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AGENDA ITEM 2: Article 8(j) programme of work and progress in national target setting and the updating of NBSAPs

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This statement is on behalf of the **International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity (IIFB)** delivered by John Cheechoo, Inuit Circumpolar Council Canada (ICC)

Thank you Chair

The International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity welcomes the report contained in CBD document SBI/4/3 on the implementation of the multi-year programme of work supporting the implementation of Article 8(j) and other related provisions of the Convention.

We emphasize that the vast majority of the tasks in the multi-year programme of work on Article 8 (j) have been completed or are under on-going implementation. We also note there are tasks that have not yet been initiated. It is our expectation that these tasks will become a part of the alignment processes during the implementation of the KMGBF, with the necessary technical, and financial resources to support this process.

Article 8(j) is an essential and pivotal article in the Convention. It provides for the full and effective participation and engagement of Indigenous Peoples and local communities, women, and youth, including the recognition of rights and the importance of traditional knowledge, customary sustainable use, and the application of various principles and protocols that promote our on-going and equitable inclusion in the implementation activities and processes of the Convention.

The Working Group on Article 8(j) has played a key role in the achievements that are evident in the report of the multi-year programme of work. As such, we believe that the continuing and enhanced engagement of Indigenous Peoples and local communities, women, and youth, will serve to strengthen and support the implementation of the Global Biodiversity Framework and the achievement of its goals and targets. We reiterate the importance to fulfill the rights to Free Prior and Informed Consent,

The IIFB also takes note of CBD document SBI/4/2, on the preparation of revised NBSAPs and the establishment of national targets in alignment with the Global Biodiversity Framework.

We congratulate those Parties who have engaged Indigenous Peoples and local communities, women and youth, in their strategic action plans and encourage other Parties to do likewise, including in the setting of national targets.



The development of NBSAPs and targets at the national level are vital for the implementation of the Framework. It is equally vital for the Parties to engage Indigenous Peoples and local communities, women, and youth, in the development of the plans and targets that affect them at the national, subnational, and local levels.

In operative Recommendation number 2 of the document where it reads:

Encourages Parties to submit their revised and updated national biodiversity strategies and action plans, including national targets, **TAKING INTO ACCOUNT SECTION C OF THE KMGBF AND ENSURING THE FULL AND EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES, WOMEN AND YOUTH IN THE NBSAPS REVISION PROCESS.**

We look forward to continuing the work of implementing Article 8(j), the KMGBF, and the CBD as a whole

We thank the Parties for their consideration and support

Thank you Chair