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Agenda item 14

**Implementation of Article 8(j) and related provisions**

**Decision adopted by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on  
Biological Diversity on 1 November 2024**

**16/8. Recommendations from the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues pertaining  
to the Convention on Biological Diversity\***

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Recalling* that the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework<sup>1</sup> is to be understood, acted upon, implemented, reported and evaluated consistent with the contribution and rights of indigenous peoples and local communities and that the important roles and contributions of indigenous peoples and local communities as custodians of biodiversity and as partners in its conservation, restoration and sustainable use are acknowledged in the Framework,

*Recalling also* that the Framework is to be implemented in accordance with international instruments, including the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples,<sup>2</sup> and human rights law, and in this regard that nothing in the Framework may be construed as diminishing or extinguishing the rights that indigenous peoples currently have or may acquire in the future,

*Having considered* the note by the Secretariat<sup>3</sup> on the recommendations from the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues pertaining to the Convention on Biological Diversity,<sup>4</sup>

1. *Takes note* of the observations and recommendations emanating from the twentieth, twenty-first and twenty-second sessions of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues;
2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to continue to exchange information with the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on issues of mutual interest and to provide information to the Forum on activities undertaken in the context of the Convention on Biological Diversity in relation to the rights of indigenous peoples and local communities.

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\* Nothing in the present decision should be interpreted as implying a separation between indigenous peoples and local communities.

<sup>1</sup> Decision 15/4, annex.

<sup>2</sup> General Assembly resolution 61/295, annex.

<sup>3</sup> CBD/WG8J/12/7.

<sup>4</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.