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AGENDA ITEM 1A: OPENING STATEMENT

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Statement on behalf of the **International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity (IIFB)** delivered by Handaine Mohammed of the Indigenous Peoples African coordination committee (IPACC)

Thanks Chair, **I speak on behalf of the International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity.**

The IIFB acknowledges the Masai Peoples' upon whose land and territory we are sitting.

The historical Kunming Montreal Global Biodiversity framework (KMGBF) adopted in 2022, recognizes Indigenous Peoples and local communities' roles and contributions in the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, as well as their contribution as key actors to revert biodiversity loss and its implementation at all levels.

The adoption of KMGBF demands a transformational change of paradigm in conservation to recognize the contribution of Indigenous Peoples and local communities.

Only in a few countries are Indigenous Peoples and local communities making contribution in the processes of update and review of the National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) in the national implementation of the KMGBF. In most countries there are existing gaps in the development of NBSAPs and there is no full and effective participation of Indigenous Peoples and local communities, women and youth.

The IIFB calls on Parties and other governments to promote measures to respect, preserve and maintain and support Indigenous Peoples and local communities' knowledge systems, ancestral practices and innovations for the conservation and sustainable protection of biological diversity in their review of their NBSAPs.

Planning, monitoring and review mechanisms are important processes in the implementation of the KMGBF.

The IIFB recommends the strengthening of evidence-based reporting through the inclusion of community-based data and information in the preparation of national reports, in the compilation of the global review and report, and in the online reporting tool. The IIFB reiterates its commitment to produce the third edition of the Local Biodiversity Outlooks, illustrating the contributions of Indigenous Peoples and local



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communities to the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, as a complementary publication to the global report.

The IIFB welcomes the establishment of the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund to support the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework 2022 and hopes that projects achieve more than the 20% of the total amount of resources as an aspirational fund for Indigenous Peoples and local communities for the conservation, restoration, sustainable use and management of biodiversity. The IIFB calls for a specific mechanism to support Indigenous Peoples and local communities to ensure they have direct access to resources or through appropriate intercultural mechanisms.

The IIFB recommends recognising the importance of traditional knowledge systems and indigenous technologies in the Knowledge Management for Biodiversity Initiative with due attention to culturally appropriate capacity-building and development, ensuring that traditional knowledge, innovations, practices and technologies of Indigenous Peoples and local communities is only accessed with their free, prior and informed consent according to Target 21.

IIFB will be contributing in each agenda item.

Many thanks