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The International Indigenous Peoples Forum on Climate Change (IIPFCC) *welcome the references* on the respect of human rights, including the rights of Indigenous Peoples in the preamble of the Paris Agreement, as well as, the traditional knowledge of Indigenous Peoples under Article 7, Paragraph 5; and the establishment of a platform under Paragraph 135 in the decision.

To ensure the effective participation of Indigenous Peoples in the call to action for the implementation of the Paris Agreement, we call for the establishment of an **Indigenous Peoples' Expert and knowledge-holder advisory body** to provide input into the various procedures, mechanisms and institutional arrangements for implementation on the following:

1. Provisions under Article 7, paragraph 5 in relation to traditional knowledge, knowledge of Indigenous Peoples, and local knowledge systems
2. Paragraph 135 on the establishment of a platform for Indigenous Peoples to exchange and share best practices on climate mitigation and adaptation actions
3. To facilitate a technical expert meeting on Indigenous Peoples' Traditional Knowledge before COP23 in full collaboration with the Indigenous Peoples' expert group in the implementation.

We recommend that the members of this Indigenous Peoples expert group and advisory body shall be chosen with the principle of self-selection regional processes of indigenous peoples based on agreed criteria and qualifications.

Thank you.