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We thank the Amazigh, the indigenous peoples of this land, for receiving us for this important meeting.

The International Indigenous Peoples' Forum on Climate Change (IIPFCC) proposes on the following arrangements which must be adopted for the purpose of ensuring the full and effective, direct and meaningful participation of Indigenous Peoples in the establishment of the Indigenous Peoples Platform.

In setting the modalities we affirm that the UNFCCC must be consistent with the standards established by the United Nations for acknowledging and respecting the rights of the Indigenous Peoples of the world, and being no less than the standards established in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

As Indigenous Peoples have sought to proactively and positively participate, in good faith. We see an Indigenous representative elected by Indigenous peoples in partnership with a representative appointed by the COP presidency to serve as co-facilitators as a proper arrangement to conduct consultations, monitor progress, and share relevant information regarding the Indigenous Peoples platform with all relevant parties.

As applied in the preparation of the HLP/World Conference on Indigenous Peoples held in 2014, The practice of co-facilitators is a crucially important component that would further strengthen the cooperation of Indigenous Peoples in this process as well as provide an example of good faith on the part of the UNFCCC to engage on an equal basis with Indigenous Peoples. We set out the following requirements which we believe are the minimum terms for the full and effective participation of Indigenous Peoples in the establishment of the Indigenous Peoples Platform.

1. An incremental approach led by the SBSTA chair and a representative of Indigenous Peoples appointed by the Indigenous Peoples themselves who will serve as

co-facilitators

2. Invite submissions by parties, Indigenous Peoples and observers by 31 March 2017 on the purpose, content and structure of the indigenous peoples' platform to inform the dialogue and the process.
3. Convene 3 consultations, to be conducted by the co-facilitators during May sessions on the operationalization of the platform, including purpose, content and structure.
4. Request the co-facilitators to present the outcomes of the consultations for the consideration and adoption at the COP23.
5. Request the secretariat, under the guidance of the co-facilitators, to operationalize the platform taking into account the submissions and the outcomes of this dialogue.

The Indigenous Peoples do not underestimate the work ahead and are committed to working with Parties. These parameters will ensure that the Indigenous Peoples Platform will achieve a fair and equitable process for all Parties and any outcomes are meaningful and have longevity beyond COP22.