposals, and accompanying textual proposals in our submitted statement:

- 1. There is a need to underline more strongly, the importance of whole society as well as whole government approaches in planning, reporting and experience sharing, affirming that these are multidimensional, inclusive and participatory. This is not a simple add-on to government leadership, it is a core principle in transparent, accountable and effective governance.**

2. IIFB strongly supports the identified elements of the proposed reporting and review mechanism. Commitments made by non-state actors, particularly the collective actions of indigenous peoples and local communities and stakeholders, as well as their knowledge systems, must be appropriately reflected and valued as important contributions towards national strategies, national ambitions and national implementation.
3. In this regard, community-based monitoring and information systems (CBMIS), citizen science, and biocultural indicators are important components of all biodiversity monitoring systems. IIFB is committed to the continued publication of Local Biodiversity Outlooks, as complementary to Global Biodiversity Outlook. The report can serve as a mechanism for community-based assessments of biodiversity outcomes, as well as a hub for data generation and application of the CBD-adopted indicators on traditional knowledge.  
[www.localbiodiversityoutlooks.net](http://www.localbiodiversityoutlooks.net)
4. IIFB welcomes the analysis and proposals contained in the note by the Executive Secretary,<sup>1</sup> and requests the Co-Chairs of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework to take them into account when preparing documentation related to the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.
5. Arising from our collective discussion of the documents under this Agenda Item, IIFB has the following proposals focused on the Recommendations:

#### SBI3 RECOMMENDATIONS

- \*Under paragraph 4 to insert the words: “**including voluntary commitments by non-State Actors, particularly collective actions of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPs & LCs)**” in sub-paragraphs a and b
- \*Under paragraph 4f. and 4g. to insert the words: “**including reports and reviews by Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities,**”
- \*Under paragraph 4g. to insert the words: “**including by Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities,**”
- \*Under paragraph h to insert the words: “**inclusive of community-based monitoring and information systems (CBMIS), citizen science and traditional knowledge systems**”
- \*Under Paragraph 5 to insert the words “**with the full and effective participation of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPs & LCs),**” after “the preparation of national reports”

#### UNDER THE RECOMMENDED DECISION BY COP 15

- \* To add the words **and participatory** after multidimensional, in the first lines of paragraphs 1 and 2
- \*To add the words “**including voluntary commitments by non-State Actors, particularly collective actions of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPs & LCs)**” in paragraphs 3, and 5(a), 5 (b), paragraph 6, 18(c), 18(f), 18(g), 18(k)
- \*In paragraph 5(b) to add the words “**and the third edition of *Local Biodiversity Outlooks***”
- \*In paragraph 5(d) to add the words **and the complementary report, fourth edition of *Local Biodiversity Outlooks***;
- \*In paragraph 9 to add the words **including community-based monitoring and information systems**

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<sup>1</sup> CBD/SBI/3/11.

**\*In paragraph 17 to add the words **and indigenous peoples and local communities****

Similar language is proposed under Paragraph 18, which requests actions by the Executive Secretary.

Thank you very much Madame Chairperson, for this opportunity to present IIFB's statement, which is also submitted for uploading.

## **VI. SUGGESTED ELEMENTS OF A RECOMMENDATION**

**By SBI3**

**\*Under paragraph 4 to insert the words: “including voluntary commitments by non-State Actors, particularly collective actions of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPs & LCs)” in sub-paragraphs a and b**

4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to further develop the modalities and operations of the multidimensional reporting and review approach set out in the note by the Executive Secretary,<sup>1</sup> as follows:
  - a. To develop guidance and a template for the submission of national commitments, **including voluntary commitments by non-State Actors, particularly collective actions of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPs & LCs)** in support of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and to make these available for the consideration of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework and the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting, as appropriate;
  - b. To develop a registry for national commitments in support of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework as part of the clearing-house mechanism of the Convention, taking into consideration experiences and possible linkages with the registry for the Sharm El-Sheikh to Kunming Action Agenda for Nature and People, **including of non-State actors, particularly collective actions of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPs & LCs)**, commitment platforms under other processes and with the online reporting tool for national reports, and the views expressed by Parties at the third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, and present this registry to the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework at its third meeting;

**\*Under paragraph 4f. and 4g. to insert the words: “including reports and reviews by Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities,”**

