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Working Group I

# In-depth dialogue on thematic and cross-cutting issues under Article 8(j) and other provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity related to indigenous peoples and local communities

**Draft decision submitted by the Chair of Working Group I**

*The Conference of the Parties*,

*Recalling* decision 16/34 of 27 February 2025,

*Noting* that, at its first meeting, the Subsidiary Body on Article 8(j) and Other Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity[1] Related to Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities held an in-depth dialogue on the theme "Strategies for mobilizing resources to ensure the availability of and access to financial resources and funding, as well as other means of implementation, including capacity-building, development and technical support for indigenous peoples and local communities, including women and youth, to support the full implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework",[2]

*Noting also* that element 8 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[3] is aimed at promoting the implementation of the relevant targets of the Framework, in particular by supporting access, including direct access, to funding for indigenous peoples and local communities in the context of national policies, plans, projects, programmes or systems, as appropriate,

*Stressing* that the implementation of the programme of work on Article 8(j) and other provisions of the Convention related to indigenous peoples and local communities should follow [approaches][a human rights-based approach,] in line with section C of the Framework [and in accordance with national legislation [and international instruments]],

1. *Encourages* Parties, and invites other relevant actors, considering specific challenges faced by developing countries, to take into account the outcomes of the in-depth dialogue held at the

[1] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.
[2] Decision 15/4, annex.
[3] Decision 16/4, annex.

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

(a) To consider establishing or strengthening, in line with element 8 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, mechanisms and strategies for the mobilization of adequate, predictable and easily accessible financial resources from all sources for indigenous peoples and local communities, including women, youth and persons with disabilities among them;

(b) To support and strengthen the self-determined priorities of indigenous peoples and local communities, identify gaps, promote good practices and further explore options for the development or improvement of policies, mechanisms and other appropriate initiatives and measures to achieve the targets of the Framework;

2. *Invites* funding providers and initiatives:

(a) To support the identification and implementation of finance solutions that enhance the mobilization of resources to support indigenous peoples and local communities;

(b) To consider establishing or enhancing simplified procedures and dedicated funding windows to facilitate direct access by indigenous peoples and local communities, including women, youth and persons with disabilities among them, in a transparent, fair, accountable and equitable manner, taking into account the needs and priorities of indigenous peoples and local communities, in accordance with national circumstances and legislation;

3. *Decides* that the next in-depth dialogue shall address Task 7.1 of the programme of work on Article 8(j) and other provisions of the Convention related to indigenous peoples and local communities in accordance with the Framework and that its theme shall be “Development of guidelines, in collaboration with the relevant United Nations bodies, as well as indigenous peoples and local communities, including women and youth among them, to contribute to the enhancement of the contributions of indigenous peoples and local communities, including women and youth among them, to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, in line with a human right-based approach, consistent with relevant international obligations and instruments”.