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### Statement submitted by Institute for International Women’s Rights – Manitoba Inc., a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council\*

The Secretary-General has received the following statement, which is being circulated in accordance with paragraphs 36 and 37 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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\* The present statement is issued without formal editing.



## Statement

The Institute for International Women's Rights – Manitoba (IIWR-MB) acknowledges that Indigenous Peoples' rights and knowledge systems are critical to developing solutions to the climate crisis and achieving climate justice. Indigenous women are disproportionately affected by the climate crisis yet are powerful agents in the fight to halt it. We must build, support and create platforms for Indigenous knowledge holders, Elders, youth and frontline land and water protectors. We must amplify Indigenous Peoples' voices to elevate their leadership in climate justice. By providing Indigenous communities and peoples with resources and space, they can inspire a new generation of Indigenous climate leaders building solutions centred around their inherent rights and cultures. Through systems of free, prior and informed consent and self-determination, our work must support Indigenous Peoples, reinforcing their place as leaders in climate change discourse and driving solutions for today and tomorrow.

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