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Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity
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Dear Madam,

RE: Notification 2026-047

In response to the invitation to Parties, other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth and relevant organizations to submit their review on Notification 2026-047 the Foundation observes the following for consideration: (attached excel sheet):

P.188: Disability mainstreaming within these measures is underrepresented, with limited technical expertise to ensure that policies, awareness campaigns, educational materials, and waste reduction initiatives are accessible, inclusive, and responsive to the needs of persons with disabilities. Strengthening disability-inclusive planning and implementation will help ensure that biodiversity conservation and sustainable consumption initiatives

P.229 All of the commitments relate to strengthening data, knowledge, and information systems, while several also emphasize the meaningful engagement of youth, including youth with disabilities, to promote awareness, biodiversity knowledge, and inclusive participation in biodiversity conservation and sustainable use.

P.273 Education systems are reported as not yet adequately integrating biodiversity and environmental literacy. Furthermore, disability inclusion remains insufficiently mainstreamed, limiting equitable access for learners with disabilities to biodiversity education, environmental literacy, and meaningful participation in conservation and sustainable development through accessible and inclusive education systems.

P. 316 Building communications and advocacy efforts for specific biodiversity and sustainability priorities, strengthening strategic partnerships to accelerate the achievement of specific targets, and enhancing awareness across related policy and development processes through improved cooperation, synergies, and knowledge exchange. Disability inclusion should be mainstreamed throughout these efforts by ensuring accessible communication, participation of persons with disabilities and their representative organizations, and the integration of inclusive approaches into advocacy, partnerships, and cross-sectoral collaboration.

Thank you for the opportunity to make the contribution.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director
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