

I have the honor to speak on behalf of the International Indigenous Peoples Forum on Climate Change (IIPFCC). We demand the adoption of a human rights based approach in all decisions taking place within the 41<sup>st</sup> session of SBSTA. The decisions must respect international human rights instruments and standards such as the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and ILO C169. We demand respect for, and the promotion and fulfillment of our collective rights and life plans.

The REDD+ countries must respect the self-selection process of indigenous peoples and implement Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) to ensure their representation in all the relevant REDD+ bodies at local, national, regional and international levels. We consider large-scale agriculture, hydroelectric, plantation, mining, mega dams, infrastructures and logging as the real drivers of deforestations.

We also demand additional guidance on safeguards information system (SIS). Parties should not take it as a burden but should take this as an opportunity to strengthen the rights of indigenous peoples. We demand that SBSTA ensure that the following information be included in the information system:

- The indicators on how the parties have stringently respected and implemented the rights of indigenous peoples as mentioned in the Cancun Agreement
- The integration of community-based monitoring and information systems into the national forest monitoring system. The participation of indigenous peoples in the collection of information must be ensured
- The human rights violations resulting from the implementation of REDD+ activities must be redressed, compensated and reported in the SIS
- An independent body should be set up for the validation of information. Most importantly, the parallel reporting by indigenous peoples should be recognized
- The grievance mechanism should be accessible to indigenous peoples and should be set up at the national and international levels to ensure timely justice to indigenous peoples
- There should be progress indicators on the amount of collective land titling within indigenous territories.