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Statement of the International Indigenous Peoples Forum on Climate Change (IIPFCC) Opening Plenary of the Conference of Parties (COP)

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Your Excellency's, The Amazigh people, State Parties,

We, The International Indigenous Peoples Forum on Climate Change (IIPFCC), ***Welcomes the references*** of Indigenous Peoples' rights as well to our Traditional Knowledge in The Paris Agreement, preamble and the Paris Decision.

We would like to highlight the central place of Article 7 Paragraph 5 of the Paris Agreement in respect to the recognition of the significance of traditional knowledge, the knowledge of indigenous peoples, and local knowledge systems.

In the implementation of the provision of Paris Agreement, Paris Decision and the Preamble, the IIPFCC calls for four proposals:

- Parties must ensure the full and effective participation of Indigenous Peoples in their NDCs, include indicators that recognize and safeguard our collective rights to lands, territories and natural resources, autonomy, self-representation, exercise of customary law, non-discrimination and customary land ownership.
- In order to fully benefit from the Indigenous Peoples traditional knowledge, support should be provided in all climate finance as well as, the Green Climate Fund modalities, to mitigation and adaptation projects proposed and implemented by Indigenous Peoples. The GCF should adopt an Indigenous Peoples policy.
- The composition and recognition of an Indigenous Peoples' expert group to provide advice on matters related to traditional knowledge and indigenous peoples' rights. We also suggest an in-session technical workshop before COP23 on these forms of knowledge.
- We request the UNFCCC Secretariat to establish an Indigenous Peoples mechanism to provide guidance to the secretariat in the establishment of the Indigenous Peoples platform for the exchange of experiences and sharing of best practices on mitigation and adaptation in a holistic and integrated manner.

In the development of further guidance for the SDM, the State Parties should learn from past and present negative experiences with previous mechanisms such as CDM.