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

15/21. Recommendations from the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues to the Convention on Biological Diversity

The Conference of the Parties,

Having considered the note by the Executive Secretary,1

- 1. Takes note of the recommendations emanating from the seventeenth and eighteenth sessions of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, and requests the Executive Secretary to continue to inform the Permanent Forum of developments of mutual interest;
- 2. *Welcomes* the invitations of the Forum to the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity to contribute to:
- (a) A study on the contributions of indigenous peoples to the management of ecosystems and the protection of biodiversity;
- (b) A set of actions and commitments in relation to conservation and human rights in the context of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework;
- (c) A comparative legal study that analyses the rights of indigenous peoples and the emerging rights of local communities;
- 3. Decides to take the results of these activities under consideration in the development of its new programme of work on Article 8(j) and other provisions of the Convention related to indigenous peoples and local communities from the perspective of the relevance of the knowledge innovations and practices of indigenous peoples and local communities relevant to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, particularly in the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework;
- 4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of resources, to contribute to the above-mentioned activities, to provide information to the Forum about these and other relevant activities of the Convention, and to carry out commitments to indigenous peoples, in accordance with the Secretary General's system-wide action plan for ensuring a coherent approach to achieving the ends of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.²

¹ CBD/WG8J/11/6.

² E/C.19/2016/5 and Corr.1.