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As Delegate of the GCF Task Force, representing the State of Yucatan and in name of the Governor Mauricio Vila Dosal, I would like to thank the Government of California for their valuable contributions within the framework of this international initiative for the conservation of tropical forests. We recognize that the GCF Task Force has highlighted the role of subnational governments in the fight against climate change, favoring the protection of biodiversity and the recognition of local and indigenous communities as indispensable allies for the achievement of global goals.

The government of California has been an example in promoting important agreements such as the Under2MOU. This agreement promotes a model of international cooperation and coordination between governments of states and regions and contributes to the achievement of the Paris Agreement goals. In the same way, California has played an important role leading the Under2Coalition, through which synergies have been generated on crucial issues such as sustainable communities, land use and forestry, transformative climate investments with a long-term vision for the a low carbon development.

Addressing the particular issues of working with indigenous peoples and climate change, the work of the Government of California with the Yurok tribe has been outstanding in promoting forest conservation, economic development and respect for livelihoods, knowledge and culture of this tribe. Adding to California's work, their commitment has been reaffirmed with the support for the *"Guiding Principles for Collaboration and Partnership between Subnational Governments, Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities"*, signed within the framework of the 2018 GCF Task Force Annual Meeting.



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It is in this framework of collaboration with indigenous peoples, that we recognize the importance of California's actions to consolidate the emissions trading system known as "cap-and-trade," developed by the California Air Resources Board, which has noted the relevance and power of consultation with partner jurisdictions, local communities, civil society and regulatory experts in developing standards. Thanks to these efforts, the inclusion of sectorial compensation from the forestry sector would establish a model on viable and favorable alternatives to reduce emissions of GHG globally.

In this way we urge the government of California to continue with this important work and apply the necessary actions to implement the *California Tropical Forest Standard* in the subnational market of commerce of GHG emissions, which would represent a fundamental global example of how a well-designed carbon market can reduce emissions and ensure that industries innovate and join the collective fight against climate change.

I would also like to take this opportunity to reaffirm our interest in continuing to collaborate in the development of joint actions that contribute to curbing greenhouse gas emissions, promote sustainable livelihoods and provide both environmental and economic benefits to states and provinces to address climate change.

Sincerely,

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