Thanks, Chair

UNCBD Women’s Caucus would like to acknowledge and give our thanks to all the “Gender Champions” who have supported and built the momentum of hope - hope for justice, hope for inclusion and hope in pursuit of rights and acknowledging the role and contributions that half of the world population make to living in harmony with nature - the women.

**Recommendation:**

**Target 22:** Support Target #22 on gender equality to be brought to COP15. Support for a gender equality stand-alone target has gained momentum and secured large Parties’ support. We acknowledge the streamlined text proposal for target #22 in the outcome document of the IG meeting and look forward to engaging further on it today, during CG4.

**HR, including the Right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment:** Ensure the many valuable references to human rights, including the right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment, and gender equality and women empowerment be retained in relevant goals and targets. Human Rights are core to ensuring and delivering the ambitions of an effective and just and inclusive the post2020 global biodiversity framework, with a whole of society approach.

**Participation and inclusion:** Guarantee that the framework creates a scenario that promotes effective, equitable and full participation, and gender equality at all levels of governance and decision making, and also ensure accountable implementation, review, monitoring and reporting of the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework.

**Finance:**

Financing and investing in the implementation of the post-2020 period will be critical for the achievement of the goals and targets of the post-2020 GBF. However, biodiversity policy should not be dictated by those who have money only. It is absolutely crucial that such financing does not come from sources harmful for women and biodiversity such as carbon offsetting.

**Headline indicator:** Ensure that the target monitoring framework includes an overarching principle on data disaggregation, including sex disaggregation and including gender-sensitive indicators to ensure the gender-responsive implementation of the pos2020 GBF.

We look forward to the three days to give our specific recommendations to the various CGs.
Our statements has been posted online. Thanks,

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