

**Item NO 4 25th April, 2017, Wednesday
Implementation of the Six mandated areas of the
Permanent Forum with reference to the United Nations
Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous peoples**

**Thank you Madam Chair, Member states, indigenous brother and sisters,
I am Pratima Gurung, read on behalf of disability Caucus, Indigenous persons with disabilities Global Network, Nepal Indigenous Disabled Association and National Indigenous Disabled Women Association Nepal. I would like to thank Voluntary Fund for supporting me to be here.**

Right to many of our Indigenous peoples means right to life. A dignified life is a core value of every human being and is a human right for all of us. The six mandated areas for indigenous peoples are equally important to all indigenous women, youth, elderly and persons with disabilities which are interconnected and interlinked when it comes to living a dignified life and exercising their rights.

We understand that issues relating with indigenous peoples are diverse and complex but within that the six mandated areas exercising rights for Indigenous Persons with disabilities require more special attention due to their multiple discrimination they face. This has been enshrined in Article 22 in the declaration, WCIP Outcome document, recommendation of the 11th UNPFII, in last EMRIP session 2016 and many more.

But we indigenous persons with disabilities are facing challenges faced with regard to the full enjoyment of human

rights and inclusion in development. Indigenous persons with disabilities also experience the combined effect of discrimination against different aspects of their identities. So there is a serious gap in the implementation and enjoyment of a wide range of rights, ranging from access to justice, education, language, culture and integrity of the person. There are significant unmet needs and rights that are not being addressed, of which gaps in access to health, life expectancy, educational qualifications, income, safety of the person and participation in decision-making. In addition they are especially vulnerable and critical situations of natural and human-caused emergencies like that happened in 2015 to IPWDS in Nepal due to earthquake.

Madam Chair, while we embrace the full efforts for the full implementation of the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous peoples, we would like to focus to respect the diversity of each individual and focus on following recommendations

1) States affirm their commitment for the implementation of Article 22 to take special concerns of Indigenous persons with disabilities for freedom and full enjoyment of human rights at country level leaving no one behind.

2) Encourage members states to conduct an annual report submitted to the Permanent Forum on the areas of implementation of the declaration on the human right related with intersectional approach with disaggregated data and information on the services provided to indigenous persons with disabilities.

I thank you, Madam Chair.

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**Agenda Item 3: Follow up in the recommendation of the
Permanent Forum "Empowerment of Indigenous Women"**

**Madam Chair Person, distinguished government delegates,
honorable Indigenous sisters and brothers**

**We are celebrating the 10th years anniversary of the UN
declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples**