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Statement on behalf on The International Indigenous Peoples' Forum on Climate Change during the informal consultation on agriculture

Thank you co facilitator

I am speaking in behalf of International Indigenous Peoples Forum on climate change, we welcome the decision of the workplan and the invitation to take part in the coming activities. The UNFCCC COP has recognized the value of Indigenous peoples' knowledge systems and established a platform for exchange of such knowledge.

There is a great need to clearly differentiate between traditional livelihoods occupations/production systems including shifting cultivation, pastoralism, hunting and gathering, reindeer herding small indigenous agriculture or community-based agroforestry, and large livestock and agribusiness and agribusiness companies. It may hide the responsibilities of large agricultural operations and their negative effect as they are responsible for high levels of the main greenhouse gases, such as carbon dioxide through runaway and land use change; nitrous oxide with the expansion of agrochemicals and methane in expansive livestock and the destruction of indigenous Peoples lands, territories, resources including forests and contribute to global warming. It places at risk not only Indigenous peoples' food security and food sovereignty but the food security of the states in which they live.

Indigenous peoples from the 7 regions of the world propose two workshops: one on the relationship between climate crisis, small scale agriculture and pastoralist in the debates of the UNFCCC and a second specific workshop on the actual effects of industrialized agriculture on global warming, including deforestation and food security.

Thank you