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NGO Major Group Statement at the CoW on IPBES:

“We support the strengthening of science-policy interface through the establishment of the IPBES, with full and meaningful participation of developing countries and ensuring access to, and the full and meaningful participation of civil society, major groups and relevant stakeholders in all deliberations of the platform. The IPBES must include channels to consider credible, robust and accessible natural and social sciences from civil society and all stakeholders, as well as local and indigenous knowledge. We also emphasize the need to strengthen the science base and policy interface through supporting the developing countries’ capacity building and scientific research to support their effective participation the platform. We expect that the modalities of these proposals will be adopted in the first plenary meeting of the IPBES to be convened soon.”

Thank you,

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