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ITEM 3. INFORMING THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL EVIDENCE BASE FOR THE POST-2020 GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK

SBSTTA/23/2/ SBSTTA/23/ADD.1 and SBSTTA/23/ADD.3

Thank you, Chair. I am speaking on behalf of the CBD Women Caucus. Reflecting on,

SBSTTA/23/2/Add.1,

The IPBES global assessment identifies five main “levers” to generate transformative change (19, i), “Addressing inequalities, especially regarding income and gender, which undermine capacity for sustainability:.

SBSTTA/23/2/Add.3 (Section B, Para 18) and DRAFT GBO5, page 97, notes, “the essential role of women in underpinning actions for conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity have been consistently undervalued, potentially undermining effective steps towards realizing the 2050 Vision for Biodiversity unless gender issues better inform future policy decision”.

As we look to 2050, we’ll have 10 million people, 25 million new kilometers of roads, 50% increase in food demand, 45% demand for water, **and there will be more plastics in the ocean than biomass.**

Though Parties to the CBD have explicitly recognized the important role of Indigenous Peoples, local communities and women. Yet, many Parties and stakeholders continue to emphasize conventional approaches like protected areas and market-based mechanism which exclude, marginalize or even violate the rights of Indigenous Peoples, peasants, local communities and women. **The need to steer away from the current limited paradigm of economic grown to a more global sustainable economy is already reflected in the meeting document (CBD/SBSTTA/23/2, Para 21(e)).** There is a need to genuinely addressing it in the development of the Global Biodiversity Framework.

We call on Parties and the Secretariat to **duly implement the recommendation to ensure full and effective participation of women and other rightsholder groups in the post-2020 process** and to fully integrate support for their conservation initiatives and the social and cultural dimension of biodiversity conservation, including the gender dimension, throughout the post-2020 framework. Globally through integrated actions across many conventions IPLC women are tackling many of the direct and indirect threats to biodiversity and resources must be increased and earmarked for their local solutions providing many benefits.



A **post-2020 Gender plan of Action** could be the **mechanism for monitoring the implementation of gender as a central cross-cutting issue in the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework**, and we welcome the Secretariat's efforts to seek inputs on the implementation of the current Gender Plan of Action (GPA), through the survey that was just released in a notification¹ on November 21, Friday last week (**Note: very short time thought - deadline December 20, 2019**). We encourage all Parties and observer organizations provide input into this review process.

We welcome the Statements by Cambodia, Japan and Netherland in support for the landscape approach for the GBF. In the thematic workshop organized by UNU-IAS, Ministry of Environment, Japan and Kumamoto Prefectural Government on the same organized, recognises gender responsiveness as a potentially powerful means of making landscape approaches more effective due to women's personal investment and participation in sustainable landscape management, and thank them for making funding available to attend.

Today, **November 25 is the International day for the elimination of violence against women** and following next month **December 10 the International Human Rights day** and here we are in Montreal at an opportune time and hope that our vision of 2050 - " By 2050 women and girls are recognized as peoples, their collective contributions to biodiversity safeguard and conservation is valued and they have a share of the fair equitable- sharing of benefits arsign from the use of genetic resources and have the **right to a healthy environment**.

We sincerely thank the SCBD, UN Women, some Parties and Co-Chairs of the OEWG and Friends of Gender Equality for your support and for carrying forward our aspirations for a rights-based approach and inclusive proposal for the GBF and the vision 2050.

We look forward to this week to engage with you and foster partnerships. We will be submitting our Statements to the SCBD and welcome all the support that you, the Parties could give.

We also align ourselves with the Statement delivered by IIFB, GBYN, CBD Alliance, colleague from Via and UN Women.

Thank you, Chair.

¹ SCBD/SSSF/AS/JS/TMC/VA/88505. *Notification to: CBD National Focal Points, SBSTTA Focal Points, relevant organizations* Survey on Progress in Implementation of the 2015-2020 Gender Plan of Action