Remarks at the US Leadership Summit on Climate

Session on Nature-based Solutions

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Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

My fellow young People following us online,

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I would like to thank President Joe Biden, Mr. John F. Kerry, Presidential envoy on Climate, Secretary Deb Haaland, for their kind invitation to address this Leadership 1. We need you, to prioritize protection and meaningful leadership of the Young People with the guiding principle of Intergenerational and Intersectional Equity while adopting Nature Based Solutions along with creating job opportunities for the Young People.

2. Mass Climate Education incorporating indigenous world view should be core to Nature Based Solutions.

3. Nature Based Solutions should recognize and support the traditional knowledge and practices of Indigenous Youth and promote their forest-based livelihood.

4. The support received from Young People particularly from the Marginalized and Indigenous Communities should not be taken for granted. Young People who are affected by Climate Crisis are on the Frontlines but not on the Front Page. Thus, we need you, the leaders to invest in adaptation, resilience and deliver on **Climate Finance Promise of \$1 Billion per year.**

Excellencies, many of my peers across the world have been targets of human rights violation and systematic racism. This HAS TO STOP.

Being an Indigenous Young Woman, at this leadership summit, I would like to