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Item 25: Biodiversity and Climate Change

Thank you, Chair

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

The CBD Women's Caucus acknowledges that biodiversity loss and climate change are interdependent crises that need to be addressed in a coherent and balanced manner. At the same time, it is important to consider that the existing and projected impacts of climate change as well as climate related policies directly affect and adversely impact indigenous people, local communities, women and youth.

We urge Parties to apply a precautionary approach while harnessing potential synergies between biodiversity and climate actions and solutions, especially nature-based solutions and market-based approaches, ensuring a human rights based approach and social and environmental safeguards. Towards this, we welcome the request to the executive secretary to facilitate an open call to contributions on the effects of biodiversity credits and offsets and other market based approaches on biodiversity and human rights, especially of indigenous peoples, local communities, women and youth.

We also stress that it is crucial to assess, manage, and avoid potential adverse impacts on biodiversity and human rights, arising from transitions in land use, energy, infrastructure, and industrial systems in response to climate change. This requires the implementation of thorough impact assessments and strategies that prioritise ecological health and human well-being.



In this regard, we suggest the following text modifications to the document
CBD/COP/16/2/rev.1 on item 25

- In preambular paragraph 1 keep this text in the decision
- In preambular paragraph 9 in line 2, after the word “connectivity”, to add while safeguarding human rights
- In preambular paragraph 13 line 4, after the word “vulnerable groups”, add particular indigenous peoples’, local communities, women and youth.
- In preambular paragraph 14 line 2 after the word “monocultures”, to add as well as carbon offsets. and line 4 after the word “local” to add rights.
- In paragraph 3, subparagraph b, line 5, after the word “local communities” to add women, girls and youth. delete relevant stakeholders and add e(bis) To ensure that potential synergies between biodiversity and climate actions that have a direct or indirect impact on land rights or human rights, including the rights of indigenous peoples and local communities, should only be undertaken with their free, prior, and informed consent (FPIC).
- In paragraph 6, line 2, add indigenous people, local communities, women, children and youth.
- In paragraph 10 line 5, after the word “communities” add women and youth, and line 13 after the word “biodiversity” to add human rights.
- In paragraph 11 line 7, after the word “manner” add while following a human rights based approach.
- In paragraph 12 line 5 after the word “biodiversity” to add human rights.
- In paragraph 13 line 6 after the word “mitigation” add consistent with human rights.

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

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