

Autonomous Non profit Organisation
Ethnocultural Association “ELLEYADA”

Dear Madam Chair ,

Please find below a copy of Elleyada’s Statement to the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues , 17 Session, 20 April 2018:

INTRODUCTION: ACKNOWLEDGEMENT : We pay our Respects to the Traditional Spiritual Ancestors and living Descendants of this Land We meet on, Acknowledging Their Elders Past, Present and Emerging, and We respectfully Express Our Sorrow for the loss of Our Indigenous Peoples Loved Ones, especially Women Children and Youth, who are still dying, disappearing, massacred, missing, murdered and abused by racism, and illegal colonial nations claiming illegitimate sovereign power over First Nations Peoples, as relevant to the World Conference Outcome Document paragraphs 17 to 20.

Yes We are Patient, but Our Patience turns to Sadness at the death of Our Children and Youth, Yes We are Patient but Our Patience shifts to anger at the violence to Our Women, ..BUT Elders and Peers tell Us it is not the Way to turn Our Anger into lateral violence, because violence is not a longterm Survival mechanism, and We see this in the 100 year Memorials this month after WW1 which lead to the League of Nations, the parent of the United Nations.

Brothers and Sisters, Our organisation ‘Elleyada’ is a Membership of Independent NonGovernment NonProfit EthnoCultural Association.

‘Elleyada’ as an initiator organisation calls on You and Your team Madam Chair in Your new term to make a core principle of the UN Permanent Forum’s future work on Indigenous Issues a ‘Call to Action’ for best practice by fostering collective creative collaborations to form and support more organisations, similar to Elleyada, to create International Indigenous unified collective First Nations Peoples Relationships for better protecting Spiritual Culture, Land Rights, Sacred Places, Peoples and Objects, against continuing genocidal crimes of illegitimate post colonial States, to do this We ask the Forum to discuss whether a UN Indigenous Convention, would better ensure that these offences against Our Human Rights will be condemned culpable and convicted for what they are, Crimes against Our Humanity, and let Us Stand Up for Our Rights in the names of those Loved Ones who have joined our Ancestors along the Way, and whose Spiritual Voices cry out for Redemption and the Movement of Our People in this the 17th Session of Our Forum.

Declaration Articles intended for Protection of Land and Cultural Heritage Objects, are only a Principle, without Practice.

Inter-Indigenous Working Group joint concerted efforts are needed to develop Our Articles into best practice, like the Laws now accepted in the Republic of Sakha , Yakutia, Russia, one of the good examples of best practice in the Permanent Forum’s mandated area of ‘Culture’, and Laws of Protection for keeping Our Sacred Respected Lands.

Our Group, including Shaman, representatives of Mexico, Colombia and Australia saw this best practice in Our travel to Republic of Sakha, Village Suntar, in Summer 2017 for the Ceremony of Meeting and Greeting the Sun.

Indigenous Ancestors gave Us Knowledge Traditions Customs, Land, and Objects which have Sacred Meaning for Us so that We could borrow, keep custody of Them and then pass Them on to the next Generations, instead, Our Exile from Tribal Lands by modern buildings and roads built for extractive mining logging industries, is causing Us awful Moral suffering.

Across the Planet Our basis of existence, and protection of these Sacred Places, acts like a Foundation Stone for Our Spiritual Life and striving for its highest Moral and Social Depth.

Recent amendments to the State of New South Wales Constitution will now Hopefully bring Community Consulted laws to Australia recognising intangible Spiritual values for all Land Water and Sky, this will progress the process for reconciling Aboriginal Indigenous Sovereignty which has Never! Never! , been ceded to the State.

MEXICO and COLUMBIA Elleyada Members tell Us: In Mexico Indigenous Peoples are organised doing very important work with Sacred Ceremonies in Their Sacred Lands, but They are also losing Their Lands, Their Rights, Their Traditions, because Local governments corrupt the taking of Lands through money and 'never asking', allowing International companies to take resources, destroying Nature, Water and Fauna. The Tribes are unable to defend Themselves with things getting worse everyday and They would Welcome Support from this Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.

COLUMBIA: In Colombia the Indigenous People of Columbia are very affected by the presence of armed guerrilla in Their territories because of the non regulated cultivation of drugs, narco-traffic and drug dealers.

Because of the weak presence of government, projects of Public Human Rights never get to these far away places where People are affected by climate storms, floods, earthquakes.

There are over 100 Indigenous Communities in Colombia and over 30 are about to disappear.

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