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**IPMG STATEMENT ON THE MEANS OF IMPLEMENTATION: GOAL 17**

The means of implementation should take into account the historical and unjust plunder of indigenous peoples lands, territories and resources of indigenous peoples, which is one of the main reason why we are marginalized and furthest left behind. Colonization and corporate greed have bled us and disempowered us from being stewards of the planet for the future generation. The historical debt of industrialized nations and corporations to indigenous peoples within their countries and in their former colonies warrant decisive actions for just compensation, restitution and regeneration through the provision of adequate financial and other forms of appropriate resources and accountability to indigenous peoples to address this historical legacy.

Further, indigenous peoples are systematically discriminated in having adequate and appropriate social services such as education, health, energy, basic infrastructures, housing and employment which are the obligations of states to its citizens. **We thereby recommend for the allocation of adequate funds and resources and engagement with indigenous peoples for participatory planning and to develop specific and targeted measure to ensure that indigenous peoples are not left behind.**

While public-private partnership is identified as central in the implementation of the SDGs, this should not be under the business as usual approach where the private sector is assured of mega-profits, and human rights due diligence as well as social and environmental safeguards are not properly enforced and implemented. Measures and mechanisms for transparency and full accountability are also not in places. **Indigenous peoples' lands resources are again subjected to public-private partnership agreements such as those relating to energy production and infrastructure development without the free prior and informed consent of indigenous peoples. The recognition and respect for our right to our land, territories and resources is a pre-requisite in any form of public-private partnership that affects us and effective accountability mechanisms should be put in place.**

In line with building partnerships with a human rights-based approach to development, the Indigenous Peoples Major Group has successfully launched yesterday, the Right Energy Partnership with Indigenous Peoples with the support of the European Commission. This is a unique multi-stakeholders partnership of which indigenous peoples as rights-holders are in the driving seat and upholds for human rights, women and community empowerment, equity, accountability and transparency in a bottom-up approach for energy production and for access to appropriate energy by indigenous peoples across the globe who are left behind by access to energy. With the pledge of leaving no one behind and the realization of human rights in the implementation of the SDGs, **We call on development actors including states, the private sectors**

**and donors to engage and work with indigenous peoples as agents of change and development actors not only to achieve Goal 7 on clean and affordable energy for all and the interlinked goals but in empowering indigenous peoples by doing what is right just and equitable**