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Position of the International Indigenous Peoples Forum on Climate Change (IIPFCC) regarding the distinct status, rights and knowledge of Indigenous Peoples at the UNFCCC

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1. The IIPFCC reaffirms the distinct status and rights of Indigenous Peoples, as affirmed within the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples ('UN Declaration') and calls on States to use this language as a standard and framework in the development of any documentation or agreement implicating the rights and status of Indigenous Peoples.
2. The IIPFCC agrees on the need to amend the current practice of combining the terms "Indigenous Peoples" and "Local Communities" in their decisions, names of bodies and programs within the UNFCCC.
3. The IIPFCC affirms the necessity to uphold and maintain the clear distinction between "knowledge of Indigenous Peoples" and "local knowledge" in all UNFCCC texts and cease the use of the term "Indigenous and local knowledge".
4. The IIPFCC reiterates its call on State Parties to uphold the distinct rights and standing of Indigenous Peoples in their national-level programs and policies related to climate change, including their development of their NDCs, NAPs and other relevant climate policies.