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Item 16: Scientific and technical needs to support the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, including implications for the programmes of work of the Convention

Thank you, Chair

I am speaking on behalf of the CBD Women's Caucus.

We welcome the draft decision on Scientific and technical needs to support the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework. Existing tools, guidance and resources are critical and should also be urgently made available to Parties to help the inclusive and effective implementation of the GBF at national and sub-national levels.

Moreover, the development of further tools and new and updated guidance, including on cross-cutting issues in Section C, should be supported, including the exchange of good practices. All of these resources must be gender-responsive, multilingual, and culturally appropriate, drawing on multiple sources of knowledge.

In this regard, we suggest the following text modifications to the document CBD/COP/16/2/rev.1 on ITEM16:

In the first part,

- Retain paragraph 2 (to advance work in the following areas):
- In this paragraph, add subpara (d) to read as follows: **“Integration of considerations in Section C, including Human Rights Based Approach, whole of society and gender equality”**.
- Lift brackets on around paragraphs 4 (b) and (c).
- In paragraph 4 (d), line 5, after the word ‘to that work,’ add the following **“and further consider new programmes of work, as relevant and necessary”**.



In second part on “Matters related to the work programme of the IPBES”

- Retain paragraph 3 regarding the invitation to IPBES to conduct fast-track assessments as listed in small letters, a,b,c,d,e, especially c,d,e on biodiversity and poverty, biodiversity and climate change, and rights based approaches.

We would like to ask for Parties’ support,

Thank you,

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