

## **ENERGY TRANSITION STATEMENT**

### **JUNE 3<sup>RD</sup> 2021 – ONLINE STAKEHOLDER THEMATIC DEBATE ON ENERGY part of the High Dialogue on Energy from UN Secretary.**

Thank you.

I'm delivering this statement on behalf of the Indigenous People's Major Group, and the Renewable Energy Partnership with Indigenous Peoples.

The world's Indigenous Peoples is estimated at 6.2 but 15 % of the global poor. 70 % live in rural areas of which the majority does not have access to energy and other social services. However, many energy projects such as large dams, geothermal plants, windmill and solar farms were and are being developed in our lands and resources without our consent. This imposition have resulted to conflicts, forced displacements, destruction of livelihoods and sacred sites and undermined our right such as in México, Brazil, Paraguay, Honduras, Chile, Kenya, Indonesia, Philippines.

While indigenous peoples fully support the just transition to renewable energy, it is essential to ensure that renewable energy development will respect and protect the rights of indigenous peoples and adhere to social equity. This needed actions are in line with the pledge of leaving no one behind and advancing Goal 7 which is also linked to achieving other SDGs. The IPMG has thereby initiated the Right Energy Partnership-REP with indigenous peoples as a multi-stakeholder platform led by indigenous peoples to ensure inclusion of indigenous peoples in achieving Goal 7 while advancing equity and empowerment of indigenous women. We thereby call states, the private sector and development actors to actively support the Right Energy Partnerships with the following principles and actions in the development of renewable energy:

1. Adhere to international standards and laws on human rights and indigenous peoples' rights. Specially the ILO 169 Convention, and the United Nation Declaration on the Right of Indigenous Peoples, UN Guiding principles on business and Human Rights.
2. Provide funding mechanism for community-based renewable energy to support health and education facilities and sustainable livelihoods of indigenous peoples.
3. Provide assistance to strengthen indigenous peoples' capacities and empowerment of indigenous women to pursue sustainable development, particularly in relation to access to renewable energy technologies
4. Strengthen knowledge sharing, solidarity, collaboration and partnerships between indigenous peoples and other actors in advancing Goal 7 and interlinked SDGs

Indigenous Peoples as rights holders and development actors are offering real solutions to advance sustainable development. The Right Energy Partnership provides the opportunity and platform for constructive engagement and partnerships with states,

the private sector, civil society organizations, UN agencies and other development actors to work together to ensure that those left behind are empowered and given central role in advancing the just transition and sustainable development. Thank you.