LETTER FROM RIO

To the negotiators and leaders of Latin America and the Caribbean,

The undersigned institutions, gathered in Rio de Janeiro from October 29 to 31, urge the governments of our region to prioritize climate adaptation and the resilience of our communities in the face of the growing threats and impacts caused by global warming, as well as to address social, racial, and gender inequalities. At COP 29 in Baku, adaptation must be at the forefront of negotiations. We emphasize:

- **NEW COLLECTIVE QUANTIFIED GOAL (NCQG)**
  To ensure adequate and accessible climate financing for developing countries, we advocate for the NCQG to include specific and separate goals for adaptation and loss and damage (L&D), based on new, accessible and grant-based resources, centered on the needs of the most vulnerable, such as children, indigenous peoples, people of African descent, and local communities. We demand clear methodologies to ensure transparency and avoid double-counting of resources, as well as a robust connection between the NCQG and the Global Goal on Adaptation (GGA), ensuring a coordinated approach. The NCQG must also respond to the conclusions of the Report on Doubling the Adaptation Finance Goal, which will highlight advances and gaps in financial flows.

- **GLOBAL GOAL ON ADAPTATION (GGA)**
  We need clear progress in the first year and a solid strategy for the second year of the UAE-Belém Work Program, including the participation of experts and stakeholders to refine action mapping and develop new indicators and methodologies, with prioritization of race, gender, age, and means of implementation.

- **FINANCE FOR LOSS AND DAMAGE**
  We demand concrete and sufficient contributions from developed countries for the Fund and the Santiago Network for Loss and Damage (SNLD). This funding must be additional, grant-based, debt-free, and independent of adaptation finance. It is also essential to ensure direct access modalities, so financial support reaches local communities, eliminating barriers that limit its distribution.

- **AMBITION CYCLE**
  We encourage all countries to include adaptation and loss and damage components in both their Biennial Transparency Reports (BTRs) and in the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC 3.0). So far, only three countries have submitted their BTRs, two of them from our region – Guyana and Panama – both with sections dedicated to adaptation and loss and damage. These examples reinforce the commitment to transparency, which other countries should follow. The NDCs should contain strong adaptation considerations, operationalize the UAE Framework for Global Climate Resilience, and include measures to address loss and damage in vulnerable territories.

This letter is a call for an ambitious and coordinated response, ensuring that our communities, ecosystems, and economies are better prepared to face a hotter, more unstable climate and combat environmental racism in affected territories. COP 29 must be a landmark for progress in our region, where commitments translate into actions, and promises result in concrete steps toward COP 30.

With determination and hope,

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