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Subsidiary Body on Article 8(j) and Other Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity Related to Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities

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Item 5 (c) of the provisional agenda*

**Implementation of the programme of work on Article 8(j)
and other provisions of the Convention on Biological
Diversity related to indigenous peoples and local
communities to 2030: process to review and update
the Voluntary Glossary of Key Terms and Concepts
Within the Context of Article 8(j) and Related
Provisions of the Convention (Task 5.4)**

Process to review and update the Voluntary Glossary of Key Terms and Concepts Within the Context of Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention

Note by the Secretariat

I. Background

1. The development of the Voluntary Glossary of Key Terms and Concepts Within the Context of Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity was initiated under the programme of work on the implementation of Article 8(j) and related provisions of the Convention adopted in decision [V/16](#).
2. Under Task 12 of the programme of work, the Ad Hoc Open-ended Intersessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention was requested to develop guidelines that would assist Parties and Governments in the development of legislation or other mechanisms, as appropriate, to implement Article 8(j) and related provisions of the Convention (which could include sui generis systems), and definitions of relevant key terms and concepts in Article 8(j) and related provisions at the international, regional and national levels, that recognized, safeguarded and fully guaranteed the rights of indigenous and local communities over their traditional knowledge, innovations and practices, within the context of the Convention.
3. In decision [XII/12 D](#), on how tasks 7, 10 and 12 of the programme of work could best contribute to work under the Convention and to the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from Their Utilization to the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Conference of the Parties decided to include the development of a glossary

* [CBD/SB8J/1/1/Rev.1](#).

of relevant key terms and concepts to be used within the context of Article 8(j) and related provisions as a subtask of phase I of the implementation of Tasks 7, 10 and 12, in an integrated manner mutually supportive of the Nagoya Protocol and of the work undertaken in other international forums through the development of voluntary guidelines.

4. In decision [14/13](#), the Conference of the Parties adopted the glossary developed by the Working Group at its tenth session and requested the Working Group to keep it in mind in its future work, as a living resource and reference, and to revisit and update it, when necessary, as might be appropriate as part of the post-2020 arrangements.

II. Mandate for the review and update of the glossary

5. By its decision [16/5](#), the Conference of the Parties established the Subsidiary Body on Article 8(j) and Other Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity Related to Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities, which replaced the Working Group.

6. By its decision [16/4](#), the Conference of the Parties adopted the programme of work on Article 8(j) and other provisions of the Convention related to indigenous peoples and local communities to 2030.

7. Under Task 5.4 of the programme of work, the Subsidiary Body is requested to review and update, as needed, the glossary in the light of the adoption of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.

8. A possible process for reviewing and updating the glossary is outlined in annex I to the draft recommendation below.

III. Recommendation

9. The Subsidiary Body may wish to recommend that, at its seventeenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties adopt a decision along the following lines:

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling Task 5.4 of the programme of work on Article 8(j) and other provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity¹ related to indigenous peoples and local communities to 2030,²

1. *Decides* to endorse the process for reviewing and updating the Voluntary Glossary of Key Terms and Concepts Within the Context of Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity,³ as outlined in annex I to the present decision;

2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary of the Convention to convene an ad hoc technical expert group on the review and update of the glossary, with the terms of reference set out in annex II to the present decision, and to submit the results of the expert group's work to the Subsidiary Body on Article 8(j) and Other Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity Related to Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities, for consideration at its second meeting;

3. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body to make a recommendation for the review and update of the glossary for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its eighteenth meeting.

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

² Decision [16/4](#), annex.

³ Decision [14/13](#), annex.

Annex I

Process for reviewing and updating the Voluntary Glossary of Key Terms and Concepts Within the Context of Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity

The process for reviewing and updating the Voluntary Glossary of Key Terms and Concepts Within the Context of Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity⁴ shall be as follows:

Step 1. The Executive Secretary of the Convention shall invite Parties, other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities and relevant stakeholders to submit views on possible elements of the Voluntary Glossary of Key Terms and Concepts Within the Context of Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention that should be reviewed or updated.

Step 2. The Secretariat of the Convention shall prepare a synthesis of the views received.

Step 3. The Executive Secretary shall convene an ad hoc technical expert group on the review and update of the glossary, which, on the basis of the views received, shall formulate technical advice and proposals on which elements of the glossary should be reviewed or updated.

Step 4. The Subsidiary Body on Article 8(j) and Other Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity Related to Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities shall consider at its second meeting the advice and proposals formulated by the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on the Review and Update of the Voluntary Glossary of Key Terms and Concepts Within the Context of Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention and prepare a recommendation for consideration by Conference of the Parties at its eighteenth meeting.

Annex II

Terms of Reference for the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on the Review and Update of the Voluntary Glossary of Key Terms and Concepts Within the Context of Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity

1. The Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on the Review and Update of the Voluntary Glossary of Key Terms and Concepts Within the Context of Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity shall:

(a) Formulate advice and proposals on which elements of the glossary should be reviewed or updated in the light of the adoption of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework;⁵

(b) Submit reviewed and updated elements of the glossary for the consideration of the Subsidiary Body on Article 8(j) and Other Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity Related to Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities at its second meeting.

2. The Expert Group shall be composed of 35 experts: 14 experts from indigenous peoples and local communities, representing the seven sociocultural regions recognized by the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (two per region); 15 experts from Parties, representing the five United Nations regional groups (three per group); and six experts nominated by relevant stakeholders.

3. Experts shall be selected taking into consideration gender balance, equitable geographical distribution and the need for a range of relevant expertise, ensuring of a diversity of knowledge systems, including traditional knowledge and policy development.

⁴ Decision [14/13](#), annex.

⁵ Decision [15/4](#), annex.