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**IIPFCC closing statement for SBI 44<sup>th</sup> Session  
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**The International Indigenous Peoples Forum on Climate Change**, would like to appreciate the support of State Parties on the recognition of the contributions of Indigenous Peoples on the implementation of the Paris Agreement, upholding reference to the preambular paragraph on **the respect, promotion and consideration of the States to their respective obligations on human rights, including the rights of indigenous peoples.**

Further, we noted Article 7, paragraph 5, wherein Parties acknowledge “**traditional knowledge, knowledge of indigenous peoples and local knowledge systems**”; and to implement this, we call for a **technical expert meeting (TEM) on this to be organized with indigenous peoples’ expert group under the subsidiary bodies of the UNFCCC.** This will further enhance the sharing of information, good practices, experiences and lessons learned, that relate to science, planning, policies and implementation in relation to both adaptation and mitigation actions, among Party and non-Party actors, **including Indigenous Peoples.**

We also acknowledge that the SBI took note of the implementation of paragraph 135 under decision 1/CP21 on the establishment of a platform for the exchange of experience and sharing of best practices on mitigation and adaptation in a holistic and integrated manner concerning indigenous peoples and local communities related to addressing and responding to climate change. **However, we need more clarity on the process in defining how to establish this platform, with the full participation of the Indigenous peoples’ experts group. We look forward to work with Parties and non-Party stakeholders on these concerns.**

**Thank you, Chair.**