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Progress towards Aichi Biodiversity Target 18 of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020

Thank you, Mr. Chair,

The IIFB notes the progress and achievements made under Target 18, particularly in the reporting by Parties in the 6th national reports. However, the number of reports is largely deficient.

In the summary of the IPBES Global Assessment, two out of the three elements of Target 18 are categorized as “unknown”. This points to a systemic failure and insufficient political will, by Parties to implement this Target.

We remind that the same report proves that biodiversity is declining less rapidly in indigenous lands than in other lands. We are serious in achieving the objectives of the Convention. Therefore, Parties must match our level of commitment.

We strongly urge Parties who have yet to submit their national reports to do so. We encourage Parties to work with IPLCs in monitoring identified indicators related to traditional knowledge, and across other targets as well.

Furthermore, we urge Parties to take advantage of the set of voluntary guidelines developed by the Working Group 8(J), as well as those developed in relation to other issues such as climate change.

We note the participation of IPLCs in a range of meetings that has been held from 2017-2019, including expert workshops, informal advisory committees, regional consultation meetings and capacity-building workshops.

We extend our gratitude to Parties for the support they have provided for IPLCs to participate in these and we hope the trend continues and grows among the Parties. It is critical for IPLCs to build their capacity to effectively engage in all the processes of the CBD, particularly in the development of the Post 2020 global biodiversity framework.

To further facilitate the participation and engagement of IPLCs, we recommend Parties to recruit IPLCs as part of their delegation and also to include an IPLC person as the TK focal point.

In the spirit of collaboration, we invite Parties to enter into dialogue with us in the lead-up to the Nature and Culture Summit at COP 15.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.