



## Convention on Biological Diversity

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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**

#### **First meeting**

Panama City, 27–30 October 2025

Agenda item 5 (c)

**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**

#### **Draft recommendation submitted by the Chair**

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

*Recommends* that, at its seventeenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties adopt a decision  
along the following line:

*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 Diversity<sup>1</sup> related to indigenous peoples and local communities to  
2030,<sup>2</sup>

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,<sup>3</sup> as outlined in annex I to the present decision;

2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary of the Convention to convene, subject to the  
availability of resource, an ad hoc technical expert group on the review and update of the  
voluntary 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

<sup>1</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

<sup>2</sup> Decision [16/4](#), annex.

<sup>3</sup> Decision [14/13](#), annex.

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 on Article 8(j) and Other Provisions of the Convention Related to Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities to make a recommendation for updating the voluntary glossary on the basis of the outcome of the review, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its eighteenth meeting.

## **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 Diversity<sup>4</sup> 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<sup>5</sup> to submit views and experiences 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, and shall invite relevant Parties, in line with national legislation and circumstances, to include the views and experiences of people of African descent, comprising collectives embodying traditional lifestyles, in their submissions.

**Step 2.** The Executive Secretary 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 review and formulate technical advice and proposals on which elements of the glossary should be updated. [The process should ensure that any revised definitions reflect the diversity of legal and cultural contexts across Parties and allow for national adaptation.]

**Step 4.** The Executive Secretary shall make available the technical advice and proposals formulated by the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on the review and update of the glossary, for peer review, and also make it available as an information document to 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.

**Step 5.** 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.

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<sup>4</sup> Decision [14/13](#), annex.

<sup>5</sup> Major groups:

## 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) Review and formulate advice and proposals on which elements of the glossary should be updated in the light of the adoption of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework<sup>6</sup> and on the basis of the views received from Parties, indigenous peoples and local communities and relevant stakeholders;

(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.alt 1 The Expert Group shall be composed of 35 experts, as follows:

(a) Fourteen experts from indigenous peoples and local communities, representing the seven sociocultural regions recognized by the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (two per region), nominated and selected through an agreed process;

(b) Fifteen experts from Parties, representing the five United Nations regional groups (three per group);

(c) Six experts nominated by relevant stakeholders.]

[2.alt 2 The Expert Group shall be composed of 29 experts, as follows:

(a) Fifteen experts from Parties, representing the five United Nations regional groups (three per group);

(b) Ten experts from indigenous peoples and local communities, representing the five United Nations regional groups (two per group);

(c) Four experts nominated by relevant stakeholders.]

[2.alt 3 The Expert Group shall be composed of 14 experts, as follows:

(a) Seven experts from indigenous peoples and local communities, representing the seven sociocultural regions recognized by the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (one per region), nominated by their own procedures;

(b) Five experts from Parties, representing the five United Nations regional groups (one per group);

(c) Two experts nominated by relevant stakeholders.]

3. The Co-Chairs of the Subsidiary Body will be invited to participate, ex officio, in the Technical Expert Group.

4. Experts shall be selected taking into consideration relevant expertise, including on gender perspective, gender balance and geographical distribution, ensuring a diversity of knowledge systems, including traditional knowledge and relevant policy development.

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<sup>6</sup> Decision [15/4](#), annex.