CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE
CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

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DECISION ADOPTED BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

14/14. Other matters related to Article 8(j) and related provisions

The Conference of the Parties,

Noting that the Ad Hoc Open-ended Inter-sessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions at its tenth meeting conducted an in-depth dialogue on the topic “contribution of the traditional knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous peoples and local communities to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development1 with particular emphasis on conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity”;

Recognizing the important contribution that traditional knowledge, innovations and practices, and the customary use of biodiversity by indigenous peoples and local communities to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity can make to the achievement of most of the Sustainable Development Goals,

1. Invites Parties, when implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,1 to mainstream traditional knowledge, innovations and practices, including those on customary sustainable use of biodiversity, into the implementation of all relevant Sustainable Development Goals with the full and effective participation of indigenous peoples and local communities and with their prior and informed consent or free, prior and informed consent or approval and involvement, as appropriate, and consistent with national legislation and circumstances, and in accordance with international obligations;

2. Decides that the topic for the in-depth dialogue to be held at the eleventh meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Inter-sessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions shall be: “contribution of the traditional knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous peoples and local communities, and cultural diversity to the post-2020 global biodiversity framework”;

3. Notes the recommendations emanating from the fifteenth and sixteenth sessions of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues,2 and requests the Secretariat to continue to inform the Permanent Forum on developments of mutual interest.

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1 General Assembly resolution 70/1, annex.
2 See CBD/WG8J/10/11, sect. 1, recommendation 10/6.