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The Interactive Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on rights of indigenous peoples

Report: Green financing – a just transition to protect the rights of Indigenous Peoples

Excellencies,

UNDP welcomes the report of the Special Rapporteur on green financing.

We appreciate its call for a UN system-wide, multi-stakeholder approach across development, peacebuilding, climate, biodiversity, and human rights actors, while stressing the primary responsibility of states.

The do-no-harm principle is the foundation of UNDP's Social and Environmental Standards, whereby efforts to catalyze green finance and a just green transition do no harm, while maximizing the benefits for Indigenous Peoples and other rights-holders.

A Just and Green Transition must however go beyond do-no-harm.

UNDP calls for more to be done to recognize Indigenous Peoples' rights through human-rights based and nationally owned development plans.

This includes efforts to accelerate progress on the SDGs, and the inter-linked targets of the Paris Agreement and Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.

UNDP is committed to advancing environmental governance solutions with national and local actors, including governments, civil society, and the finance sector.

We need to address the socio-economic, political and security barriers that prevent Indigenous Peoples from exercising and claiming their rights.

We must move beyond seeing Indigenous Peoples as vulnerable populations and passive beneficiaries, but rather as active partners and rights-holders in shaping a Just Transition.

Mr. Special Rapporteur,

What positive role and contributions do you see green finance playing in strengthening the territorial rights of Indigenous Peoples, one of your thematic focuses?

Thank you.