

Statement of International Indigenous Peoples Forum on Climate Change Statement (IIPFCC), Closing Session of SBSTA at UNFCCC

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Thank you co-chairs and distinguished parties delegates, for this opportunity to speak on behalf of International Indigenous Peoples Forum on Climate Change (IIPFCC).

1. Indigenous peoples are concerned about the recent development in the non-carbon benefit discussions in Bonn as summarized in the latest draft of the SBSTA document on REDD+. The draft decision accelerates the disbursement of results-based payments by considering the generation of non-carbon benefits as “additional requirements”. Our non-carbon benefits are anchored to our fundamental rights - as recognized by the UNDRIP and other international obligations and instruments and cannot be ensured without the necessary related governance and legal reforms. Livelihoods, biodiversity, indigenous peoples’ rights, food security are intrinsically linked. Non-carbon benefits should be valued properly and defined within human rights framework.
2. The methodological guidance on Safeguard Information Systems (SIS) must respect, recognize and promote the community based participatory monitoring and information systems based on traditional knowledge, customary laws, forest management systems and practices of indigenous peoples.
3. We welcome the presence of provisions for Safeguards and Grievance Mechanisms in the Governing Instrument of the GCF. We call on the parties to support our call for the representation of Indigenous Peoples' Organizations (IPOs) as active observers to the Board of Green Climate Fund and our direct access to the fund.
4. Finally, all climate change adaptation and mitigation policies, strategies, actions and programmes must respect the collective rights and ownership of indigenous peoples to forests, land, territories and resources, in line with the international standards and instruments such as UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) and ILO Convention 169.

Thank you.