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Thank you, Chair

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

The findings of the IPBES Business and Biodiversity Assessment should support the implementation of existing commitments under the Convention and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, particularly Targets 15 and 18. This requires moving beyond voluntary approaches by strengthening mandatory corporate accountability, ensuring that disclosure leads to action to prevent and remedy biodiversity impacts, and adopting a human rights-based and gender-responsive approach that recognizes Indigenous Peoples, local communities, women and youth as key partners in implementation, monitoring and accountability.

In this regard, we propose the following textual adjustments to document
CBD/SBSTTA/28/3

In section "VI. Recommendations"

Paragraph 35. 2. (b) (iii).bis Ensuring the full and effective participation of Indigenous Peoples and local communities, women and youth, and the respectful integration of traditional knowledge, innovations, practices and customary sustainable use, with their free, prior and informed consent.

Paragraph 35. 2. (c) To identify gaps in knowledge and the application of knowledge for measuring business impacts and dependence on biodiversity, including cumulative impacts, impacts on Indigenous Peoples and local communities, women and youth, and impacts across transboundary value chains and financial portfolios;

Paragraph 35. 2. (d) (i) Facilitating Requiring the uptake and consistent application by businesses and financial actors of existing methods and knowledge for measuring, managing, and disclosing business impact and dependence on biodiversity, while ensuring that disclosure informs concrete action to prevent, reduce, mitigate and remedy adverse impacts;

Paragraph 35. 2. (e) To strengthen engagement and collaboration with business and financial sectors and other actors, including indigenous peoples and local communities, **women and youth**, consumers, non-governmental organizations, international organizations and academia, to address gaps in knowledge and the application of knowledge, as described in the assessment, and to engage in conservation restoration or the sustainable use of biodiversity, **explicitly recognizing the need for intergenerational justice by preventing the transfer of long-term corporate ecological debt for future generations**;

We would like to ask Parties for support.

Thank you.

Refer to [CBD/SBSTTA/28/3](#) for a full set of textual recommendations.

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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