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GYBN Intervention on Item 5 - Sustainable Wildlife Management: Guidance for a Sustainable Wild Meat Sector

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Thank you Madam/Mister Chair for the opportunity to share our position. I am speaking on behalf of the Global Youth Biodiversity Network.

GYBN supports the statement by the ICCA consortium.

We appreciate the efforts to help achieve a sustainable wild meat sector. And the work done by the Collaborative Partnership.

GYBN feels that the issue of Wild Meat needs to be addressed in a way that better reflects the current realities of several of the developing countries which are dealing with this problem.

In this regard, GYBN would like to address some important gaps that have not been sufficiently considered in the context of the realities of these countries as important issues leading to the bushmeat crisis.

We believe that the overarching disruptive presence of corruption needs to be recognised and ways to tackle it should be included in the guidance.

Due to the rampant use of well-known harmful and wasteful hunting practices like snares being used in [Southeast Asia](#) and [Africa](#), we urge parties to create a system of incentives and/or penalties in order to stop the use of such harmful and wasteful hunting practices.

GYBN is concerned that the issue of gender mainstreaming is currently not reflected in the text and calls upon parties to seek linkages with the 2015-2020 Gender Plan of Action.

GYBN commends the comprehensive approach to tackle the bushmeat crisis by differentially tackling the two key target groups.

However, we feel that more efforts need to be made in order to develop a trustful relationship between IPLCs and government agencies. IPLCs should be included in all planning and implementation processes.

GYBN believes that education should be at the core of solving the Bushmeat crisis. The issue of wild meat should therefore be included in formal and informal education systems in order to raise awareness, compassion, create behavioral change and to build the capacities of current and future generations to tackle this crisis.

To strengthen the role of education, GYBN is proposing to modify the recommendation under 44(b)(iv) as follows:

“Include wild meat/wildlife concerns in all relevant formal educational curricula and informal education systems to build the capacities of future generations from IPLCs and urban communities.”

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