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CLIMATE CHANGE

## **GST / TD closing plenary**

Thank you, Co-facilitators.

I am Aehshatou Manu and speak on behalf of the International Indigenous Peoples Forum on Climate Change (IIPFCC).

Thank you also to all the Parties, and like-minded constituencies, that spoke respectfully about safeguarding the rights of Indigenous Peoples, the ethical and equitable engagement of Indigenous knowledge systems, sciences, and values, as well as the full and effective participation of Indigenous Peoples. We are committed to working with you to ensure that these principles are reflected in the final outcome of the GST, and encourage the co-facilitators to take these perspectives seriously in their technical summary.

For those Parties that are beginning to walk on this journey with us, we stand ready to partner with you in advance of COP 28. Our commitment is clear: ensure our future generations can benefit from the gifts that have sustained us since time immemorial - clean water, accessible food, resilient housing, and breathable air.

In the technical summary, we recommend the following:

- All proposed actions must include safeguards of the rights of Indigenous Peoples, affirmed in the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and acknowledged in the Paris Agreement preamble.
- Mitigation must include real reductions at the source, and ensure that the green energy transition does not recreate the removal, dispossession, and criminalization that Indigenous Peoples have faced in the current energy system.
- Climate Finance must prioritize the needs of Indigenous Peoples, including the secure land rights, and give special emphasis on the experience of Indigenous women, Indigenous youth, persons with disabilities, and our gender-diverse relatives.
- Adaptation, including in the negotiation of the Global Goal, must ethically and equitably engage with Indigenous knowledge systems, sciences, and ways of knowing and being to prevent maladaptation and violations of our rights.
- Loss and damage discussions are insufficient to compensate for those Loss and Damages facing Indigenous Peoples. We require direct and equitable access to Loss and Damage funding, in all seven UN socio-cultural regions, to safeguard our rights.

Thank you Co-Facilitators for the opportunity to contribute to all four roundtables. We look forward to working with all of you moving forward.

