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RINGO Statement for the resumed high-level segment

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Thank you Chair, for the opportunity to speak at this high-level segment. My name is Dr. Miriah M. Russo Kelly, and I represent the Research and Independent NGOs. The RINGOs thank all of you here for your dedication to addressing this most important issue of our time.

As we move forward at this critical stage, we would like to emphasize the value of integrating biophysical and sociocultural research methodologies to create new knowledge that will inform policy and decision-making at multiple scales, in a myriad of geographies across our globe, and in numerous sectors including: health, law, energy, transportation, and food. In our universities and institutes, we are refining our understanding of complex systems and how they will behave in, and adapt to, future climate scenarios. Advancing this mission requires working with solution seeking partners to engage in transdisciplinary thinking that integrates new paradigms, and co-produces ways of understanding the drivers and impacts of climate change.

Similarly, we see great value in integrating the arts and humanities into our research community. This is essential for imagining, and hence creating, a future that is realized by attaining the Sustainable Development Goals. This is also critical for grounding us in ethics which is so important for attaining the long-term targets of the Paris Agreement. In committing to broaden our research community, we aim to bridge the extraordinary chasm that presently exists across disciplines. We invite those who may not see themselves as “researchers” to join us in the pursuit of knowledge to inform practice.

Finally, we state our commitment to maintaining accountability and transparency in our research endeavours, and assert the importance of creating an open and inclusive space where all holders and seekers of knowledge can participate in meaningful ways. Fostering open access to resources across diverse communities is absolutely vital to addressing the challenges we face. Together, we can greatly increase implementation and compliance for the Paris Agreement while also advancing the Sustainable Development Goals.

Thank you.

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