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**Statement on behalf of the Executive Secretary
of the Convention on Biological Diversity
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Agenda item 3**

**Upcoming work of the Working Group on
Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of
relevance to the Outcomes Document of the
WCIP regarding traditional knowledge.**

AD HOC OPEN-ENDED INTER-
SESSIONAL WORKING GROUP ON
ARTICLE 8(j) AND RELATED
PROVISIONS OF THE CONVENTION
ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

Will meet for its Ninth meeting in
Montreal, on 4 - 7 November 2015

Objective to reach Target 18 by 2020

Target 18 By 2020, the traditional knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities relevant for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, and their customary use of biological resources, are respected, subject to national legislation and relevant international obligations, and fully integrated and reflected in the implementation of the Convention with the full and effective participation of indigenous and local communities, at all relevant levels.

THE AGENDA 9TH MEETING OF THE WG 8(J) WILL ADDRESS

3. Multi-Year Programme of Work on the Implementation of Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity:
 - (a) Task 12 – to develop guidelines for national legislation and other arrangements for the implementation of 8j and related provisions (10c) that fully recognise and respect the rights of IPs and LCs over their TK – through the following sub-tasks:

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- (i) Develop guidelines for obtaining the prior informed consent or approval and involvement of the indigenous and local communities;
- (ii) Develop guidelines to ensure that indigenous and local communities obtain a fair and equitable share of benefits arising from the use of their knowledge;
- (iii) Develop standards and guidelines for the reporting and prevention of unlawful appropriation of traditional knowledge; and
- (iv) Develop a glossary of relevant key terms and concepts.

(b) Task 15, Best-practice guidelines for the repatriation of indigenous and traditional knowledge – for knowledge and cultural restoration.

8(j) Agenda items to Subsidiary Body on Implementation SBI (May 2016)

SBI will consider progress in the implementation of article 8(j) at national and international levels including progress in the effective participation of indigenous peoples.

Parties are to report to SBI on the implementation the plan of action on customary sustainable use of biological diversity (Decision XII/12 B) *(related provision Article 10(c))*

Inter-Agency Support Group Work of relevance to the Outcomes Document of WCIP

IASG WG Indicators – Chaired by CBD

1. A stock-taking on Agencies work on “indigenous” indicators, with a focus on indicators adopted by UN organisations and programmes;
 2. (Inter-Agency Collaboration to) Operationalise agreed to indicators;
 3. Considering the application of adopted indicators, to other international processes (multiple use) including WCIP Outcomes process, CBD/ FAO/ UN DRIPs / SWAP/ Post 2015 Development Agenda / Others
- and then
4. Consider the need for additional indicators, as needed.

Key agencies have expressed interest in joining this IASG WG on Indicators – and I recall, in particular, OHCHR, ILO, IFAD, FAO, SPFII, UNESCO, and International Land Coalition (ILC).

Other members of the IASG will report to you on the System Wide Analysis Plan for WCIP being prepared by the IASG.

We look forward to working closely with the UNPII and indigenous peoples to achieve measurable outcomes from the WCIP.

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