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Statement of the International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity (IIFB), presented by
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Thank you, Madame Chair.

I am making this statement on behalf of the International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity – IIFB – in order to complement our intervention at the informal sessions. We will focus our comments on the communications plan and the draft outline of the gender plan of action.

The IIFB wishes to emphasize that recognizing, protecting, and honoring the time immemorial, reciprocal, and spiritual relationship of Indigenous Peoples and local communities with their land, waters, territories, and resources is key to halting biodiversity loss and ensuring the health of our planet. The full and effective participation of IPLCs, including women and youth, in biodiversity planning, decision-making, implementation, and monitoring at all levels will be essential in ensuring the success of the Post- 2020 GBF.

The role and contributions of Indigenous women and girls in relation to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, including their vulnerabilities, need to be recognized in the gender plan of action. In this regard, we welcome paragraph 7(d) of the draft outline. Special measures need to be adopted in order to address the marginalization of Indigenous women and girls in access to collective lands and waters, participation in governance and decision-making, and in access to genetic resources and equitable benefit sharing. We also welcome the approach to disaggregate reporting on relevant indicators to reflect IPLCs and Indigenous women and girls.

The full and effective participation of IPLCs is crucial in communication for the Post-2020 GBF, including in developing, updating and implementing the plan. The reciprocal relationship of IPLCs with their lands, waters and territories is a model of living in harmony with nature. Therefore, IPLCs should be supported to tell their own stories and communicate these stories in culturally-appropriate ways. Translation from and into Indigenous languages should also be supported. The key messages contained in LBO 2 is a good starting point to communicate the role of IPLCs in the Post-2020 GBF. Finally, while it is important to communicate traditional knowledge related to conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, this should only be done with the free, prior and informed consent of Indigenous Peoples and the full and effective participation of IPLCs.

Thank you, Madam Chair.