

## Oral Statement by the Global Initiative for Economic, Social and Cultural rights (GI-ESCR) for the interactive dialogue with Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, José Francisco Calí Tzay

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We welcome the Special Rapporteur's report on Green financing – a just transition to protect the rights of Indigenous Peoples.

This valuable report emphasises the myriad of economic, social, and cultural consequences that green financing has on Indigenous Populations. We demand ambitious climate adaptation and mitigation, but these measures cannot be conducted at the expense of Indigenous Peoples, who play a critical role in preserving the environment.

We call into your attention one aspect often underestimated: the need to direct green climate finance to the expansion of public services which are vital to addressing the climate emergency. To create climate-resilient societies and reduce CO2 emissions, States and financial institutions should prioritise funding public services that are critical for a just transition.

A strong system of public services is proven to be one of the most effective means to immediately respond to climate-related disasters and create societies that provide conditions of well-being. Most importantly, universal quality public services help to significantly reduce pre-existing inequalities that places historically marginalised populations, such as Indigenous Peoples, at greater risk of being affected by the environmental breakdown.

GI-ESCR would like to thank once again the Special Rapporteur on the rights of Indigenous Peoples for this important report.



Thank you.

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