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Statement of Asia Indigenous Peoples' Caucus

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Respected chair,

My name is Krishna Kumari Waiba from Nepal, and I would like to make this statement on behalf of the Asia Indigenous Peoples' Caucus.

The Asia Indigenous Peoples' Caucus acknowledges the importance of EMRIP works and mandates. We also appreciate the EMRIP members for conducting thematic studies and country engagements. And we would like to reiterate that the Member States, especially Member States from Asia, must engage in the future works of EMRIP and Indigenous Peoples to usher implementation of UNDRIP.

Indigenous Peoples in Asia face derecognition and rejection of our inherent rights and rights enshrined in the UNDRIP. The states continue to othering Indigenous Peoples by making minorities within minorities and rejecting the rights to self-determination and the principle of nations and indigeneity.

Therefore, we would like to call upon the Expert Members;

- to conduct studies on the accords and agreements signed between Indigenous Peoples and States in Asia.
- to conduct studies on militarization and how the Member States in Asia are securitizing the inspirations of Indigenous Peoples through Terrorist Acts, National Security Acts, and other legislative provisions.
- to conduct formal and informal dialogues with the Member States and Indigenous Peoples in Asia to achieve recognition of the rights of Indigenous Peoples enshrined in UNDRIP.

I express my sincere gratitude to the Expert Mechanism for this session.

Thank you, Mr Chair.

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