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Implementation of Article 8(j) and related provisions**Submission from Brazil and Colombia in relation to item 14 of the
provisional agenda of the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the
Parties******Note by the Secretariat**

1. On 11 October 2024, the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity received a note verbale dated 8 October 2024, from the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Colombia, by which the Minister forwarded a joint submission from the Governments of Brazil and Colombia in relation to item 14 of the provisional agenda of the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, on the implementation of Article 8(j) and related provisions, in particular the subsection on the development of a new programme of work and institutional arrangements on Article 8(j) and related provisions of the Convention.
2. The proposal from Brazil and Colombia is reproduced in the annex to the present note in the form and language in which it was received by the Secretariat.

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Annex

Contribution by Colombia and Brazil in relation to agenda item 14 B

Decision 16/X. The role of communities and people of African descent in the implementation of the Convention

Recalling Decision 15/4, which adopted the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, and Decision 15/10 which outlined the possible elements of the new programme of work on Article 8(j) and other provisions of the Convention related to indigenous peoples and local communities;

Recognizing that the collective efforts and actions, as well as the territories, of communities and people of African descent embodying traditional lifestyles relevant for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, play a fundamental role in the implementation of the Convention, its Protocols, and its Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework;

Highlighting that Article 8(j) and other provisions of the Convention related to indigenous peoples and local communities need to be implemented in an inclusive and transparent manner, ensuring that all relevant groups, including communities and people of African descent, are enabled to contribute to the implementation of the Convention, including through the development, revision and implementation of National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans;

1. *Urges* Parties, in line with national circumstances and national legislation, to recognize communities and people of African descent, their traditional knowledge and their territories in the implementation of the Convention, its Protocols and its Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework;
2. *Urges* Parties to fully engage with communities and people of African descent, recognizing and supporting their collective actions that contribute to the objectives of the Convention, protecting the territories that they traditionally occupy or use towards the goals of the Convention and protecting and encouraging their customary sustainable use;
3. *Encourages* Parties, in line with national circumstances and national legislation, to facilitate the full and effective participation of people of African descent and communities in the implementation of the programme of work on Article 8(j) and other provisions, including in the processes of the Subsidiary Body on Article 8(j), with a view to ensuring full, equitable, inclusive, effective and gender-responsive representation and participation in decision-making;
4. *Encourages* Parties and relevant stakeholders to collaborate with communities and people of African descent to protect and promote their local and traditional food systems and cultural heritage, to support sustainable use practices that contribute to their sustainable livelihoods and to promote capacity-building activities that enhance partnerships between communities and people of African descent and the users of all resources associated with their traditional knowledge;
5. *Encourages* Parties to gather relevant information and experiences on the contributions of communities and people of African descent to the goals of the Convention and to the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework in the preparation of national reports;
6. *Invites* donors, relevant international organizations, other organizations and initiatives as well as multi-stakeholder partnerships to support actions led by communities and people of African descent that contribute to the objectives of the Convention and to the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, including through innovative financial mechanisms;

7. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to compile submissions on the contribution of communities and people of African descent to the implementation of the Convention, including Article 8(j) and other provisions, and its Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, for consideration at the first meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Article 8(j) and other provisions, and its relevant decisions at COP 17 with a view to fully integrate these contributions in the implementation of the Convention.
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