Thank you Mr Chair,

I am speaking on behalf of the IIFB for Indigenous peoples and local communities. The IIFB welcomes the opportunity to have input into the cooperation of Conventions and to make some recommendations for improvement that can strengthen IPLCs full and effective participation in the CBD and other Conventions processes.

Recommendations:

- The IIFB proposes a recommendation related to strengthening the linkages and/or cooperation between the CBD its Conventions and Protocols are consistent with article 8(j) and related provisions and article 10(c) of the Convention.

- IIFB also recommends to the SBI that as the CBD has adopted the terminology “Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities” at COP12, the IIFB would encourage cooperation from the CBD Conventions and Protocols to be consistent in using the correct terminology. We would therefore request that the SBI could make a recommendation at COP 13 that the Convention and its Protocols should also seriously consider adopting the terminology to be consistent and synergised across the biodiversity-related Conventions.

The IIFB calls upon the Chair to call for support from Parties for the IIFB proposals.

Thank you Mr Chair