IPMG Statement on the Sustainable Recovery Pledge

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The Indigenous Peoples Major Group for Sustainable Development expresses our full support for the Sustainable Recovery Pledge. Putting human rights at the center of recovery is imperative to prevent further inequality and to foster universal delivery of and access to vaccine and health services as urgent action now. We need global solidarity more than ever as we are all affected by the pandemic and putting human rights at the center of our actions is uniting us instead of dividing us.

For indigenous peoples, sustainable recovery means putting greater attention and regulations to sustainable management and the protection and conservation of our biodiversity. This our duty as humanity to prevent more pandemic and disasters. It is thereby vital to ensure the respect and protection of the rights of environment defenders and indigenous peoples as stewards of nature.

Sustainable recovery also means supporting the efforts and initiatives of marginalized communities in building their resilience and for their economic empowerment. The right to to sustainable livelihoods and to food security by indigenous peoples , women and other marginalized sectors need to be at the center of sustainable recovery.

Likewise, Economic growth targets in addressing the impacts of the pandemic cannot be used as an excuse to trample upon human rights and weaken the protection of the environment. This worrying trend should be reversed and the pledge for sustainable recovery is setting the right direction for states and development actors to abide by their human rights obligations and commitment.

We commend the states and other actors in making this pledge for sustainable recovery. We expect this commitment to be transformed into concrete actions from local to global as we advance sustainable development for all.

Thank you!