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##### Intervention 1

##### On IPCC options of programme of work for 7th Assessment Cycle:

*As this is our first time taking the floor, the Friends World Committee for Consultation, Quakers, congratulate the IPCC Chair and vice-chairs, thank the Secretariat for all their preparation work, and thank the Government of Turkey for its generous hosting.*

*Chair, civil society look to the IPCC for honest and clear guidance to our policy makers on what is happening, why, and what we can do about it. Honest and clear guidance on effective transformation of root causes because many of us here face often unhealthy and unsustainable political pressures back home.*

*On the lessons learned, thank you for this important work - we support you in improving the sustainability and effectiveness for the AR7.*

*On the AR7 cycle – we highly value the Working Groups, which the light or classical options would uphold. The Working Group structure **enables a range** of new and critical research for transforming root causes in our unsustainable energy production and consumption, unsustainable economic production and consumption, and unsustainable industrial agriculture systems.*

*For example, Working Group Three advanced needed research on sustainable economic systems, such as sufficiency. Our unsustainable economic systems remain a massive elephant in the room. As do **underreported military emissions**, currently assessed as 5% of global emissions, yet missing from our climate modelling and connected with massive suffering from weapons of war.*

*We express concern on the final gallery Special Report option - this would risk narrowing IPCC focus on what is politically popular but not necessarily scientifically wise.*

*On report foci, we uphold the need to **support the Global Stocktake cycles**.*

*Chair, we are concerned by calls to focus research on geo-engineering such as carbon capture storage, which the AR6 found as **LESS** efficient, less equitable, more expensive and not available to scale in comparison to rapid reduction of fossil fuel use, rapid increase of renewable energy deployment, and improved energy efficiency. We have similar concerns with a focus on negative emission scenarios of large-scale carbon dioxide removal – which risk collapse under higher temperatures and would devastate biodiversity, food and water security. **The IPCC must not be used to enable addictions that currently drive planetary crises.***

*Finally, with global heating an existential crisis, it is essential that IPCC reports prioritize collating research on urgent, effective, equitable, available at scale and near-term options which integrate climate justice, including **rights-based** approaches and **the rights and knowledge of Indigenous Peoples and local communities**.*

*As the AR6 concluded, urgency is critical as humanity has a brief and rapidly closing window of opportunity to secure a liveable and sustainable future for all.*

*Thank you, Chair.*

## **Intervention 2**

### **On lessons learned from the 6th Assessment Cycle:**

*Thank you Chair. We wish to uphold what was just said by our Inuit sisters, to uphold equitable and ethical engagement of Indigenous Peoples voices and knowledge. We thank the IPCC for this work on this report and the critical efforts to learn from lessons learned. In addition to the calls, we wish to highlight the call in the Report to better engage Youth. We did not hear this as much in the room today so wish to highlight the report's call to better engage Youth. Finally, we thank the European Union for its call to include Observers in the next steps. We ask that observers include civil society representation. The rise of civil society engagement in and communication of IPCC findings has been phenomenal.*

## **Intervention 3**

### **On programme update from TFI Greenhouse Gas Reporting**

*We thank the co-chair for his report.*

*We ask a question. Over the last several years we have raised a concern over the insufficient reporting in national GHG inventories of military emissions. We are concerned that the insufficient reporting of military emissions could jeopardize the effectiveness of climate modelling and IPCC findings. We ask if the IPCC in this AR7 cycle is able to engage in this concern to encourage more sufficient reporting of military emissions in the national GHG inventories. Thank you Chair.*

(this was the only intervention, and the IPCC Chair said that they would take note).