

## Statement by indigenous peoples at the ministerial round table

The 370 million indigenous peoples who protect 90% of global biodiversity welcome UNEP new role a global environmental authority.

We urge UNEP upscale's it's engagement at the regional and national levels.

We further urge states to increase support to UNEP to be able to discharge its increased responsibilities including engagement with indigenous peoples.

For the achievement of sustainable development goals, good governance, transparency and accountability will be critical.

Indigenous peoples welcome UNEP finalization of an indigenous peoples policy as a framework for strengthened engagement with indigenous peoples. We invite UNEP to engage with the UNPFII and IPs organizations at the regional and national levels in activities towards the world conference on Indigenous peoples in 2014 and post 2015 development agenda.

Clear participation and communication structures will be crucial in this engagement. We the therefore call for a collaborative effort between UNEP, governments and IPs to establish these structures.

Thank you madam chair