

JOINT STATEMENT
OF
Mr. R. J. LAKRA, WORLD ADIVASI COUNCIL (WAC)
Ms. SUKANTI HEMBROM. JHARKHANDIS ORGANISATION
FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, INDIA
AT THE UN – PERMANENT FORUM ON INDIGENOUS ISSUES
New York, 16-27 May, 2005, Fourth Session

Agenda Item No. 5: Future work of the Forum

Mdme Chairperson,
Distinguished members of the Permanent Forum,
Honorable Government Representatives,
Intergovernment Agencies,
Fellow Indigenous Participants from around the world,

This statement is to confirm that we fully agree with the Asian joint statement made by one of us.

However, we want to stress a particular point: this is about the vast misuse of the all development aid/assistance during the last half of the century, irrespective of the fact if it was given by the UN-organs or from governments or from other funding agencies. It is an open secret that the situation of the indigenous peoples in the third world and particularly in Asia and Africa has deteriorated continuously and gravely. The lion's share of the aid/assistance has not reached them. Development aid has turned to be a big business in many third world countries and the work is done very professionally in order to get the money. We therefore, suggest that a thorough investigation be made regarding the development aid/assistance policies and implementation methods in all its aspects ~~and~~ in order to make the necessary corrections (including full transparency and strict monitoring). Development aid should be given preferably to indigenous and only to bona fide NGOs of ECOSOC status.

It may not be out of place to mention that ~~all~~ most funding agencies and even international human rights organizations and international conferences regarding social and economic development are infiltrated or attempts are being made to infiltrate by the organizations and persons of the dominant society. There are often non indigenous or fake (self made) indigenous organizations who are taking part in the conferences and meetings, which is meant for indigenous people and their development.

In this respect we would like to draw your attention that there are research works and documentation ~~have been~~ performed in the past, regarding the indigenous people, which contain the list of family names. Compiling such documents may be of great use to avoid infiltration. National and regional bona fide organizations of indigenous peoples should be strengthened which can help identify the bona fide NGOs, if required.

The above suggestions are made to avoid the mistakes of the past. Refusal to learn lessons from the past may worsen our situation during the 2nd decade.

Thank you Mme Chairperson for giving the opportunity to bring this crucial matter for consideration.

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and even international conferences regarding social and economic development are infiltrated by the organisations and persons of the dominant society. There are quite a lot of non-indigenous or fake (self-made) indigenous organisations ^{who} are taking part in the conferences and meetings which is meant for indigenous people and ~~similarly~~ taking funds which are allotted for the indigenous people and their development.

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