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**Future work programme of the Open-ended Working Group and allocation of tasks to other intersessional bodies and processes**

Thank you Mr. Chair,

The IIFB welcomes the robust and participatory process that has been proposed for the development of the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework. Looking at the list of meetings and consultations in the Annex of the Working paper, we are overwhelmed at the number of meetings listed. We have said previously, and we have been supported by Member States and observers, that Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities have a central role in the development of the Post-2020 Framework and in the implementation of the Convention and its Protocols. It is therefore crucial that sufficient resources are provided to enable full and effective participation of IPLCs in the official meetings and consultations.

Decision 14/34 requested the Co-Chairs of the Working Group to provide further guidance on the elements of work to develop the post-2020 global biodiversity framework to be undertaken by the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions, and to integrate the outcomes of those meetings along with other considerations into its draft framework. In order to ensure a good outcome, support should be ensured for strong and regionally-balanced IPLC participation in that meeting.

We support the incorporation and mainstreaming of rights-based approaches across the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework including an approach based on the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. In this regard, we call for thematic consultations that would examine how best to mainstream rights-based approaches into the framework. The UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, the Office of the High Commissioner on Human Rights and mechanisms of the Human Rights Council could be of assistance on this matter. Furthermore, the Universal Periodic Review could be examined with a view to incorporating a strong accountability mechanism in the Post-2020 Framework.

Finally, we would like to seek some clarity around the organization and methods of work of the thematic consultations. We would like to know if it is still possible to propose specific thematic consultations that would explore the various issues around reinforcing the role of IPLCs with the Post-2020 Framework. Will the meetings be open-ended and would they enable enhanced participation modalities of IPLCs? Finally, would it be possible for the thematic consultations to receive online submissions from IPLCs for consideration at the meeting?

We look forward to participating actively in the work towards the development of the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework and for our rights to be reflected in both the process and substance of the Framework.