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Item 23: Plant conservation

Thank you, Chair
I am speaking on behalf of the CBD Women's Caucus.

We welcome the development of specific indicators for each of the voluntary complementary actions related to plant conservation to support the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, which should be gender-responsive to have data to measure the progress of these actions in the social and environmental contexts facilitating synergy with the Gender Action Plan. Limiting gender consideration to Target 22 and 23 marginalises the significant impact of women's roles and contributions in broader plant conservation efforts.

To fully implement the complementary actions, we need to establish capacity-building and technology transfer aimed at strengthening women's capacities and roles in plant conservation and sustainable management practices. In addition ensure equitable and direct access for women to financial resources, information, and decision-making processes related to plant conservation.

In this regard, we suggest the following text modifications the document ***CBD/COP/16/2/ Rev.1***
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- In paragraph 6, subparagraph b, line 1, after the word “specific” add gender-responsive.
- In paragraph 7, line 7 after the word “countries” add especially for indigenous people and local communities, women and youth.
- In paragraph 8, line 4, after the word “countries” add especially for indigenous people and local communities, women and youth.

We would like to ask Parties for support.
Thank you.

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