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Agenda Item 7. Second assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from Their Utilization.

Thank you, Chair

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

The effective implementation of the Nagoya Protocol depends on recognizing and supporting the rights, knowledge and customary governance systems of Indigenous Peoples and local communities and people of African descent, including the leadership of women and youth within them. We call for stronger support for the development, implementation and publication of community protocols as an integral part of national access and benefit-sharing frameworks and the ABS Clearing-House. Community protocols are essential tools for operationalizing Article 12, safeguarding traditional knowledge and strengthening legal certainty for providers and users of genetic resources. We also encourage enhanced financial and technical support through the Global Environment Facility to enable their effective implementation.

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

In section "III. Recommendation"

Paragraph 14. 10. ~~invites~~ **Urges** Parties to ensure the full and effective participation of indigenous peoples and local communities, **including women and youth within them**, in access and benefit-sharing processes, including by ~~developing~~ **fostering and supporting the development and implementation of** community protocols and procedures for access and benefit-sharing in accordance with Article 12 of the Nagoya Protocol, and to make such protocols and procedures available through the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House as part of the national records, and **also** invites relevant organizations to support indigenous peoples and local communities, **including women and youth within them**, in developing community protocols and procedures;

Paragraph 17. 3. *Recommends* that, in adopting guidance on the financial mechanism to support the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol, the Conference of the Parties ~~invite~~ **urges** the Global Environment Facility to **strengthen the dissemination of information on assistance and to** continue to assist eligible Parties in implementing the Protocol, taking into account the outcomes of the second assessment and review, encourage the use of global and regional projects and make funds available to that end;

**We would like to ask Parties for support.
Thank you.**

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

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