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Item 17: Mainstreaming of biodiversity within and across sectors

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

The GBF, as the strategic guidance for implementing the Convention and its Protocols, is the most adequate mechanism for developing further work and actions. Therefore, with reference to Section C and Target 22 and 23 for the framework, it is imperative that the role of rights holders, particularly women, as a key element in achieving the mainstreaming process.

A concerted effort is needed to ensure the full, equitable, inclusive, effective, and gender-responsive representation and participation of Indigenous Peoples and local communities, women and youth.

It is crucial and reassuring to develop a comprehensive roadmap to ensure that the Framework is used as a strategic plan for implementing the Convention and its Protocols and directs any further work according to its goals and targets. This will ensure a multisectoral approach and guide the process effectively.

As the GBF culminates in urgent action to address biodiversity loss, we must ensure that mainstreaming efforts do not provide a basis for greenwashing or false solutions, rather uphold transparency and accountability.

In this regard, we suggest the following text modifications to the document CBD/COP/16/2/rev.1 on ITEM17:

- In the Preamble Section to add paragraph: ***“Recognizing the role of rightsholders, including women, indigenous peoples, local communities and youth, within biodiversity mainstreaming, taking into account the various practices, knowledge and innovations that are integral to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity.*”**

We would like to ask the Parties for support.

Thank you.

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