

**High Level Segment – Intervention – December 10, 2010**

**Statement on behalf of the International Indigenous Peoples' Forum on Climate Change (IIPFCC)**

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Thank you, Madame President

Representatives of Indigenous Peoples from all over the world attending this climate change conference collectively express our dismay and severe disappointment over the lack of political will and good faith negotiations to truly and effectively combat climate change.

Our proposals under Long Term Cooperative Action and the Kyoto Protocol have not been seriously considered. We thereby reiterate our positions and demands to be included in any outcomes from Cancun and further negotiations:

1. Full respect for our rights, including those contained in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples;
2. Respect for our right to Free, Prior, and Informed Consent in all climate change programs and activities;
3. Recognition and protection of our traditional knowledge in all mitigation and adaptation measures;
4. Full and effective participation of Indigenous Peoples in all processes, mechanisms and bodies relating to climate change at all levels:

Further, we believe that real solutions to climate change must be based on upholding environmental integrity, social equity and justice, and respecting human rights.

In this context, the carbon market, including the Clean Development Mechanism, forest offsets and REDD, represent false solutions to climate change. These measures will only further commodify nature to the detriment of Indigenous Peoples and biodiversity, already suffering the serious impacts of climate change. Indigenous Peoples remain the most vulnerable to climate change impacts as well as mitigation measures.

Likewise, developed countries must fulfill their legal obligations and commit to drastic emissions reductions, and not pass the burden to developing countries and peoples. Further, support for adaptation, including finance, technology transfer, and capacity-building, shall include Indigenous Peoples' direct access, and should be based on the vulnerabilities of peoples in different ecosystems, rather than the vulnerabilities of countries.

Indigenous Peoples around the world shall continue to assert our rights and take actions at all levels for our voices to be heard and our rights fully recognized.

Thank you very much.