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Mr. Chairperson, Distinguished Delegates, indigenous brothers and sisters please accept my indigenous greetings SEWARO. My name is Uttam Shingh Thangden representing indigenous Limbu Peoples of Nepal.

The Indigenous inhabitants Limbu, who use to live in Limbuwan, the eastern part of Nepal, have their own religious, rituals and culture, their lives closely connected with natural things like mountains, hill, forest, river, steam etc of their locality. They worship their nature. In accordance with death rituals, they bury the dead body in the height of forest or hill. After cremating traditionally, they use to build tomb in deaths memory. It is called chihan chautara. From centuries back, they worship different places. Such things and places have cultural, historical as well as architecharal value too.

Key Issues:

- Nepali Army has occupied 16 to 17 Ropani of our land. The Army has surrounded the area by fence. Due to army's capture of the land the limbus traditional religion and its chihan choutara and other monuments and architectural things may likely disappear.
- The states duty is to protect and preserve such valuable places. But it is felt that the state is not paying attention towards its duty. Previously, the area was uses as cemetery by indigenous Limbus from Myanglung and Tumphula villages in Limbuwan.
- The Nepal Army is trying to register the other piece of land on behalf of their name. The land which is situated in chokmagu-3 of panchthar district. They want to establish a military base camp.

Other key issues:

- Indigenous Minority groups facing problems of landlessness in Nepal are rahutes, Bankariyas, Surels etc.
- Another indigenous groups facing problems of landlessness in Nepal are Kamiyas.

I therefore on behalf of indigenous peoples of Nepal, would like to urge to the Various International organizations and United Nation to support us in returning our land to the Limbus immediately and necessary action has to be taken to protect and preserve our ancestral land. I have here attached the letter of Memorandum presented by our organization Kirat Yakthung Chumlung to Defence Minister of Nepal with my statement for your kind attention.

Thank you very much for giving me the floor.