



## **Subsidiary Body on Article 8(j) and Other Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity Related to Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities**

First meeting

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**Agenda Item 5.c - Implementation of the programme of work on Article 8(j) and other provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity related to indigenous peoples and local communities to 2030: (c) Process to review and update the Voluntary Glossary of Key Terms and Concepts Within the Context of Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention (Task 5.4).**

Thank you, Chair

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

Language matters. A glossary that fully integrates gender and human-rights considerations is key to ensuring that definitions under the Convention reflect equity, respect, and the interconnectedness of biological and cultural diversity. Thus, the review of the Voluntary Glossary should follow the principles of the KM-GBF, including Section C, and allocate space for gender and human rights experts should be involved, particularly for submissions and experts groups.

In this regard, we suggest the following amendments to the document CBD/SB8J/1/5:

- **COP recommendations, NEW preambular paragraph**

**Also recalling Section C and Targets 22 and 23 of the Kunming Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.**

- **Within Annex 1, Step 1,**

**Step 1.** The Executive Secretary of the Convention shall invite Parties, other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities, **women and youth** and relevant stakeholders to submit views on possible elements of the Voluntary Glossary of Key Terms and Concepts Within the Context of Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention that should be reviewed or updated.

- **Within Annex 2, Paragraph 2,**

2. The Expert Group shall be composed of 35 experts: 14 experts from indigenous peoples and local communities, representing the seven sociocultural regions recognized by the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (two per region); 15 experts from Parties, representing the five United Nations regional groups (three per group); and six experts nominated by relevant stakeholders, **including women and youth.**

- **Within Annex 2, Paragraph 3,**

3. Experts shall be selected taking into consideration gender balance, equitable geographical distribution and the need for a range of relevant expertise, ensuring of a diversity of knowledge systems, including traditional knowledge and policy development, **gender and human-rights**.

We would like to ask Parties for support.

Thank you.

**The CBD Women's Caucus (CBD WC) is the women's constituency within the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). It stands as a self-organised global platform, supporting women and girls worldwide to advocate for their rights within biodiversity related decision-making processes across all levels.**

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