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Agenda Item 8, Future work of the Permanent Forum (discussion on methods of work)

Distinguished Chairperson, members of the Permanent Forum and participants,

I'm speaking on behalf of Front Siwa Lima/Bangsa Adat AlifUrU, Netherlands Centre for Indigenous Peoples and Embassy of the Earth.

The reason for taking the floor is to share a Call for Ceremony from Alifuru Elders from Maluku (known in the history as the Spice Islands) since their representative Pelpina Sahureka is currently unable to travel and therefore cannot be here to address this Forum.

We have all gathered here for the cause of protecting Mother Earth. The Alifuru Elders call for Indigenous Peoples from all Four Directions, to do a ceremony in their own territories and drum from sunrise to sunset at the solstice on the 21st of June 2015, to bring out the heartbeat of Mother Earth collectively.

The intention is to bundle the power of Indigenous Peoples' ceremonies to relate to all that is living and resonate this healing and powerful message to the world in this important year for the Earth's Climate.

This will be a unique indigenous and powerful call to the world leaders gathering in Paris at the end of this year to take the decisions needed to stop the ongoing destruction and restore the balance of life on Mother Earth.

We are also working to create a ceremonial space for indigenous peoples in Paris during the Climate Conference.

I realize this is not really addressing the methods of work of the Permanent Forum, but rather a reminder to the imminent method of Indigenous Peoples.

Several Indigenous Peoples around the world have already expressed their support and will join this collective initiative and we hope many more will.

Thank you.