- f. To further develop, taking into account the experience of the trial phase of the open-ended forum on implementation, and the views and suggestions expressed during the third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, including reports and reviews by Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities, the modus operandi of the open-ended forum on implementation, and to make it available for the consideration of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework at its third meeting;

**\*Under paragraph 4g. to insert the words: “including by Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities,”**

- g. To further define and develop the scope, timeline, modus operandi, institutional arrangements, resources requirements, and expected results of a global stocktake of national commitments and contributions to the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, **including by Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities**, and submit this for the consideration of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework at its third meeting, considering the views and suggestions expressed at this meeting;

**\*Under paragraph h to insert the words: “inclusive of community-based monitoring and information systems (CBMIS) and citizen science, as well as traditional knowledge systems”**

- h. To include in the knowledge management component of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework an approach for the use of tools and platforms that can support national reporting and national planning processes, including possible data management approaches for the headline, component and detailed indicators, **inclusive of community-based monitoring and information systems (CBMIS), citizen science and traditional knowledge systems** in the monitoring framework proposed by the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework;

**\*Under Paragraph 5 to insert the words “with the full and effective participation of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPs &LCs),” after “the preparation of national reports”**

5. *Encourages* the Global Environment Facility and other funding agencies to make the necessary preparations to ensure that support is available in a timely and expeditious manner to developing countries, in particular least developed countries and small island developing States as well as Parties with economies in transition, for the development of national commitments and contributions to the goals and targets of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, the updating or revision of national biodiversity strategies and action plans or other relevant national planning instruments, the development of national monitoring and information management systems, including the development, identification and use of indicators, and the preparation of national reports **with the full and effective participation of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPs &LCs)**, so that Parties may begin these processes as soon as possible after the adoption of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and in accordance with the decisions emanating from the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;

**By COP15**

**\* 7. Recommends that the Conference of the Parties adopt a decision along the following lines:**

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Noting* the limited progress in implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, and *emphasizing* the need to enhance commitments and actions at all levels and by all sectors of society to achieve the goals and targets of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework,

**\* To add the words **and participatory** after multidimensional, in the first lines of paragraphs 1 and 2**

1. *Adopts* an enhanced multidimensional **and participatory** approach to planning, monitoring, reporting and review with a view to enhancing implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the post 2020 global biodiversity framework, comprising, as further elaborated in this decision: (a) the development and reporting of national commitments as contributions to the global goals and targets of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework; (b) national reports on implementation; (c) country-by-country peer reviews of implementation and global stocktakes of national contributions; and (d) global assessments of progress towards the goals and targets of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework;

2. *Decides* to keep the Convention’s multidimensional **and participatory** approach to planning, monitoring, reporting and review under review in order to take into account experiences with the approach and to make adjustments as required;

**\*To add the words “including voluntary commitments by non-State Actors, particularly collective actions of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPs & LCs)” in paragraphs 3, and 5(a), paragraph 6, 18(c), 18(f), 18(g), 18(k)**

3. *Welcomes* the template for the submission of national commitments as contributions to the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, “including voluntary commitments by non-State Actors, particularly collective actions of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPs & LCs)” provided in annex X to the present decision;

4. *Adopts* the guidelines provided in annex X to this decision,<sup>2</sup> including the reporting template for the seventh national report, noting that it will be aligned with the post-2020 global biodiversity framework as per paragraph 12(a) of the present decision;

5. *Decides* as follows:

- (a) At its sixteenth meeting [in 2023], to review the expected cumulative impact of national commitments towards each of the goals and targets of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, on the basis of national commitments, “including voluntary commitments by non-State Actors, particularly collective actions of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPs & LCs)” submitted through the clearing-house mechanism and a global gap report, with a view to identifying any commitment gaps and, as necessary, providing further advice to close these gaps;

**\*In paragraph 5(b) to add the words “including voluntary commitments by non-State Actors, particularly collective actions of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPs & LCs)” as well as “and the third edition of *Local Biodiversity Outlooks*”**

- (b) At its seventeenth meeting [in 2025], to undertake a global stocktake of progress towards each of the goals and targets of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, on the basis of the seventh national reports, updated national commitments, “including voluntary commitments by non-State Actors, particularly collective actions of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPs & LCs)”, lessons arising from the country-by-country reviews and the sixth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook*, and the third edition of *Local Biodiversity Outlooks* with a view to identifying any gaps in implementation and the related provision of the resources, and, as necessary, providing further advice to close these gaps;

