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OBJET/SUBJECT: **Questionnaire letter in English, French and Spanish from the Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples, Ms. Victoria Tauli-Corpuz**



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United Nations Special Rapporteur on the rights of Indigenous Peoples

23 May 2017

Excellency,

The United Nations Human Rights Council resolution 33/12 requests the Special Rapporteur to "examine ways and means of overcoming existing obstacles to the full and effective protection of the rights of indigenous peoples, in conformity with the mandate, and to identify, exchange and promote best practices".

Furthermore, the Special Rapporteur is mandated to "gather, request, receive and exchange information and communications from all relevant sources, including Governments, indigenous peoples and their communities and organizations, on alleged violations and abuses of the rights of indigenous peoples" and to "formulate recommendations and proposals on appropriate measures and activities to prevent and remedy violations and abuses of the rights of indigenous peoples."

To find more information on my mandate and work areas, please consult the following website: <http://unsr.vtaulicorpuz.org/site/>.

In addition to the annual report, I prepare thematic reports on themes and issues of particular concern to indigenous peoples. Thematic issues I have addressed in previous reports include the conservation and indigenous peoples' rights, and the impact of international investment and free trade on the human rights of indigenous peoples.

I am in the process of preparing this year's thematic report for the Human Rights Council on the impact of climate finance on the rights of indigenous peoples.

In the context of this report, I would appreciate and welcome your views and inputs on the impact of climate finance on indigenous people's rights. I am particularly interested in your outlook on the following issues:

- Are there existing policies and programmes to ensure that the rights of indigenous people are respected and promoted when climate change mitigation and adaptation projects are designed, implemented and monitored?
- Please describe the nature and extent of the participation and engagement of indigenous peoples in deciding and implementing projects which directly or indirectly affect them?
- What climate funds has the Government accessed or budgeted, and how have they been made accessible to indigenous peoples?



- How are environmental and social safeguards of climate funds taken into account when implementing climate projects that are financed by multilateral and bilateral funds? e.g. Cancun Safeguards for REDD
- Are there any grievance mechanisms in place to resolve and safeguard from other possible negative impacts of projects financed by climate funds? If so, can you explain how they work?
- What types of climate projects that directly benefit indigenous peoples have been implemented?
- Can you cite examples of projects that have not respected the rights of indigenous people?
- What capacity building and/or training activities have you carried out amongst indigenous peoples, in order to effectively implement projects that fight against climate change?
- What lessons have you learned from your experience of working with indigenous peoples on climate change projects?

Kindly note that the deadline for submissions is 9 June 2017 and that they should be addressed to: indigenous@ohchr.org.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Victoria Tauli-Corpuz
Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples