



6th Session Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples  
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We appreciate the previous studies and their usefulness in our daily advocacy to realize the rights at the core of the contributions by the UN Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

We also agree the current Study on the Access to Justice is very valuable. More important, we recognize the necessity to continue the conversation and deepen the dialogue for another year.

The statement regarding reconciliation by Chair Willie Littlechild, "Now that we know the story what can we do about it today" is a significant statement to guide the study in the second phase. It is important to continue to cover this theme in regards to indigenous models of restorative justice in the spirit of never again preventing recurrence. We believe theme of peace and justice would be very valuable with a focus on indigenous models of traditional justice systems as well as tools for larger society to pursue path of healing.

We also believe that EMRIP could contribute with future studies focusing on the post-2015 development global dialogue. We support a study providing an indigenous perspective on the future Sustainable Development Goals. We believe indigenous peoples paper could provide invaluable insight as the world drafts the Sustainable Development Goals.

We also note one of the most pressing problems facing the planet is climate change. We believe a study on Climate Change and Human Rights of Indigenous Peoples could share the grave situation facing indigenous communities. The study could put a human face on the impacts on the fundamental freedoms of indigenous peoples taking place today. We could also illustrate resilient models of rights realization through adaptation practices developed on traditional knowledge in the seven indigenous regions of the year. We will assist in authoring the parts regarding the waves of change crashing on the shores of Pacific Islands States.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

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