



**Fourth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework
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WG2020-4 Item 8. Closing statement

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Statement on behalf of the **International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity (IIFB)-IPLCs**, delivered by **Shylina Linaard**.

Thank you, Mr. Chair

I speak on behalf of the International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity (IIFB).

The natural world is burning and we have spent too many hours in a bureaucratic world of policy semantics. The way these negotiations have taken place reflect a clear divorce from the urgent realities and the emergency of the situation we are in. This ‘business as usual’ process of intergovernmental negotiations must change.

We welcome section B bis addressing cross-cutting issues, and there is a need to ensure that the section does not dilute but rather contributes to crystallizing transformative approaches rather than entrenched positions.

IIFB strongly believes that a Human Rights based approach would make the GBF truly transformative and consistent with the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and other international human rights law, as a minimum standard.

The fundamental role played by our peoples in the conservation of biological diversity and the mitigation and adaptation to climate change has been proven. However, many of our proposals are still in square brackets. We call for Parties to remove the brackets around the language on our rights, territories, and biocultural ecosystems. We are greatly concerned by proposals to move IPLCs language from targets to B bis. Our rights need to remain in all key goals, targets and sections on IPLCs.

We emphasize the need for resource mobilization for IPLCs to ensure our ability to contribute to the implementation of the GBF. Therefore, we call for an open, fair and equitable mechanism of direct access to funding that ensures these resources actually directly reach the IPLCs in both developed and developing countries.

Finally, we thank Parties that have contributed to the Voluntary Fund. We ask other Parties to commit to full, effective, and equal participation of IPLCs from the 7 socio-cultural regions in the COP15 and all preparatory meetings, overcoming the logistical problems encountered at this



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meeting, especially regarding visas. We remind parties of COP-4 decision to include IPLC representatives in their delegations.

We look forward to working with you all to increase national ambitions and the full implementation of our 2050 biodiversity strategy.

Thank you Mr. Chair.