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Agenda Item 4.b Financial mechanism

Thank you, Chair

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

Future biodiversity financial mechanisms must be designed around principles of equitable governance, direct access and accountability. We call for the criteria guiding future GEF replenishments and programme priorities to explicitly require the full, equitable, effective and gender-responsive participation of Indigenous Peoples and local communities, people of African descent, women and youth in governance and decision-making processes, while enabling direct access to finance for their organizations and initiatives. Future programming should also be informed by the findings of the Gender Plan of Action review, ensuring that lessons on barriers, enabling conditions and financing needs shape biodiversity finance beyond 2030. These principles are essential to ensure that biodiversity finance reaches those leading implementation on the ground and delivers equitable outcomes for people and nature.

In this regard, we propose the following textual adjustments to document CBD/SBI/7/4

In section "VII. Recommendation"

Paragraph 12. 5 (f) Deepening inclusive support for indigenous peoples and local communities, **as well as women-led and youth-led organizations;**

Paragraph 10. (a) Relevant national platforms for biodiversity project planning along with its engagement strategy at the country level, **that ensure full, equitable, inclusive, effective and gender-responsive representation and participation of Indigenous Peoples and local communities, women and youth;**

In section "Annex III Terms of reference for preparing a four-year outcome-oriented framework..."

Paragraph 9. The Executive Secretary shall prepare a draft four-year outcome-oriented framework of programme priorities related to the utilization of Global Environment Facility resources for biodiversity for the period from July 2030 to June 2034, in consultation and collaboration with the secretariats of relevant conventions and the Global Environment Facility, including its agencies and Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel, **as well as**

through an inclusive process involving Indigenous Peoples and local communities, women and youth;

We would like to ask Parties for support.

Thank you.

Refer to [CBD/SBI/7/4](#) for a full set of textual recommendations.

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