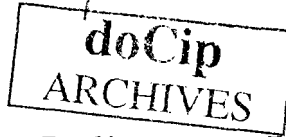


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Item 5: Future work of the Permanent Forum

Madame chairperson,

On behalf Comite Intertribal of Brasil and Land is Life, we collectively wish to make the following observations. With respect to the 5th session in 2006 that will mark the first milestone and evaluation of the progress of the UNPFii and our collective efforts in promotion of Indigenous Peoples rights. With the Second Decade should be more focused on the Implementation of the Plan of Action.

We, Comite Intertribal and Land is Life would therefore make the following recommendations:

1. UNPFII should take immediate steps to formalize member into the Collaborative Partnership Forum within the UN Forum on Forest to secure the rights of Indigenous Peoples;
2. UNPFII ensure and secure that the issue of Land, Territories and Resources is guaranteed as a permanent theme for indigenous peoples;

3. UNPFII should organize a Expert Meeting on the theme of Land, Intellectual Property, Traditional Knowledge, etc (Parshuram Tamang)
4. UNPFII to ensure that the UN Agencies and others (e.g. World Bank should be called upon to implement their policies in favor of Indigenous Peoples as a token of their sincere commitment to live up to their obligations under International Law;
5. Within the Mandate of the UNPFII and their respective portfolio holders in their area of responsibility to organize their work differently to be more effective and less time consuming and in light of the many side-events that has been experienced as an unnecessary difficult process for all [division of time and energy], we would like to make the following recommendations:
 - a) The UNPFII expert to host the morning sessions in close cooperation with a designated Focal Point [IP Caucus]with thematic issues on Environment and report back by both the Expert and Indigenous Person in the afternoon to the Plenary on the same theme with UN Agencies and other relevant bodies and governments;
 - b) To conduct the afternoon session where the results of the morning session be discussed with and relayed to with the UN Agencies and other relevant bodies and governments;

- c) To develop 5 Year UNPFII Evaluation Form including Questionnaires to be sent to all Indigenous Peoples and their Organizations (through website) for their timely, substantive and effective respond for and during the 5th Session;
6. To call upon good your offices as Chairperson to invite governments to respond more responsibly and direct all efforts for the Implementation at the National level, and their effective contribution to the ECOSOC Recommendations rather than dwelling in general terms – where Indigenous Peoples are called upon to do for time constraints and the huge number of speakers - that will not assist the rights of the indigenous peoples on the regular UNPFII mandate and more specific in the Millennium Development Goals.

Thank you, Madam Chairperson