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# SAULTEAU FIRST NATIONS

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## *Agenda Item 5 - Future work of the Forum (Second Decade of the World's Indigenous People)*

Tansi (Greetings) Madame Chairperson, Indigenous Peoples, States and all participants of the Permanent Forum. I would like to honor the Haudenosaunee people whose territory we are guests of today.

In considering the future work for the Programme of Activities for the Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous Peoples the following suggestions are put before the Permanent Forum as recommendations to ECOSOC:

1. Recalling and Supporting the recommendation previously made within the conclusions and recommendations of the OHCHR report of the Seminar on Treaties, Agreements and Other Constructive Arrangements between States and Indigenous Peoples, held in Geneva from 15 to 17, December 2003, in particular, that a recommendation be made to ECOSOC that would convene a world conference on indigenous peoples, as well as, regional seminars, which would focus on Treaties, Agreements and other Constructive arrangements between States and indigenous peoples that would also consider the impact of treaty abrogation on indigenous peoples and develop remedies (see pg. 4 E/CN.4/2004/111).
2. It is further recommended that the aforementioned world conference and regional seminars be organized by both of the secretariats of the Permanent Forum and OHCHR.
3. It is recommended that a future theme of the Permanent Forum be: Treaties, Agreements and Other Constructive Arrangements between States and Indigenous Peoples. The question of lands, territories and resources must remain a critical focus of the Permanent Forum Agenda.
4. It is recommended that the secretariat of the Permanent Forum coordinate the involvement of indigenous experts within the process which allows for their input, perspective and analyses of the processes aimed at the Eradication of Colonialism. Additionally that the Special Rapporteur initiate a study on the affects of colonialism in the contemporary.
5. The draft Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples must be adopted immediately in its current form.
6. Finally, it is recommended that the Forum continue to support future networking and capacity building of the Indigenous Fellowship Network whose alumnus membership of Indigenous fellows, who have been trained within the UN system, continues to grow.

Thank you for the time in considering these recommendations made. My name is Nicole (Migizikwe) Hetu. Saulteau First Nations, Treaty no. 8, Canada. *Nanaskamon! Hy! Hy!*