RINGO COP 31 High Level Statement
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Thank you, Chair, for the opportunity to deliver these remarks on behalf of RINGO. My name is Emilly Caroline with the Center for Strategic Studies and Management

COP 31 was designed to be a COP of implementation, and implementation succeeds when decisions rest on robust evidence. Research organizations and universities from every region are ready to provide the research, including from the social sciences and the arts, that Parties need to prepare and implement their NDCs, NAPs, just transition pathways and reporting obligations. Evidence is strongest when it is inclusive, responsive, and considerate. Co-produced research that links science with Indigenous and local knowledge can identify gaps, opportunities for cooperation, and trade-offs.

Climate goals cannot be reached without strong research capacity. Therefore, we call on Parties to invest in capacity, especially in the Global South, and for support for early career researchers and youth.

Bridging the divide between goals and capabilities is essential, especially in terms of capacity building, knowledge-sharing, and technology transfer. Climate technology deserves greater attention, and the Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN) plays a key role in helping developing countries implement their commitments. We must also recognize the critical role nature has in regulating climate, extreme weather, and the carbon cycle.

We encourage parties to integrate nature-based considerations into discussions on adaptation, mitigation, loss and damage, and carbon trading. As a global community of researchers, RINGO can help to propose, evaluate, and implement effective and sustainable policies and actions. We can support a way forward that does not harm human health, food security, or biodiversity.

Implementation is where commitments meet reality, and evidence is what helps them succeed. RINGO remains committed to supporting all Parties at COP 31. We look forward to continuing this work together.

Thank you, Chair.