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## STATEMENT BY THE INDIGENOUS ORGANIZATIONS OF THE AMAZON BASIN IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE FORUM ON TROPICAL FORESTS IN OSLO 2022

In the framework of this conference OSLO TROPICAL FORESTS FORUM 2022, we, the Indigenous Peoples of the Amazon, considering the fight against climate change:

- We have clear proposals to contribute to the design of the various climate action strategies, because throughout history we have scientifically demonstrated that our territorial management is the most efficient solution for the conservation of forests and that our proposals have been effective.
- In the fight against climate change, we, the indigenous peoples, have demonstrated with concrete facts that our conservation strategy and sustainable management of forests have been effective in their results and efficient in their costs.
- We have been working with our organizations on concrete proposals for climate action, in order to implement our own initiatives that complement the efforts of subnational and national governments within the framework of respect for FULL AND EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION and full compliance with SAFEGUARDS.

In the fight against climate change and the conservation of tropical forests, we call on governments, international cooperation, companies, and civil society organizations to consider the Indigenous Peoples as PARTNERS and NOT BENEFICIARIES, guaranteeing our full and effective participation throughout the CONSTRUCTION AND IMPLEMENTATION process of policies and actions. To this be achieved, it is essential that:

- a) The fight against climate change, the conservation of forests and the full life of indigenous peoples must have a focus not only on compliance with SAFEGUARDS but also on **respect for the fundamental rights of indigenous peoples**, such as the right to consultation and prior, free and informed consent.
- b) Let us participate with our technical contributions, our worldview, our experiences, and our ongoing proposals for climate action such as Amazonian Indigenous REDD+, Holistic Conservation for Full Life, and others, evidencing the contributions to the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) of the countries of the Amazon.
- c) The **DISTRIBUTION OF CONSERVATION BENEFITS AND ACCESS TO CLIMATE FUNDS FINANCING** is improved because indigenous peoples subsidize the costs of conservation of environmental services of Amazonian forests to global society with their work and receive only a minuscule fraction of climate resources committed for this purpose. The distribution of these benefits must comply with the guidelines proposed by the indigenous organizations and be allocated to direct actions in the fight against deforestation and the search for a full life of the Indigenous Communities, such as the improvement of community surveillance, indigenous economy, strengthening of indigenous governance and the recovery of ancestral knowledge.

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- d) The **ENABLING CONDITIONS** are generated in the **ORGANIZATIONS AND NATIVE COMMUNITIES** with technical teams, training with an intercultural approach, adequate public policies and recognition of our proposals, which allows a **FULL AND EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION** and promotes the fair distribution of **BENEFITS OF THE CONSERVATION** of the ancestral territories of indigenous peoples, not only in the reduction of deforestation and degradation, but also in the stock of the so-called **HFLD zones**, which are areas with a large amount of forest and low deforestation that we have conserved and managed sustainably throughout history.

Being partners means having full and effective participation, having enabling conditions, guaranteeing a fair distribution of benefits and access to financial resources, and recognition of the contribution of indigenous territories as efficient solutions for the fight against climate change, but none of this It is possible if the fundamental indigenous rights continue to be violated, thus, **WE DEMAND** that the persecution, criminalization and murder of indigenous territorial defenders by the states and extractive sectors stop.

Today, in the spirit of the international day for the preservation of our tropical forests, we hope that our proposals and advances will be integrated, and we demand that the next **FORUM** include a specific space for indigenous peoples, and the possibility of contributing to the organization and development of the event to make our contributions visible within the framework of our own strategies to combat climate change.

As a final note, we express our gratitude for being part of this network and we also invite our **PARTNERS** to continue with this fight for life within the framework of respect and guarantee of our rights. Our Amazon is at the point of no return, and it is our duty to scale its protection up to 80% within a period no longer than 2025, and for this we need everyone's help, for a living Amazon, for a safe humanity.

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