



Fourth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework

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Statement on behalf of the **International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity (IIFB)-IPLCs**, delivered by **Ramson Karmushu**

Thank you, Mr/Ms Chair

I speak on behalf of the International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity (IIFB). We pay our respects to the Maasai Indigenous peoples and their traditional lands on which we stand. We condemn the catastrophic situation confronting the Maasai community in Loliondo, Tanzania. The increase in systematic repression, criminalisation and killing of Indigenous Peoples all around the world in the name of conservation and development must stop immediately.

Preventing these gross violations of our human rights is at the core of our ongoing negotiations. Can governments in this room commit to healing relationships with our planet together with the world's Indigenous Peoples and local communities?

IIFB maintains that the recognition of IPLC's rights and responsibilities to their land, territories and resources is essential in the development of a transformative framework and its effective implementation. This means explicit references to traditional territories, customary land tenure, customary sustainable use, equitable benefit-sharing mechanisms, free prior and informed consent in establishing conservation areas and in access to and the sharing of traditional knowledge and full, effective, and equitable participation in decision-making.

IIFB urges Parties to fully embed IPLCs as vital actors and partners in the Goals and Targets of the post-2020 GBF, as well as in NBSAPs planning, monitoring and review.

We remind Parties of the conclusions of IPBES that our lands and territories contribute to the conservation of biodiversity and are necessary for the achievement of the post-2020 goals and targets. Therefore we call for a mechanism for open and direct access for funding for all IPLCs for the implementation of the post-2020 GBF.

The IIFB calls for Parties to voice their support to our proposals for the draft GBF.

Finally, we are confronted with challenges to effectively and fully participate in the discussions due to the badge restrictions. Additionally, late logistical arrangements for some Voluntary Fund supported delegates prevented their ability to travel. We hope these issues will be remedied soon.

Thank you Mr Chair.