**\*In paragraph 5(d) to add the words *and the complementary report fourth edition of Local Biodiversity Outlooks*;**

- (d) At its nineteenth meeting [in 2030], to undertake a final review of progress towards each of the goals and targets of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, on the basis of the eighth national reports, and the seventh edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook* and the complementary report -fourth edition of *Local Biodiversity Outlooks (LBO-4)*;

6. *Requests* Parties to develop national commitments as contributions to the attainment of each of the goals and targets of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, taking into account national circumstances, “including voluntary commitments by non-State Actors, particularly collective actions of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPs & LCs)” with a view to contributing to the full achievement of the targets of the framework, and to submit them through the clearing-house mechanism

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<sup>2</sup> To be developed pursuant to Subsidiary Body recommendation 3/–, paragraph 4.

no later than [31 October 2022] [within one year of the adoption of the framework at the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties], in line with the template provided in annex X;

**\*In paragraph 9 to add the words including community-based monitoring and information systems**

9. *Encourages* Parties to promote national level coordination and synergies in the preparation of national reports to the biodiversity-related conventions and the Rio conventions as well as national voluntary reviews on the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, including through the establishment of coordinating bodies and shared information systems **including community-based monitoring, information systems and traditional knowledge systems**, as appropriate and according to national circumstances;

**\*In paragraph 17 to add the words and indigenous peoples and local communities**

17. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility and *invites* other funding entities to make funds available in a timely and expeditious manner to developing countries, in particular least developed countries and small island developing States as well as Parties with economies in transition **and indigenous peoples and local communities**, to support the development of national commitments as contributions to the goals and targets of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, the updating or revision of national biodiversity strategies and action plans or other relevant national planning instruments, the development of national monitoring and information management systems, including the development, identification and use of indicators, for the implementation of the global biodiversity framework, and the preparation of national reports, so that Parties may begin these processes as soon as possible after the adoption of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and in accordance with decisions emanating from the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;

**\*Under Paragraph 18, to make the following additions:**

18. *Requests* the Executive Secretary:

(b) To further develop the online reporting tool for national reports to allow all Parties to prepare and submit the seventh national reports using the reporting format mentioned above, including linking reporting with a biodiversity monitoring system, **including community-based monitoring and information systems as well as traditional knowledge systems**, which would allow for data sharing between Parties and the Secretariat and with other multilateral environmental agreements and biodiversity-related conventions and other partners;

(c) To coordinate a review of national commitments and contributions, **“including voluntary commitments by non-State Actors, particularly collective actions of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPs & LCs),”** to each of the targets of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, including through the preparation of a global gap report assessing the collective ambitions of the national commitments and contributions against the global goals and targets of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, and to make this report available for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at a meeting held prior to the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;

(d) To coordinate the preparation of a comprehensive global stocktake of commitments and contributions towards the goals and targets of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, based on updated national commitments, national reports, the results from the gap report noted above and additional information and prepare the sixth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook* and **the third edition of Local Biodiversity Outlooks**, comprising a synthesis and analysis to inform the global stocktake;

(e) To develop, in consultation with the United Nations Statistical Commission, the Biodiversity Indicators Partnership and other partners, a global biodiversity monitoring system, **including community-based monitoring and information systems (CBMIS)**,

**citizen science and traditional knowledge systems**, which contains indicators, geospatial data and other information relevant for national, regional and global progress tracking, national reporting and the gap report analysis based on the global biodiversity framework monitoring framework;

- (f) To organize, with the guidance of the Chair of Subsidiary Body on Implementation and the Bureau, the country-by-country review, **“including voluntary commitments by non-State Actors, particularly collective actions of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPs & LCs)”** under the Subsidiary Body on Implementation;
- (g) To support the voluntary enhanced peer-review process for national biodiversity planning processes **“including voluntary commitments by non-State Actors, particularly collective actions of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPs & LCs)”**;
- (i) To coordinate the updating of the Action Agenda platform, reviewing and updating its functionalities to foster the engagement of subnational, non-State actors **“including Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPs & LCs)”** and other stakeholders and reporting against their commitments to the post-2020 global biodiversity framework;
- (k) To continue to develop the decision-tracking tool; **“including of voluntary commitments by non-State Actors, particularly collective actions of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPs & LCs)”**