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In-depth Dialogue on Thematic Issues and other Cross-cutting Issues

Topic: Contribution Of The Traditional Knowledge, Innovations And Practices Of Indigenous Peoples And Local Communities To The Implementation Of The 2030 Agenda For Sustainable Development With Particular Emphasis On Conservation And Sustainable Use Of Biodiversity

We appreciate the choice of topic for this in-depth dialogue and thank the parties for very pragmatic submissions reiterating the role of Traditional Knowledge and customary sustainable use in achieving the objectives of the Convention and for the clear trend setting that the Convention has made in regards to mainstreaming Traditional Knowledge in not only the work of the Convention but in pointing out areas of work of the Convention that are relevant to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

This dialogue is further recognition of the significance of Traditional Knowledge in an integral manner as a significant contributor and enabler to the realization of the Sustainable Development Goals and the overall 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

We appreciate the recognition of the relevance of the work under Article 8j in realizing the SDGs with specific reference to the role of Traditional Knowledge in achieving goals related to conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity which are aspects that are central to our concerns and aspirations as well as significant for the capture of our contribution towards the SDGs.

Some of the actions that we propose at global level in order to strengthen use of Traditional Knowledge associated with biodiversity conservation and customary sustainable use, and in the recognition of Tradition Knowledge in a cross-cutting nature is to consider engaging with the Science, Technology and Innovations (STI) forums as a space to share experiences from the Convention on the role of Traditional Knowledge and the innovations and practices of IPLCS including specifically knowledge held by Indigenous women and youth for intergenerational purposes in order to provide relevant input to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The need to link the work on Article 8j and the future proposed body with the High Level Political Forums (HLPF) as an interactive space for sharing experiences on the implementation of the goals is highly recommended as that remains the global avenue for monitoring the implementation of the goals.

At the national level, there is need to encourage the domestication of protocols related to the protection of Traditional Knowledge in order to provide a conducive national environment for mainstreaming TK in national planning processes.



We also encourage mutual learning and cooperation between scientific bodies at all levels and TK holders in aspects related to biodiversity conservation and customary sustainable use including in forums supporting the implementation and monitoring the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.

Thank you