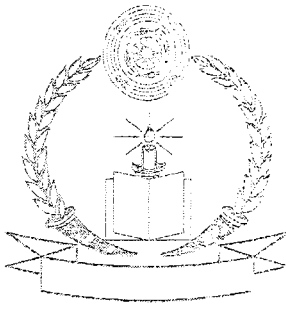


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KARENNI STUDENT UNION

Karenni Student Union Intervention statement at the 4th session of the UN permanent forum on indigenous issues.

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Thank you madam chair or Mr. chair. I am representing the Karenni Student Union and will also talk on behalf of my people.

First, I would like to extend a warm greeting to the chair, distinguished friends, and governments delegates to this forum. This is a great opportunity to recommend the members of the forum, with some specific recommendations on the millennium development goal on the matter of effective implementation.

Madam chair or Mr. Chair, Firstly, I would like to raise my concerns regarding the millennium development goal of eradicating extreme poverty and hunger and the importance of primary education in areas of armed confrontation.

My specific recommendation is that there must be a specific body or mechanism to set forward action plans within the UN's permanent forum to deal with member states and to come up with a concrete solutions to deal with specific countries in which there are armed conflicts between the central government and indigenous armed resistance forces. We all clearly know that the millennium development goal on the eradication of extreme poverty and hunger as well as access to primary education cannot be effectively implemented and reached the most vulnerable indigenous peoples in armed conflict zones.

Madam chair, or Mr. Chair, in the case of Burma (Myanmar) many groups of indigenous peoples who have no democratic space in which to claim their rights peacefully are keen to engage in peaceful dialogue with the present ruling regime on the matter of recognizing our participation in economic, social and cultural rights as well as political and civil rights. However, the present ruling regime does not have any real desire to bring indigenous peoples participation for social and political development.

Madam chair, or Mr. Chair, I like to conclude with some specific recommendations to the permanent forum shall establish a specific mechanisms to deal with members states in calling on countries in which there is an armed conflict to engage in peaceful dialogue for the sake of effective implementation on the eradication of extreme poverty and hunger and as well as primary education in indigenous territories which recommendation is already contained in the third session report of permanent forum last year.

Thank you for your attention madam chair or Mr. Chair

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