

# **International Indigenous Peoples' Forum on Plastics**

## **Closing Plenary Statement - 15 August 2025**

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Thank you Chair

Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates, Relatives and Friends,

I am Nhum Thuk, and I belong to the Kreung Indigenous Peoples from Cambodia, representing the International Indigenous Peoples Forum on Plastics and International Indigenous Youths Forum on Plastics.

The International Indigenous Peoples Forum on Plastics acknowledges that the second iteration of the Chair's text presented today contains substantial improvements in the recognition of Indigenous Peoples rights and knowledge in its operative paragraphs as well as in the additional preambular paragraph.

We thank the Chair and member states for this important recognition and call for this draft to be the foundation for the continued negotiations.

Although it still does not go far enough to ensure the full protection of our rights, the safeguarding of our knowledge systems, and particularly our right to full and effective participation in all aspects of treaty design, implementation, and oversight, we believe that it must serve as the foundation of the next steps.

We recognize and thank Canada and all those member states that supported the CRPs on Indigenous Peoples, as well as our proposed edits. We would also express our deep appreciation to the Pacific Small Island Developing States for their enduring support, commitment, and hard work throughout this long and arduous process. Their leadership has been critical in ensuring that Indigenous perspectives remain visible in these negotiations.

Looking forward, it is essential that the ongoing participation of Indigenous Peoples from all seven sociocultural regions is protected and adequately resourced for future deliberations, including the next INC, COPs, subsidiary bodies, and regional dialogues, so that Indigenous Peoples can continue to contribute solutions rooted in knowledge, innovation, and stewardship.

We remain committed to working with all States to secure a legally binding, ambitious treaty that addresses the root causes of plastic pollution and upholds the rights of Indigenous Peoples for present and future generations.

**On behalf of International Indigenous Peoples Forum on Plastics, thank you.**