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Thank you Madame Chair. I am speaking on behalf of the Global Youth Biodiversity Network.

GYBN recognizes the post-2020 global biodiversity framework as a unique opportunity to collectively take necessary steps toward social and environmental justice—the fairest transformational pathway towards a life in harmony with nature. It also provides an opportunity to correct past failures of neglecting to sufficiently recognize, monitor, and report on the contributions of youth, women, Indigenous peoples and local communities to biodiversity. When our contributions are not being measured, they are not reported; and when they are not reported, **we become invisible**. This would be a big disservice to what the post-2020 framework is trying to achieve, and is something we must no longer accept.

In this context, we make the following comments on the document **CBD/SBSTTA/24/3 and its addendum**:

1. First, we express our concern about discussing and agreeing on headline indicators without having yet agreed on goals and targets, among which we still see many major gaps. These gaps include the insufficient reflection of human rights-based approaches, intergenerational equity, gender considerations, and priorities of indigenous peoples & local communities which are crucial cross-cutting issues that must be integrated throughout the framework.
2. Second, we re-emphasize that data **must** be disaggregated by age, sex, and indigenous status wherever possible and relevant, so that the current and future indicators can monitor outcomes for youth, women, Indigenous peoples and local communities.
3. Third, Regarding Annex II on the Technical Expert Group, the Terms of Reference must explicitly ensure the involvement of rightsholder and stakeholder groups. Expertise within the Expert Group must represent diverse knowledge systems, and must hear directly from the groups concerned on which indicators would be the most meaningful to reflect their contributions both quantitatively and qualitatively.

We propose the following addition to paragraph 3 of Annex II:

- After the words “with due regard to representation of different areas of technical expertise and to geographical representation,” we propose the addition: “representation from major rightsholder and stakeholder groups,”
4. Finally, in our case as youth, we are concerned that meaningful youth-related indicators that meet the criteria as listed in the document may likely not yet exist and will have to be developed with our full and effective participation. And so, especially for Targets 19 and 20, we articulate the need to involve youth in the development process of these indicators, as well as the monitoring process.

Thank you Madame Chair.