

Statement of Kristen A. Carpenter, Member, UN Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples to the UN Permanent Forum on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, April 24, 2019

The Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples appreciates the opportunity to participate in this session of the Permanent Forum under your leadership as chair and alongside our fellow indigenous rights mechanisms within the UN. We appreciate the Assistant Secretary General's earlier statement and support regarding reprisals as several members of our Mechanism have themselves recently experienced intimidation and retaliation by states for their human rights activity.

The Expert Mechanism would like to make several recommendations for consideration by the Permanent Forum

We ask the Permanent Forum to consider our study on "Indigenous Peoples Rights in the Context of Borders, Migration, and Displacement," and ensure that the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples is fully observed by the International Organization for Migration in the implementation of the UN Global Compact on Migration – and that states acknowledge and protect the collective and individual human rights of indigenous migrants, particularly indigenous women and children.

We ask the Permanent Forum to encourage states and indigenous peoples to engage with EMRIP under our new mandate -- to assist states and indigenous peoples in realizing the aims of the Declaration, and especially encourage states and IPs to submit requests for EMRIP's facilitation of dialogue and provision of technical assistance regarding implementation of the Declaration – as described in the earlier intervention of the Sami Parliament and our missions to Finland, Mexico, and New Zealand.

We ask the Permanent Forum to recommend that States and international financial institutions, in particular the World Bank take into consideration the EMRIP's study on "Free, Prior, and Informed Consent: A Human Rights Approach" -- regarding the right of indigenous peoples to be consulted and to give or withdraw consent, including by preparing guidance on environmental and social standards and by respecting indigenous peoples' own laws and protocols for consultation and free, prior, and informed consent.

We finally ask the Permanent Forum to facilitate the proclamation of an International Decade of Indigenous Languages, and to mainstream a human rights based approach to indigenous language policies throughout the UN system.

Thank you for considering our recommendations.