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To:

Her Excellency Samia Suluhu Hassan, President of the United Republic of Tanzania

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Hon. Dr. Freddy Safiel Manongi, Conservation Commissioner, Ngorongoro Conservation Area Authority

Hon. Dr. Damas Daniel Ndumbaro, Minister of Natural Resources and Tourism

Hon. Tirso Dos Santos, Head of Office, UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization - Tanzania

Hon. Dr. Bruno Oberle, Director-General, International Union for Conservation of Nature

Hon. Audrey Azoulay, Director-General, UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

Your Excellency,

We, Indigenous Peoples Rights International (IPRI), Indigenous Peoples Major Group for Sustainable Development (IPMG) and, 124 organizations and 229 individuals from 51 countries, express our deepest concern regarding the impending eviction of 73,000 indigenous pastoralists in Ngorongoro Conservation Area (NCA). On April 12, 2021, the Ngorongoro Conservation Area Authority (NCAA) had already initially issued a 30-day eviction notice to 45 indigenous pastoralists living in Ngorongoro Conservation Area. Although this eviction notice was put on hold, we seek your attention on the matter as we believe the NCAA remains to pose a threat to the safety and security of the indigenous pastoralist communities.

The NCAA considers the indigenous pastoralist communities in Ngorongoro Conservation Area as illegal immigrants. They believe that Indigenous Peoples and their pastoralist way of life are endangering the ecological balance of Ngorongoro Conservation Area. But studies have proven that pastoralism is compatible with conservation.<sup>1</sup> The last holding grounds for many of Tanzania's remaining flora and fauna are found in pastoralist lands or in territories occupied by pastoralists.<sup>2</sup> "The conservation attitude of pastoralists is found in the very practices of pastoralism itself. Conservation ethic is found in their cultures, and their ways of managing critical resources."<sup>3</sup>

The NCAA and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism (MNRT) are stuck with a parochial and colonialist mentality. They disregard recent scientific studies that demonstrate and prove the crucial role of indigenous pastoralist communities in conservation. These government entities dismiss the importance of conducting sincere consultation with indigenous pastoralists in addressing biodiversity loss. NCAA and MNRT are neglecting their mandate to protect the Ngorongoro Conservation Area and are solely concerned with deriving profit from tourism.

<sup>1</sup> See studies from Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD): <https://www.cbd.int/development/doc/cbd-good-practice-guide-pastoralism-booklet-web-en.pdf> and from International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN): [https://www.iucn.org/sites/dev/files/import/downloads/tanzania\\_contry\\_study.pdf](https://www.iucn.org/sites/dev/files/import/downloads/tanzania_contry_study.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.iucn.org/sites/dev/files/import/downloads/tanzania\\_contry\\_study.pdf](https://www.iucn.org/sites/dev/files/import/downloads/tanzania_contry_study.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> [https://www.iucn.org/sites/dev/files/import/downloads/tanzania\\_contry\\_study.pdf](https://www.iucn.org/sites/dev/files/import/downloads/tanzania_contry_study.pdf)



The NCAA and MNRT have been responsible for a number of human rights violations against the indigenous pastoralist communities, which include the demolition of their homesteads and threats against their lives and livelihoods. The recent eviction order, although currently put on hold, threatens to continue these violations, including the destruction of government-constructed facilities such as schools, health centers, police posts, churches and mosques.

Furthermore, the safety and security of indigenous human rights defenders, including civil society organizations supporting the indigenous pastoralist communities are at risk.

We believe the threats and attacks of NCAA and MNRT on the indigenous pastoralist communities and their way of life contravene to Her Excellency's pronouncement of taking steps to preserve Ngorongoro Conservation Area's ecology and wildlife.

In light of the impending escalation of human rights violations against the indigenous pastoralist communities in Ngorongoro Conservation Area, we stand in solidarity with them and fully support their legitimate demands for the respect and protection of their rights and wellbeing. We reecho their urgent call to Her Excellency to:

- Revoke the eviction order of MNRT and NCAA, and ensure the respect and protection of indigenous pastoral communities' rights to life, livelihood and cultural integrity;
- Fully recognize and support indigenous pastoralist communities' sustainable practices and systems of conservation and management of resources;
- Address hunger and starvation of indigenous pastoralist communities by lifting the ban on farming in twenty-five villages and the restrictions imposed on the movement of livestock for pasture and water in the conservation area;
- Organize an independent committee to investigate decades of injustices and human rights violations of the MNRT and NCAA against the indigenous pastoralist communities; and
- Establish a multi-stakeholder commission composed of self-identified representatives from the pastoralist communities, ecology and wildlife experts, and human rights advocates to develop a rights-based approach to manage and preserve the Ngorongoro Conservation Area.

