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Recognizing the needs for mainstreaming policies related to the protection and inclusion of vulnerable peoples against climate change^{1 2}, *requests* the Board to;

- (a) Update the gender policy and action plan in order to align with the UNFCCC gender action plan and increase gender-responsiveness of climate financing,³
- (b) To recognize and operationalize indigenous peoples' equitable access to the benefits of GCF-funded activities, prioritizing adaptation projects that include specific and direct involvement of indigenous peoples,⁴⁵
- (c) Include the vulnerable people impacted by the GCF activities, in particular with regard to environmental and social safeguards, and as well as in the 2020-23 Strategic Plan,⁶

¹ **Paris Agreement Article 7.5.** Parties acknowledge that adaptation action should follow a country-driven, gender-responsive, participatory and fully transparent approach, taking into consideration **vulnerable groups, communities** and ecosystems, and should be based on and guided by the best available science and, as appropriate, traditional knowledge, knowledge of indigenous peoples and local knowledge systems, with a view to integrating adaptation into relevant socioeconomic and environmental policies and actions, where appropriate.

² **Paris Agreement Article 7.9.** Each Party shall, as appropriate, engage in adaptation planning processes and the implementation of actions, including the development or enhancement of relevant plans, policies and/or contributions, which may include:

(c) The assessment of climate change impacts and vulnerability, with a view to formulating nationally determined prioritized actions, taking into account **vulnerable people**, places and ecosystems;

³ **Gender Action Plan Par. 10.** The GAP aims to ensure the respect, promotion and consideration of gender equality and the empowerment of women in the implementation of the Convention and the Paris Agreement.

⁵ **GCF Indigenous Peoples Policy Par. 10.** The overall objective of this Policy is to provide a structure for ensuring that activities of GCF are developed and implemented in such a way that fosters full respect, promotion, and safeguarding of indigenous peoples so that they **(a) benefit from GCF activities and projects in a culturally appropriate manner;** and (b) do not suffer harm or adverse effects from the design and implementation of GCF-financed activities. The Policy will allow GCF to promote its approach in a consistent way and improve outcomes over time. **Par. 11.** The specific objectives of this Policy are as follows: **(m) To recognize and operationalize indigenous peoples' equitable access to the benefits of GCF-funded activities.**

⁶ **GCF Environmental and social policy Par. 3.** In carrying out its mandate of promoting a paradigm shift towards low-emission and climate-resilient development pathways in the context of sustainable development, GCF will effectively and equitably manage environmental and social risks and impacts, and improve outcomes of all GCF-financed activities. This policy presents the commitments of GCF and articulates the principles and standards to which GCF will hold itself accountable. Through this policy, GCF will require that all GCF-supported activities will commit to: ... **(c) Give due consideration to vulnerable and marginalised populations, groups, and individuals, local communities, indigenous peoples, and other marginalized groups of people and individuals that are affected or potentially affected by GCF-financed activities.**