

Submission from the Indigenous Peoples Major Group for Sustainable Development (IPMG)

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I. Our Shared Resolve

Para 8: We commit to targeted efforts to realize the promise to leave no one behind. We will reach the furthest behind and create the necessary conditions, **in consultation and collaboration with those left behind and furthest behind**, to achieve all the SDGs for the benefit of everyone.

II. Our Changed World – Progress and remaining gaps and challenges

III. Call to Action – turning our world towards 2030.

Para 35: We will leave no one behind by focusing our policies and actions on the poorest and most vulnerable. We will endeavour to identify those who are being left behind and reach those who are the furthest behind first **and work in partnership with them to address their specific concerns, needs, and priorities.** **People who are vulnerable must be empowered (SUGGEST TO DELETE).** Those whose needs are reflected in the 2030 Agenda include all children, youth, persons with disabilities, people living with HIV/AIDS, older persons, Indigenous Peoples, refugees, internally displaced persons, and migrants. We intend to see the Goals and targets met for all nations and peoples and for all segments of society. We will take action to combat inequalities within and between countries and pursue policies that stem the tide of rising inequality, including through social protection systems and universal health coverage.

Para 36

(a) We commit to targeted and accelerated action to remove all legal, social, and economic barriers to achieving gender equality, the empowerment of all women and girls, **ensure access to ownership and control over land and other forms of property, inheritance and other resources, and access to credit, financial resources and services**, and the realization and enjoyment of their human rights.

(b) We will continue increasing investment in inclusive and equitable quality education, including early childhood education, youth and adult literacy programmes and initiatives, **mother tongue based multilingual education**, digital education, skills enhancement and lifelong learning, stressing the importance of addressing the gender gap in education and we take note of the 2022 United Nations Transforming Education Summit.

(e) Recognizing the need to increase the share of renewable and clean energy, we will take steps to provide access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all, including through enhanced international cooperation to assist developing countries and **support for community led renewable energy initiatives.**

(h) **ADDITIONAL PARAGRAPH: We commit to ensure the sustainable management of forests and the protection, restoration, conservation and sustainable use of important landscapes; recognize the vital role of indigenous**

peoples as stewards of the forests and biodiversity; and commit to protecting the rights of indigenous peoples under the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and international human rights law

(j) We commit to use science, technology, and innovation **including traditional indigenous knowledge** as drivers of sustainable development. We will take action to enhance the ability of developing countries to benefit from science, technology, and innovation through promoting access to research and development, and through partnerships. We aim to increase funding for SDG-related research and innovation and build capacity in all regions to contribute to and benefit from this research. We will seek to better manage the benefits and challenges of artificial intelligence. We undertake to increase the use of science and scientific evidence in policymaking.

(l) We pledge to take action to strengthen national efforts to collect high quality, timely, and reliable data on SDG progress and to intensify efforts to strengthen data and statistical capacities in developing countries. We will continue to strengthen our efforts to collect, analyse and disseminate relevant and reliable data, disaggregated by sex, age, disability, **ethnicity**, and other characteristics relevant in national contexts, for better monitoring and policymaking to accelerate the achievement of the 2030 Agenda. We commit to increasing the availability of SDG data and closing SDG data gaps at all levels, increasing domestic financing for data and statistics, and embracing new data sources and innovative approaches.

ADDITIONAL PARAGRAPH: There should be a call to action particularly for the strengthening of the Voluntary National Review process of states to make it more substantive and truly reflective of ground realities in relation to the implementation of the SDGs. This includes strengthening local reviews and ensuring the full and effective involvement of the civil society, Indigenous Peoples, youth, persons with disabilities and other rightsholders in the VNR process.