

Statement from the Indigenous Peoples' Major Group and Stakeholders  
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Chair,

Thank you Mr. Chair

Am speaking as representative of the IP Major Group.

We appreciate the recognition of the international community that objectives of sustainable production and consumption is a cross cutting element in Agenda 2030 and the commitment of ministers to accelerate actions on this.

With reference on operatives on resource efficiency and sustainable consumption and production we call upon states to support the promotion and development of traditional occupation that conserve and sustains biological diversity and also bring in livelihoods to communities. Specifically, the traditional knowledge systems and practices of indigenous peoples and local communities on ecological/ natural farming, diverse production systems that are not or have minimal dependence on chemicals. Ecological farming will not only address reduction in GHG emissions from agriculture<sup>1</sup>, but will also revive the "living soil" and increase its capacity for carbon sequestration and contributes to attaining to sustainable land use, healthy people and healthy environment .

Today these sustainable resource management faces challenges of the unregulated globalized market systems and the invasion of extractive industries . As we continue to struggle against these, the indigenous peoples commit to work with government and other groups in advancing sustainable resource management as we also continue to nurture our culture of "of waste".

Thank you Chair.

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<sup>1</sup> According to FAO 1/3 of GHG emissions comes from agriculture