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We would like to pay tribute to colleagues who are missing at this meeting due to the pandemic and all victims of war and violence especially women and girls. We need peace, justice and a healthy, safe and sustainable environment for a better future for all. .

Thank you for the opportunity to be able to provide inputs into your discussions that will impact all of our futures.

Respect and promotion of women's rights and human rights generally are the heart of the CBD and should be effectively and duly translated into the goals, targets, and monitoring and implementation framework of the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework. We need a strong gender-responsive implementation of the post-2020 Gender Plan of Action (GPA).The capacity-building strategy, review, planning and reporting mechanisms are anchored in and aligned with the deliverables of the Post 2020-GPA through gender responsive implementation of the whole of the Post-2020 Gender Plan of Action. We should learn from the gaps in the implementation of the GPA in the past.

We support the GBF guiding principles and a strengthened text for Target 21, but they are not sufficient to ensure integration of gender equality and justice, and secure full and effective participation of women and girls and ensure women and girls' equitable access and benefits from conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity. The GBF requires a stand-alone target on gender equality -the time in NOW.

The biggest drivers of biodiversity loss include monocultures, unsustainable livestock farming and other extractive industries, as well as indirect drivers which have had adverse impacts on women globally. As industrial and intensive agriculture, livestock farming and large-scale fisheries are recognised among the main drivers of biodiversity loss, action is also needed to

reverse the trend as soon as possible. For millennia, indigenous and peasant women have been the custodians and protectors of the world's biodiversity, of the traditional and ancestral knowledge intrinsic to it, the consequences of which can be seen in the loss of biodiversity. Incentives and investments that support these activities, which are profoundly damaging to biodiversity, food sovereignty and human rights, especially for women and the most vulnerable people, such as children, the elderly and the disabled, should be phased out NOW and the GBF needs a strong target to align all human activities and financial flows with the CBD.

Governments have a primary mandate to put in place strong, rights-based, gender just and equitable regulatory frameworks to halt destructive business activities. Business cannot be asked to self-regulate as currently suggested in draft GBF target 15.

Gender-just and equitable governance and a recognition of the importance of gender just community conservation, Indigenous territories, and other forms of collective action should be included in all area-related targets, including in particular target 1. This includes recognition of the right to Free Prior and Informed Consent of Indigenous Peoples. We firmly reject fortress conservation.

We also appeal for a gender responsive financing mechanism and resource mobilisation which includes gender specific budgeting.

We envision a world that is inclusive, kind and nurturing and the only way forward is - recognizing and acknowledging the injustices we have created in the world today.

Thank you.