IPRI and its partners are more than willing to present further information and documents related to our claims mentioned above. We look forward to hearing any actions from your office in support for ensuring a human rights-based approach to the management of the Ngorongoro Conservation Area and recognition and protection of the rights of the indigenous pastoralist communities and their sustainable pastoralist way of life.

Respectfully,

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Convener, Indigenous Peoples Major Group for Sustainable Development



## Attachment – 1

List of endorsements from the sign-on petition.

### *Organizations*

1. AbibiNsroma Foundation
2. Afrikagrupperna
3. Agencia Internacional de Prensa Indígena (AIPIN)
4. Agenda Ciudadana por el Desarrollo y la Corresponsabilidad Social AC
5. Alliance Nationale d'Appui et de Promotion des Aires et Territoires du Patrimoine Autochtone et Communautaire (ANAPAC)
6. Almaciga
7. Arctic Indigenous Wellness Foundation (AIWF)
8. Asia Indigenous Peoples Network on Extractive Industries and Energy (AIPNEE)
9. Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact (AIPP)
10. Asociacion para el Desarrollo Integral de las Victimas de la Violencia en las Verpases, Maya Achi (ADIVIMA)
11. Asociación Ambiente y Sociedad
12. Asociación Brasileira Maloka
13. Asociación Teatro de la Tierra
14. Association for Taiwan Indigenous Peoples Policies
15. Bangladesh Indigenous Peoples Forum (BIPF)
16. Bangladesh Indigenous Women's Network (BIWN)
17. Bethel Lutheran
18. CENSAT AGUA VIVA
19. Center for Environmental Concerns - Philippines inc.
20. Center for Indigenous Peoples' Research and Development (CIPRED)
21. Center for Research and Development in Drylands, Kenya
22. Center for support of indigenous peoples of the North (CSIPN)
23. Centre for Research and Advocacy Manipur (CRAM)
24. Centre of Research and Development in Upland Areas (CERDA)
25. Centro de promoción y defensa de los derechos indígenas Yanapanakuy
26. Centro para la Autonomía y Desarrollo de los Pueblos Indígenas (CADPI)
27. Civic and Legal Aid Organization (CILAO)
28. Colectivo Yehcoa Um
29. Columbia University, Indigenous Peoples Rights Program, Institute for the Study of Human Rights
30. Community Development Association (CDA)
31. Community Empowerment and Social Justice Network (CEMSOJ)
32. COMPPART Foundation for Justice and Peacebuilding
33. Comunidad La Toglla, Pueblo Kitu Kara
34. Conselho Indigenista Missionário, Cimi
35. CONSULTORIA TECNICA COMUNITARIA, A.C. (CONTEC)
36. Coopérative des Paysans de Lonzo
37. Coordinator of Indigenous Organizations of the Amazon River Basin (COICA)
38. Cordillera Peoples Alliance (CPA)
39. CSWO
40. Cultural and Development Society
41. Development Alternatives



