



POSITION OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES ON ARTICLE 6 REMOVALS

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The International Indigenous Peoples Forum on Climate Change (IIPFCC) expresses concern over the discussions under Article 6.4 removals and its implications on sustainable development and Indigenous Peoples, a concern exacerbated by the Supervisory Body's lack of consensus of what constitutes removals.

Recognising that there is universal support from Parties for the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (2007), and that Parties recommitted to upholding the Rights of Indigenous Peoples through the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples Outcome Document (2014), the IIPFCC requires the following concerns to be adequately addressed for upholding the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in Article 6:

1. **UNDRIP:**

The concept of removals poses dangers to the principles outlined in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), especially the necessity for obtaining Indigenous Peoples' free, prior, and informed consent, and can cause environmental degradation and social inequity contrary to Decision 3/CMA.3 para 31(d)(iv) requiring that any project "Minimize and where possible, avoid negative environmental and social impacts...."

2. **Marginalization of Indigenous Peoples Voices:**

The current negotiations marginalize Indigenous Peoples and impair our right to full and effective participation.

3. **Monitoring, Reporting, and Direct Engagement on Removals:**

Establish a mechanism for ongoing engagement, monitoring, and reporting on removals, engaging Indigenous Peoples directly. Parties should collaborate with Indigenous Peoples to protect lands and waters, implementing a robust reporting system to address issues promptly and ensure effective resolution, thus minimizing the reliance on lengthy grievance processes.

Key Messages:

A. **Benefits of Upholding the Rights of Indigenous Peoples:**

Adhere to the UNDRIP and the Glasgow decision text by ensuring the rights and voices of Indigenous Peoples are central in the discussions and implementations of Article 6.4 removals. Upholding the rights of Indigenous Peoples and implementing the UNDRIP is not only a legal requirement but also significantly contributes to achieving the Parties' and the international community's climate goals. Respecting UNDRIP leads to better climate



action outcomes and fosters a collaborative environment for addressing the global climate crisis.

B. Robust Grievance Process:

Establish a strong grievance process as outlined in Paragraph 62 of the Glasgow decision, ensuring full and effective participation of Indigenous Peoples. See our submission on the grievance and appeals processes.

C. Evaluation of Article 6.4 removals:

Recognise that the concept of Article 6.4 removals poses dangers to Indigenous Peoples rights as set forth in the UNDRIP as well as the sustainable development goals.

We urge Parties to reflect on these concerns and work collaboratively towards fostering a climate action framework that resonates with the principles of UNDRIP and the Glasgow decision text, ensuring a harmonious, sustainable, and inclusive pathway forward.