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Statement of the CBD Women's Caucus

The preambular text of the Convention “Recognizes the vital role that women play and affirm(s) the need for the **full participation of women** at all levels of policy-making and implementation for biological diversity conservation”.

This affirmation to recognise the role that women can contribute to in the implementation of biological diversity conservation still needs to be duly strengthened and integrated, including in the reporting, review and monitoring to ensure the full implementation of the post2020 global biodiversity framework and achieve the goals and targets set out therein. We have been saying this for too long, but still are facing the challenge of seeing it duly reflected in the post2020 gbf process.

The review of the gender plan of action prepared by the Secretariat should be used to guide the mechanism for enhanced reporting, review and planning including elements in the templates being proposed.

The working document indicates indicator-based monitoring is to be used for the consistency review of implementation, there is the need to ensure for relevant gender-responsive indicator to be reflected throughout the GBF to access the full framework, this would also assist with identifying and addressing gaps in both commitments and implementation.

In the review of the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, on Target 14 (the only one that did explicitly acknowledge women's needs, “ the GBO5 notes that a number of Parties lack knowledge of or data on how the needs of women may be taken into account in ecosystem management.” This consideration should be taken on board to ensure that this gap in knowledge is taken seriously and addressed. We acknowledge the growing number of Parties that are making progress, but it is clearly not enough.

We acknowledge the difficulty in addressing the gender-biodiversity data gap and recommend considering national capacity development on gender-sensitive data collection and indicators-use that SCBD and other agencies could support and provide to Parties, including in collaboration with women's organisations and gender experts.



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In the whole of the documentation presented, including in the Information documents, we still fail to see adequate actions being proposed, besides the general reference that women (and others) should be involved in the planning, reporting, implementation and review at all scales. More concrete efforts clearly have to be proposed and supported in order for us to enable the necessary change. This includes a call for the institutionalisation of gender concerns, across international, national and local processes and mechanisms. Such efforts also need support through capacity development, access to financial resources to realise inclusive reporting, assessment and reviewing processes, and the inclusion of indicators to measure progress. This is especially important to consider with regards to the post-2020 GBF. - what is missing is - HOW?

We urge Parties to ensure that they have a gender responsive element into their national commitments, including recognition and including non-State actors, IPLC and relevant stakeholders in Parties' national commitments. But once again, in order to align the reporting, review and implementat we need to ensure that the post2020 is also thoroughly gender-responsive.

The post2020 Gender Plan of Action would be a key action agenda that should be considered in the all aspects of planning, reporting, implementation and review at all scale.

We would like to see this reflected in the SUGGESTED ELEMENTS OF A RECOMMENDATION to The Subsidiary Body on Implementation and to the Conference of the Parties.

Thank you, Chair.