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Item 28: Multi-year programme of work of the Conference of the Parties

Thank you, Chair

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

We are at a crucial moment to advance gender equality within the framework of the Convention on Biological Diversity, however, the Multi-Year Program of Work of the Conference of the Parties currently lacks adequate integration of the processes of monitoring, evaluation and reporting on the progress of the Gender Plan of Action (GPA), despite the fact that this is a crucial component of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). In view of this situation, COP16 offers us the opportunity to correct this omission and advance in the incorporation of gender equality. Therefore, we request that **in the annex of document *CBD/COP/16/2/Rev.1 item 28*, paragraph g.4 of COP17, regarding gender equality, be maintained.**

This is crucial to ensure that gender equality becomes a cross-cutting issue in all actions related to the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) and in the decisions taken during the COP, especially since the mid-term review of the Gender Action Plan will take place during COP17. Therefore, we urge that gender equality is not limited to declarations in documents, but that the Parties make a real commitment to concrete actions that reduce the inequalities and vulnerability faced by women and girls in all areas related to biodiversity.

We would like to ask Parties for support.

Thank you.

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