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DEVELOPMENT OF INDICATORS RELEVANT FOR TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND CUSTOMARY SUSTAINABLE USE

Draft recommendation submitted by the Chair

The Ad Hoc Open-Ended Inter-Sessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions,

I. REQUEST TO THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Considering that the work on the development of indicators relevant for traditional knowledge and customary sustainable use should feed into the broader process of updating and refining global indicators for the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets before the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties,

Requests the Executive Secretary to inform the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at its fifteenth meeting on the outcomes of deliberation of this Working Group on the development of indicators relevant for traditional knowledge and customary sustainable use,

II. RECOMMENDATION TO THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

Recommends that the Conference of the Parties at its eleventh meeting adopt a decision along the following lines:

The Conference of the Parties,

Welcoming the work carried out under the auspices of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions, including the regional and international technical workshops organized by the Working Group on Indicators of the International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity, to identify a limited number of meaningful and practical indicators on the status of traditional knowledge, innovations and practices and in other focal areas, to assess progress towards achieving the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets,

Acknowledging previous work on indicators and the outcomes regarding both traditional knowledge and customary sustainable use from the Banaue workshop and the thematic workshop on possible indicators for customary sustainable use,

Noting the possible dual application and complementarity of indicators adopted for traditional knowledge as also being relevant for customary sustainable use,

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1. *Requests* the Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions in collaboration with SBSTTA, the Working Group on Indicators of the International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity and interested parties, including the Biodiversity Indicators Partnership, to pursue the ongoing refinement and use of the three adopted indicators for traditional knowledge and customary sustainable use of biodiversity with full and effective participation of indigenous and local communities, also bearing in mind the implementation of Article 10(c) and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, including through further technical workshops subject to the availability of funding, and to report thereon to the Conference of the Parties at its twelfth meeting;

2. *Requests* Parties to consider, subject to availability of financial resources, the pilot testing of the two new indicators for traditional knowledge and customary use adopted at the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties in collaboration with indigenous and local communities, and to report the results to the Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions;

3. *Invites* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to further the compilation and analysis of data on linguistic diversity and the status and trends of speakers of indigenous languages and to provide information on this indicator for the consideration of the Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions;

4. *Invites* the International Labour Organization to develop, in association with indigenous and local communities and relevant organizations, pilot projects and monitor data concerning the practice of traditional occupations and to provide information on this indicator for the consideration of the Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions;

5. *Further invites* the relevant agencies, including the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and its Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems (GIAHS), the International Fund for Agricultural Development and the International Land Coalition, in association with indigenous and local communities and relevant organizations to develop regionally balanced pilot projects to collect information relevant to the operationalization of the indicator “Status and trends in land-use change and land tenure in the traditional territories of indigenous and local communities” for the consideration of the Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions at its eighth meeting;

6. *Recommends* that the Executive Secretary, in partnership with Parties and Governments, the Biodiversity Indicators Partnership and relevant non-governmental organizations and international agencies, with the full and effective participation of indigenous and local community representatives and subject to the availability of resources, to organize and facilitate a technical workshop on the further development and refinement of the indicator on status and trends of land-use change and land-tenure in the traditional territories of indigenous and local communities and to report to the next meeting of the Working Group on Article 8(j) and related provisions;

7. *Calls upon* Parties, the Global Environment Facility, donors, international organizations, academia, non-governmental organizations and organizations of indigenous and local communities, to provide technical support and financial resources for collaborative programmes related to the above-mentioned work on indicators on traditional knowledge and customary sustainable use.
