

Statement of International Indigenous Peoples Forum on Climate Change (IIPFCC)

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There is no doubt that Climate change is in reality a profound crisis and climatic aggression against the rights of Mother Earth, the right to life, the right to food and food sovereignty, the right to health, in the end, to human rights and especially the collective rights and life ways of indigenous peoples who are also under threat. It is unacceptable that, without being at all responsible, we are major victims of climate change and climate change causes further imbalance and degradation to our multiple land use systems.

We encourage all country parties to adopt development pathways consistent with the goals of the convention for emission reductions guided by the principles of historical and common but differentiated responsibility to keep global temperature below 1.5 degrees Celsius.

An overarching human rights based approach must be integrated into the climate change regime. Indigenous peoples' rights as recognized in the UNDRIP and referred to in the safeguards under REDD, and the recognition of indigenous peoples' traditional knowledge, as reflected in the Warsaw decision on the Nairobi work program and the most recent IPCC report, must be fully reflected and elaborated in the new climate agreement.

We therefore call for urgent action that takes into account and respects the rights of our peoples, the value of indigenous cosmo-vision and traditional knowledge, technologies, practices, customary institutions and governance, throughout the climate change processes, and which prioritizes adaptation activities within indigenous peoples' territories.

The outcome document of the Durban platform must operationalize the Cancun Agreement as it explicitly recognizes that UNFCCC Parties have human rights obligations, and that they should fully respect human rights in all climate change-related decisions including the rights of indigenous peoples. It should guarantee full and effective participation of indigenous peoples in all processes, programs and actions at all levels, including inter alia access to funding mechanisms, financing, MRV and guaranteed and enforceable safeguards and all other evolving climate change-related mechanisms.

Thank you Chair