42. Docip Foundation
43. DYNAMIQUE DES GROUPES DES PEUPLES AUTOCHTONES (DGPA)
44. EJAtlas
45. El Pueblo Indígena Bubi de la Isla de Bioko
46. Environmental Defender Law Center
47. Extinction Rebellion Youth Solidarity
48. Federación Indígena Empresarial y Comunidades Locales de México, A. C. (CIELO)
49. Federation of Indigenous Kirat Associations (FIKA)
50. First Peoples Worldwide
51. Force Weavers
52. Forest and Peoples Organization
53. Forest Peoples Programme (FPP)
54. Forest Stewardship Council
55. Foro Indígena Abya Yala (FIAY)
56. Fotosyntesis
57. Frente de resistencia indígena
58. Global Anti-Aerotropolis Movement (GAAM)
59. Global Forest Coalition (GFC)
60. Green Development Advocates (GDA)
61. Haki Nawiri Afrika
62. Human Rights Law Network (HRLN)
63. India Indigenous Peoples
64. Indigenous Environmental Network (IEN)
65. Indigenous Peoples Forum Odisha (IPFO)
66. Indigenous Peoples Global Forum for Sustainable Development (IPGFforSD)
67. Indigenous Women India Network (I WIN)
68. Indigenous Women League Nepal (IWL Nepal)
69. Indigenous Women Legal Awareness Group (INWOLAG)
70. InsightShare
71. Institute for Ecology and Action Anthropology (INFOE)
72. Instituto Orco Huasi. Investigaciones Interculturales - Salta, Argentina
73. International Accountability Project (IAP)
74. International Committee for the Indigenous Peoples of the Americas (Incomindios)
75. International Indigenous Fund for development and solidarity (Batani)
76. International Indigenous Women's Forum (IIWF)
77. International Women's Rights Action Watch Asia Pacific (IWRAW)
78. International Work Group for Indigenous Affairs (IWGIA)
79. Interwaste Research Development (East Africa) Trust
80. Jatiya Adivasi Parishad, Bangladesh
81. Kalpavriksh
82. Kapaeeng Foundation
83. Kenya Human Rights Commission
84. Kenyan Peasants League
85. KJBS
86. Land is Life
87. Lawyers' Association for Human Rights of Nepalese Indigenous Peoples (LAHURNIP)
88. Lelewal Foundation
89. Lok Shakti Abhiyan



90. Maleya Foundation
91. Manipur Nature Society
92. Marta López
93. MICOP-CBO Kenya
94. Mountain Indigenous Knowledge Centre
95. MOVIMIENTO WIPHALA España
96. Naga Peoples Movement for Human Rights (NPMHR)
97. Narasha Community Development Group (NCDG)
98. National Garifuna Council (NGC)
99. National Indigenous Disabled Women Association Nepal (NIDWAN)
100. National Indigenous Women Forum (NIWF)
101. Neteve
102. Nimotanzania
103. Onamiap
104. Paloma Delgado
105. Pasah Kahanjak Foundation
106. Pastoralists Integratef Concerns (PICO)
107. PEREMPUAN AMAN
108. Programme Intégré pour le Développement du Peuple Pygmé (PIDP)
109. Réseau des Populations Autochtones et Locales pour la gestion durable des Ecosystèmes forestiers d'Afrique centrale (REPALEAC Afrique centrale)
110. Resguardo de Origen Colonial Cañamomo Lomapieta
111. Rights and Resources Initiative
112. Saku Accountability Forum (SAF)
113. Sandiwa Network of Advocates for National Minority Rights
114. SONIA FOR A JUST NEW WORLD
115. Southern Global Cartography Collective
116. Tanzania Land Alliance (TALA)
117. The Common Good Foundation
118. The New Dawn Pacesetter
119. Therapy in Motion Ltd
120. Tribalzone Network
121. Urgewald
122. Watu Pori
123. Women Working Group (WWG)
124. Wumweri Ghodu CBO

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| 4. Alaidedia Morijei - Tanzania         | 12. Amani I. Laizer - Tanzania          |
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23. Baraka Mollel - Tanzania
24. Barbara Hermanns - Germany
25. Batromayo James Sonyo - Tanzania
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27. Benoît De L'estoile - France
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62. Emmanuel - Uganda
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69. Frances Labrick - United Kingdom
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71. Gerd Lende - Norway
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74. Grace Keane O'connor - Ireland
75. Grace Roberts Dyrness - United States
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85. Jethro Pettit - Italy
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87. Jonathan Ole Mashulu - Kenya
88. Jordana Gomes De Almeida - Brazil
89. Joseph Moses Oleshangay - Tanzania
90. Joseph Pusingare Runguna. - Tanzania
91. José Chaves - Brazil
92. José Luis Victorio Cervantrs - Mexico
93. Julio César Solís Zavala - Mexico
94. Karen Lawrence - United Kingdom
95. Katie Wightman - United States
96. Keith Barton, MD - United States
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98. Kileto Olepurko - Tanzania
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101. Kizito Joackim Assechekamwati - Tanzania
102. Kranti L C - India
103. Lais Nardon Martins - Brazil
104. Lance Robinson - Canada
105. Laura Rebolledo Génisson - Spain
106. Lauren Ramjee - Canada
107. Learnmore Nyamudzanga - Zimbabwe
108. Leif John Fosse - Norway
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| 153. Regina Weber - United States                           |                                               |
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| 157. Roger Few - United Kingdom                             |                                               |
| 158. Rosa Maria Dos Santos Barreiro Chaves - Brazil         |                                               |