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The Geneva Interfaith Forum on Climate Change, Environment and Human Rights thanks the Special Rapporteur for her comprehensive report on transforming food systems for a safe climate and health for all.

We strongly commend the report's central framing: **that food systems cannot be decoupled from the fossil fuel economy, and that decarbonization alone is insufficient without defossilization and detoxification.** From an interfaith perspective, this integrated vision – addressing pesticides, fertilizers, plastics, and corporate power concentration – reflects the moral imperative to protect both people and the Earth as a whole.

The IPCC and IPBES assessments highlight that agroecology and Indigenous food systems are among the most highly synergistic response options across the biodiversity–water–food–health–climate nexus. We fully support the report's call to prioritize Indigenous Peoples' and peasants' agroecology as climate action in its own right, not merely as a complementary measure.

Guided by our commitment to climate justice, ethics and the dignity of all life, we call on States to urgently implement the Special Rapporteur's recommendations: to phase out subsidies to large-scale food businesses, to protect the rights of Indigenous Peoples and peasants as stewards of a safe climate, and to ensure that food systems transformation leaves no one behind.

Thank you.