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Subsidiary Body on Implementation

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Agenda Item 9. Options for further improving the effectiveness of meetings under the Convention and its Protocols

Thank you, Chair

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

We welcome the options for further improving the effectiveness of meetings under the Convention and its Protocols. We stress that such effectiveness must be achieved through a balanced approach that upholds efficiency while ensuring gender-responsive, equitable and inclusive participation.

Streamlined procedures and compressed timelines should not impede the meaningful engagement of Indigenous Peoples and local communities, women, youth, and under-resourced delegations. Clear and accessible procedures, timely information, and targeted support including for online and hybrid modalities are therefore essential.

We further emphasize that measures aimed at improving efficiency should not result in procedural practices that limit equitable participation or constrain substantive discussion on issues related to gender equality and human rights. This includes avoiding compressed timelines that restrict interventions, over-reliance on informal settings where not all delegations and observers can effectively engage. Improving effectiveness should strengthen, not weaken, the fairness and inclusivity of CBD negotiations.

In this regard, we propose the following textual adjustments to document [CBD/SBI/6/9](#):

In the “Recommendations”

40. The Subsidiary Body may wish to adopt a recommendation along the following lines:

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5.bis Recommends that all measures to improve effectiveness, including online and hybrid tools, targeted capacity-building as well as preparatory support, ensure that women, youth, Indigenous Peoples and local communities can effectively, equitably, and meaningfully participate in the decision-making process.

7. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary:

(b) To further invite submissions from Parties and stakeholders **including Indigenous Peoples and local communities, women and youth** on options to further improve the effectiveness of meetings

under the Convention and its Protocols and to make the submissions available for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at a meeting held before the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

41. The Subsidiary Body may also wish to adopt a recommendation along the following lines:

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6. *Reiterates* its call upon developed country Parties to increase their contributions to the relevant voluntary trust funds to ensure the full and effective participation of representatives of developing country Parties, in particular the least developed and small island developing States among them, and Parties with economies in transition, in the concurrent meetings, as well as of representatives of indigenous and local communities, **women and youth**, in meetings held under the Convention and its Protocols;

42. The Subsidiary Body may further wish to adopt a recommendation along the following lines:

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6. *Reiterates* its call upon developed country Parties to increase their contributions to the relevant voluntary trust funds to ensure the full and effective participation of representatives of developing country Parties, in particular the least developed and small island developing States among them, and Parties with economies in transition, as well as representatives of indigenous and local communities, **women and youth**, in meetings held under the Convention and its Protocols;

We would like to ask Parties for support.

Thank you.

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