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When the Condor meets the Eagle...the Uniting of our Nations

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RISE UP / RESIST / RECLAIM / REBIRTH

I greet you from the Cannon Ball River - I am Ta Maka Waste Win enrolled member of Standing Rock Sioux Tribe Nation. I am speaking regarding the participation of the over 390 million Indigenous Peoples of Unci Maka - Mother Earth and caretakers of Mni Wiconi - Water of Life within the United Nations system, we the Indigenous Peoples request that our participation be granted at the highest possible level and that our representatives be legitimate and elected by Indigenous Nations and organizations in each region. This will secure that our participation and contributions on issues that affect us are addressed in a legitimate manner. Lack of the legitimate representation is resulting in violations of our equal and inalienable rights as member of the human family. In our Indigenous Nations all over Mother Earth. Where the extractive industry has blatantly violated the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, ILO 169 and all instruments created to protect our Rights and most importantly Mother Earth.

The organization hereby invokes the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and ILO 169 to be enforced and brought to life to put an immediate stop to all extractive industries that are destroying Mother Earth. We give thanks for the United Nations observers and Rapporteur who came to Standing Rock and the report that was compiled on the atrocious human rights violations that took place for 11 months against the Front Line Warriors / Water Protectors that came to stand in solidarity from all over Unci Maka - Mother Earth.

Standing Rock is now an International Movement to protect the water for all life forms. To protect water, oceans, forests and all that sustain the Sacred Circle of Life. Standing Rock has ignited a wildfire of support in every corner of Mother Earth. We are the movement who can turn the world from self-destruction to one of healing and renewal of Peace. Indigenous Peoples of Mother Earth remain committed to solving the challenge faced by our generation which is to protect life on Mother Earth and the Rights to Clean Water for future generations and so that all that exists can continue to exist. The Indigenous Peoples Traditional Knowledge is the only path remaining to heal the unsustainable pattern of production and consumption that is destroying our lives and the world around us. Agenda 20-30 without our legitimate representations and inclusion of Indigenous Peoples Traditional Knowledge will fail as Indigenous Peoples Traditional Knowledge can heal Mother Earth. Without it great and irreparable damage is leading us to destruction. We must protect the Water and Mother Earth. We the Indigenous Peoples of Mother Earth Walk to the Future in the Footprints of our Ancestors

MNI WICONI, WATER IS LIFE, AGUA ES VIDA - WE STAND!