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Item 4. CG4: Targets 17, 20, 21, 22 and new targets

Thanks, Chair

I am presenting the UNCBD Women's Caucus Recommendations.

Text Recommendations in RED

Target 17

In light of the observations above, the possible streamlined text could be:

Establish, strengthen capacity for, and implement **legal, administrative and other** ~~{science-based}~~ measures in all countries ~~{based on the precautionary approach}~~, **while establishing broad and regular** ~~{including through}~~ risk assessment and management and implementation of horizon scanning, monitoring and assessment to **regulate**, prevent, manage or control potential ~~{-adverse}~~ impacts of ~~{living modified organisms resulting from}~~ biotechnology ~~{including synthetic biology and other new genetic techniques and their products and components}~~ on biodiversity ~~{and}~~, ~~{taking also into account the risks to}~~ human health, ~~{and socioeconomic considerations}~~ ~~{avoiding or minimizing}~~ ~~{the risk of these impacts}~~, ~~{while recognizing the potential benefits of biotechnology}~~ ~~{towards achieving the objectives of the Convention and relevant sustainable development goals}~~.

Recommendation Target 17: Establish, strengthen capacity for, and implement **legal, administrative and other** measures in all countries based on the precautionary approach, **while establishing broad and regular** risk assessment and management and implementation of horizon scanning, monitoring and assessment to **regulate**, prevent, manage or control potential adverse impacts of living modified organisms resulting from biotechnology including synthetic biology and other new genetic techniques and their products and components on biodiversity and, taking also into account the risks to human health, and socioeconomic considerations avoiding or minimizing the risk of these impacts.

Target 20

In light of the observations above, a possible streamlined text could be:

Ensure that the best available **and relevant** data, information and knowledge, are accessible to decision makers, practitioners and the public to guide effective and equitable governance, integrated and participatory management of biodiversity, and to strengthen communication, awareness-raising, education, monitoring, research and knowledge management and, in this context, traditional knowledge, innovations, practices and technologies of indigenous peoples and local communities should only be accessed with their free, prior and informed consent³¹, in accordance with national legislation.



Recommendation Target 20: Ensure that the best available **and relevant** data, information and knowledge, are accessible to decision makers, practitioners and the public to guide effective and equitable governance, integrated and participatory management of biodiversity, and to strengthen communication, awareness-raising, education, monitoring, research and knowledge management and, in this context, traditional knowledge, innovations, practices and technologies of indigenous peoples and local communities should only be accessed with their free, prior and informed consent[#], in accordance with national legislation.

Target 21

In light of the observations, a possible streamlined text could be:

Ensure the full, equitable, inclusive, effective and gender-responsive representation and participation in decision-making, and access to ~~[justice and]~~ information related to biodiversity by indigenous peoples and local communities, respecting their cultures and their rights over lands, territories, resources, and traditional knowledge, ~~as well as by women and girls, children and youth, and persons with disabilities~~ and ~~[ensure the protection and access to justice of environmental human rights defenders]~~.

Recommendation Target 21: Ensure the full, equitable, inclusive, effective and gender-responsive representation and participation in decision-making, and access to justice and information related to biodiversity by indigenous peoples and local communities, respecting their cultures and their rights over lands, territories, resources, and traditional knowledge, and ensure the protection and access to justice of environmental human rights defenders.

Target 22

In light of the observations above, a possible streamlined text could be:

~~[Secure- Ensure~~ gender equality in the~~] implementation of the **global biodiversity** framework by ensuring that women and girls have equal opportunity and capacity to contribute to the **achievement of the** three objectives of the Convention including ~~[by recognizing equal rights and access to land and natural resources of women and girls and]~~ their full, equitable, meaningful and informed participation and leadership at all levels of action, engagement, policy, **implementation**, and decision-making related to biodiversity.~~

Clean text: **Ensure** gender equality in the implementation of the **global biodiversity** framework by ensuring that women and girls have equal opportunity and capacity to contribute to the **achievement of the** three objectives of the Convention including by recognizing equal rights and access to land and natural resources of women and girls and their full, equitable, meaningful and informed participation and leadership at all levels of action, engagement, policy, and decision-making related to biodiversity.

We look for Party support to our recommendations,
Thanks you,

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