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Women Caucus Statement

IV. PREPARATION OF THE POST-2020 GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK

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New Zero draft of Goals and Targets: <https://www.cbd.int/article/zero-draft-update-august-2020>

Thank you, Chair

I am Mrinalini Rai, and I am speaking on behalf of the CBD Women Caucus.

2020 is an important year, for biodiversity, for nature, for women and IPs - the custodians: this year marks

- 70 years of the Universal Declaration on Human Rights
- 25 years of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action
- 10 years of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples' (UNDRIP)

We would like to add our voice to those who are concerned about the process of the updated draft of the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, especially as we note with concern that many of our comments, and the comments of many Parties in support of full gender mainstreaming throughout the post-2020 GBF made during the OEWG2 have not been adequately addressed, including the suggestion for a stand-alone target on gender) (besides Target 20). The rights, role and contributions of women, as well as those of IPLC and youth, have not been integrated at the level and with the ambition required of this framework to reverse biodiversity loss and ensure that both people and nature can thrive., it is clear that the rights-based approach mentioned in the Theory of Change has yet to be integrated.

The GBO5 clearly showed the systemic failure of the Aichi targets and how conventional, exclusionary conservation approaches have not been able to halt biodiversity loss. To avoid this from happening again the framework should include strong measures and mechanisms to enforce inclusive and equitable biodiversity governance at the local, subnational, national, regional and global levels and increase the reporting and accountability of Parties

Inclusive governance implies: gender-responsive, equitable, intergenerational, intercultural, the full, effective and meaningful participation of IPLCs, women and other diverse (marginalized) and vulnerable groups in decision-making of planning, implementation, reporting and evaluation of the GBF.

It should also be ensured the GBF redirects all perverse incentives and other investments away from projects and sectors that harm biodiversity and towards gender-responsive, IPLCs governance of biodiversity to address the critical transitions (that has been reflected in the LBO-2) for the systemic and cultural change needed to supports the ultimate aim of living in harmony with nature.



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We encourage Parties to reflect and respond to the **Report of the Thematic Workshop on Human Rights as enabling conditions in the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework** in informing the next version of the GBF to be discussed during OEWG-3.

Human rights and a healthy planet are mutually dependent. To have a safe, clean and healthy environment, we have to respect, protect and fulfil human rights. To realise our human rights, we must heal, protect and sustainably live on our planet.

The Covid-19 crisis threatens to derail implementation of the SDGs further, with significant human and economic consequences and which will also have an impact on the implementation of the Post2020 GBF.

Whether we call it stepping up to the fight, walking the talk, or delivering for gender equality and women's empowerment —the point is that we all agree—it's time to act for biodiversity and our just and sustainable future. We must work together to ensure that the new era of biodiversity conservation can deliver for the right of nature, for the rights of women and for the whole of society.

Thank you, Chair