

**HMONG CHOFA INDIGENOUS CONFEDERATION AND TRIBEL PEOPLE
OF NORTHERN LAOS (XaySomoun Special Zone)**

**Fourth Session on the Permanent Forum Item #3
GOAL OF THE MILLENIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS AND PRIMARY
EDUCATION**

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak about the "Universal Primary Education". This is very important to all Indigenous People of the world.

My name is Mr. William Yang. I am a teacher of the Hmong Language pahaub. Since I left Laos, our people is being persecuted for learning, writing and speaking this Language. For example, the Hmong people of Xaisomboun Special Zone who are many of my former colleagues and students are being bombs with chemical agents and use force starvation upon them for extermination by the Lao government.

I come before you, Mr. Chairman, to appeal directly to the Lao government to stop all acts of violence against our Hmong people and allow their children to attend schools so they can learn to write and speak the Language. Please remind the Lao government that the Lao government is a party to the Convention of the Elimination of all forms of Racial Discrimination. Thank You

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