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Agenda Item 8: Progress on the Preparation of Targets and Updating of National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans by Parties in line with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

Thank you, Chair,

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

We want to note that the Women's Caucus suggestion, which received support from several parties during the SBI plenary, was not included in the non-paper.

We acknowledge the effort of the secretariat to include these points in the non-paper. However, they were not adequately addressed, and during the Friends of the Chair discussion, even these were removed in the spirit of compromise.

In this regard, we propose the following additions to the document CBD/SBI/5/L.2,

In paragraph 4, we would like to ask for support for the Parties to change the word *Encourages* for **Urges**.

In paragraph 7, we support bracket text 6alt and request the addition of **"in line with decision 15/6"** after "implement their national biodiversity strategies and action plans."

We would like to ask the Chair to ask Parties to support these important inclusions.

Thank you.

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