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**Statement of the International Indigenous Peoples Forum on Climate Change (IIPFCC) to the
Ad Hoc Working Group for the Paris Agreement (APA)
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Dear Excellences,

The International Indigenous Peoples' Forum on Climate Change (IIPFCC) welcomes the recognition through the Paris Agreement that action on climate change must be consistent with the human rights obligations of states, including by implementing the rights of Indigenous Peoples. This recognition must be the core foundation guiding Indigenous Peoples together with State Parties in all UNFCCC actions including APA Agenda Items.

Indigenous Peoples bring a unique and essential perspective into this process based on our relationships with our lands, territories and resources. Implementation of indigenous rights and indigenous knowledge systems will enhance both state and global contributions to climate change mitigation and adaptation. Together we must find ways to implement the full, effective and meaningful participation of Indigenous Peoples in the APA process moving forward in this phase dedicated to action.

The Development and implementation of NDCs, must be undertaken with full and effective participation of Indigenous Peoples and must be consistent with the recognition, respect, and promotion of Indigenous Peoples' rights. NDCs must not encourage states to violate domestic or international human rights commitments, by, for example, displacing Indigenous Peoples from our territories, and must incorporate social and environmental safeguards.

The global stocktake, proposed under the Paris Agreement, must reflect the realities from the ground and shall include reports from Community Based Monitoring and Information Systems (CBMIS) as well as other data and information generated by Indigenous Peoples. The Global Stocktake should also be a review of the integration of the cross-cutting principles and obligations of the PA, including a dedicated focus on human rights, including Indigenous Peoples' rights.

In line with this, We call on the countries who signed on to the Geneva Pledge on Human Rights and Climate Change to establish a working group or a program to work on Human Rights and Climate Change. This shall ensure the full and effective participation of Indigenous Peoples through the appointment of representatives by Indigenous Peoples.