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**Agenda Item 3. “In-depth dialogue: “The role of languages in the intergenerational transmission of traditional knowledge, innovations and practices”**  
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Thank you, Co-Chair

My name is XXXXXX from COUNTRY, speaking on behalf of the CBD Women’s Caucus.

Underscoring the point that diverse languages and knowledge systems reflect the strong and collective relations of indigenous and local communities, including indigenous and local women, with nature and cultural values that uphold conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity.

And further affirming that indigenous and local women play a critical role in the protection, conservation and transmission of indigenous and local languages, as clearly and strongly stated during the “International dialogue with indigenous peoples and local communities and relevant stakeholders on the implementation of the GBF and the Gender Plan of Action” celebrated the last 2 days.

We propose the following concrete edits in the text of the proposed Recommendations of document CBD/WG8J/12/2, for which we seek support from Parties:

*Also noting that, in the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework,<sup>1</sup> the Conference of the Parties acknowledged the **important critical** roles and contributions of indigenous peoples and local communities, **including indigenous and local women**, as custodians of biodiversity, their rights, knowledge, including traditional knowledge associated with biodiversity, innovations, world views, values and practices,*

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<sup>1</sup> Decision [15/4](#), annex.

***New para: Further noting that Targets 22 and 23 and the Gender Plan of Action<sup>2</sup> of the Framework calls to ensure gender equality in the implementation of the Framework through a gender-responsive approach, where all women and girls, in particular indigenous and local women, have equal opportunity and capacity to contribute to the three objectives of the Convention.***

*Recognizing* that the contribution of indigenous **and local** languages and traditional knowledge, **as well as the role of indigenous and local women in the processes of knowledge transmission**, to addressing global biodiversity loss is necessary to achieve the 2050 vision of living in harmony with nature,

*Also recognizing* that diverse languages and knowledge **systems reflect the strong and collective relations of indigenous and local communities, including indigenous and local women, with nature and cultural values that uphold conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and hence can** provide human and ecological systems with greater adaptive capacity to cope with current **disturbances crises** and strengthen social and ecological resilience,

1. *Invites* Parties to fully acknowledge the role of indigenous and **local** languages, **including the the role of indigenous and local women and youth**, in the intergenerational transmission of traditional knowledge, innovations and practices among indigenous peoples and local communities and, more broadly, the links between biological and cultural diversity;
2. *Encourages* Parties, other Governments, relevant organizations, indigenous peoples, local communities, **women and youth** and **other relevant** stakeholders to incorporate, as appropriate, the revitalization of indigenous and local languages, **including through concrete actions like support for community initiatives for cultural and resource centers and field schools**, given their fundamental role in the intergenerational transmission of traditional knowledge, into the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, including through the updating and revision of their national biodiversity strategies and action plans, and the preparation of their seventh and subsequent national reports;
3. *Decides* that the theme of the next in-depth dialogue shall be “Strategies for mobilizing resources to ensuring direct access to **financial resources funding, as well as other means of implementation including capacity building, development and technical support** by indigenous peoples and local communities, **women and youth** to support the full implementation of the Kunming- Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, **as well as financial transparency and accountability from donors and implementation agencies.**”

Thank you Co-Chair,

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<sup>2</sup> Decision [15/11](#), Paragraph 2. (e) “Ensuring meaningful and effective engagement and empowerment of women and girls from indigenous peoples and local communities. Indigenous women and girls, and those from local communities, are integrally involved in the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, and yet continue to face discrimination and remain marginalized in decision-making processes, access and ownership over resources including land. As such, it is proposed that implementation of the Gender Plan of Action include a focus on empowering and supporting the meaningful, informed and effective engagement of women and girls from indigenous peoples and local communities to address their rights, needs and interests, and to recognize and value their traditional knowledge, innovations, practices, technologies and cultures and their related rights in support of the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, and in the fair and equitable sharing of benefits”.

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