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Statement of the CBD Women's Caucus

OVERVIEW OF THE POST-2020 GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK

Over the last year SCBD along with partners organized several meetings and consultation processes related to the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and others also organised several events. One such event was the thematic workshop on Human Rights as enabling conditions in the Post2020 GBF last February. To ensure that the whole of the GBF is grounded in ensuring a just and equitable blueprint for biodiversity conservation, we once again urge Parties to revisit the report of this workshop. This is more important now than ever to ensure that rights of nature and people are considered and recognised in the new post2020 GBF for a truly transformative post COVID recovery. This is also considering that the a rights based approach is one of the key elements in the Theory of Change that is to guide the work of the post2020 - and yet it is not adequately reflected in the current draft and the monitoring framework.

For recommendations on agenda item 3, 6,7,8,9 and 11 as suggested we will address them during their respective agenda items

COMMUNICATION FOR THE POST-2020 GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK

The communication for the post2020 gbf needs to uplift the narrative of biodiversity. **Section III GOALS, para 8** should include a stronger emphasis on the importance of biodiversity in itself besides addressing the issue of the impact of climate to biodiversity and NbS to climate change. Healthy ecosystem is an intrinsic relationship with ecological, social and cultural aspects that go hand in hand and these linkages should also be highlighted.

Section IV Key Messages, Para 20 should also need to be consistent with messaging from the Local Biodiversity Outlook-2 (LBO2) highlighting the contributions being made by the indigenous peoples and local communities, and it should also include messaging taking into consideration the gender perspective.

Section VII (THE COMMUNICATIONS “FLOTILLA” AND OPEN SOURCE PRINCIPLES), we have an editorial request. In Para 42 “Coordination and organization mechanisms for the group include an email list, a WhatsApp group, weekly meetings of the group and ad hoc small working groups to address different topics. If resources became available, **then staff to serve as Sherpa** and their support staff could be mobilized. The group identified the following tactics:”



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The metaphor used might have good intentions, but we would request if that reference can be replaced/changed to an appropriate one – “then staff to serve as convenor/liaison” or any other appropriate reference.

DRAFT OUTLINE OF THE POST2020 GENDER PLAN OF ACTION

We appreciate that the draft outline for the new Gender Plan of Action has been reformulated to align more broadly with the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, streamlined to increase clarity and reduce overlap, and that draft action areas have been revised as goals. We also appreciate that there has been a more explicit effort to better reflect a focus on the diversity of women and the intersecting factors (demographic, economic, racial, ethnic, and geographic, among others) that may contribute to vulnerability and marginalization.

This being said, there are still some glaring gaps in the new draft which must be addressed and appreciated.

From the quick review - the outline of the new GPA, addresses only 7 Targets out of 20 (Targets 8,10,12,14,18, 19 and 20) and thought it aligns with 3 of the the Post2020 Goals (B,C and D), Goal A is equally important considering the role and contribution of women to biodiversity conservation (Target 2).

The allocation of roles, timelines and responsibilities as well as developing processes for evaluation and monitoring of progress of the action areas must still be made more explicit in the Gender Plan of Action.

The Plan of Action must clearly prioritize the full, equal and effective participation of women along the whole document.

The GPA should serve as an implementing mechanism for the whole of the Post2020 GBF, and not just part of the gbf that has gender elements. This is also reflective gender considerations within the updated zero draft and we urge Parties to ensure that the whole of the post2020 GBF is gender responsive.

The updated outline of the Post 2020 Gender Plan of Action (GPA) is up for peer review (deadline March 22), the Women Caucus will be making a more detailed submission to it. We encourage



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Parties to take into account the peer review submissions to better inform the new Gender Plan of Action, including aligning elements, component into the Post2020 GBF - to ensure synergy and to strengthen the implementation of the GBF in a more just and equitable way that fully recognises the role, contributions of women in all aspect of biodiversity conservation, sustainable use and sharing to benefit sharing and on decisions that impact them.

POST-2020 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN AND CAPACITY-BUILDING ACTION PLAN FOR THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY

The Addendum prepared for this item does recognise the support that IPLCs provide for the implementation of the Protocol, however this should be better reflected in the outlined proposed in the Implementation Plan and the Capacity-building Action Plan, including in the (A) Areas of Implementation where it would be crucial that IPLCS including women are part of the process and are also provided with capacity building.

Cartegena Protocol on Biosafety, does not address gender issues specifically, we request that the socio-economic considerations take into account the impacts on women including in identifying gender-responsive indicators to complement it, including impacts of cultures and traditional knowledge of rightholders (IPLCs, women, peasants, fisherfolks).

It is important that the Protocol recognizes that the impact of introducing LMOs could be gender-differentiated because men and women have different knowledges, needs and vulnerabilities. Women worldwide, and specially women from indigenous groups and local communities, need to have access to information, skills, equipment, regulatory frameworks, and procedures. This will allow them to understand the issues, make informed decisions, manage, or avoid any potential risks associated to LMOs, have the capacity to implement the Protocol, and have an arena where their needs and concerns are heard and valued³¹ and the need to systematically consider and address their needs and identify and deliver gender-responsive technology driven by gender specific technology demands.

Thank you Chair.