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

On CBD/SBI/3/4/Add.2/REV1 we thank the Secretariat for having prepared this **updated draft outline of the gender plan of action** after the second consultation period in March, and we are glad to see a number of our recommendations reflected.

Referring to the earlier draft, “coherence, strengthened synergies and resource use”, we recommend this to be more visibly addressed and specific actions be identified. Coordination among the Rio Conventions and other MEAs is crucial. This has also been reflected in Document INF/29 (Bern II Report, Page 16).

Our 3 main recommendations are:

- 1. *Include the Post2020 Gender Plan of Action into DART*** to ensure alignment of the GPA throughout the review, reporting and implementation of the GBF. In our submissions and during the Bern II virtual meetings, we provided specific recommendations on how and where into the DART this could be done.
- 2. Adequately addressing the recognition and implementation of the *human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment*** is a key avenue to mainstream biodiversity across sectors and across MEAs, to strengthen action and synergies for the achievement of the 2050 Vision of Living in Harmony with Nature. Cross-cutting issues such as human rights can usefully be integrated into the activities of all MEAs. (Bern II report, page 16)
- 3. Further consideration of *gender responsive indicators into the GBF*,** to be also aligned with the GPA, to ensure a gender responsive effective implementation of the whole of the GBF.

Finally, we welcome and support **Document CBD/SBI/3/4, Section VII. Suggested Elements of a Draft Recommendation, Para 19, Sub-para 4** to the COP to adopt the gender plan of action.

It would be important and timely to have a post2020 GPA adopted alongside the Post2020 GBF.



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However, to make the post2020 Gender Plan of Action equitable, there is a need for further consideration of indicators in the plan.

We have uploaded our statement and look forward to support from Parties.
Thank you, Madame chair.