

Dear SBSTA Chair,

Excellences, distinguished delegates, dear colleagues,

I am honored to take the floor on behalf of the International Indigenous Peoples Forum on Climate Change (IIPFCC).

We would like to begin by thanking You Mr Chair for your guidance and continuous support since Marrakesh. The appointment of an Indigenous Co-Moderator as SBSTA chair to guide this process has been very important for us. It is a clear demonstration of “innovative” ways of increasing the participation of Indigenous Peoples in UNFCCC climate action and policies.

In this light, we express our most sincere gratitude to all Parties agreeing to this important decision, and reiterate our support for the operationalization of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform. This decision is a positive starting point. We would also like to thank the Secretariat for their support in advancing this process.

The decision recognizes the importance of Parties to respect their obligations on the rights of Indigenous Peoples, not only when taking action to address climate change, but also in the interactions and advancement of Indigenous Peoples’ right to full, effective, direct, and meaningful participation. We would like to reiterate the need for the Parties to continue with this spirit through the full operationalization of the Platform.

We call the Parties to commit and to further contribute to the work that is required on the LCIP platform, and the Gender Action Plan, and encourage them to prove their willingness.

We do not underestimate the work ahead and we are strongly committed to working with Parties on the establishment of the facilitative working group and development of the work plan in good faith and through equitable process. We request parties to provide voluntary financial contribution to ensure the successful operationalisation of the platform.

I would like to thank you once again for the opportunity to share our priorities. We look forward to further to work with you.

Thank you