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**Statement**  
**of the ALIFURU's people's organization of Maluku**  
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Mr. President,  
Distinguish members of the Permanent Forum,  
Friends,  
Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to state the case of my people, the indigenous Alifuru people of Maluku before this illustrious forum.  
I am proud to represent the Maluku people of Alifuru descent and to be their legal representative in the international world: To be the voice of a voiceless people and to give face of a faceless people through you indigenous brothers and sisters to the international world community.

On behalf of the indigenous Alifuru people I would like to submit the following recommendations to the Permanent Forum:

1. To express concern on the situation in Maluku. One of the best ways of protecting the human rights in Maluku is to stay alert with and express your concern on the situation in Maluku. The situation on the abduction of little boys, forced marriages, forced islamization of whole villages and islands, the rapes, atrocities and female genital mutilation on women, disappearances, extra judicial killings, tortures, mutilations, atrocities, etc.
2. To call on Indonesia's accountability for the atrocities, crimes, war crimes and Crimes against humanity in Maluku perpetrated by the Indonesians and their Jihad troops.
3. To seek and give appropriate measures to ensure protection to the Moluccan Human rights activists and defenders. Hundreds of Moluccans and Indigenous Alifurus have been apprehended, imprisoned, detained, tried and tortured since January 2003 because of expressing their national feelings.
4. To continue to invite Moluccans from Maluku to participate and to get them involved at your Conferences, Trainings etc.

Indonesia is still maintaining thousands of their military and police troops (and unofficially still the Jihad forces) in Maluku. Since 1999 there's no post within Maluku, since more than one year the faxes and internet are cut off. From April 2003 the Moluccan people cannot make telephone calls (even collect calls) to the outside world. The media, international relief organizations and foreigners are kept out as much as possible from Maluku.

5. To press for the establishment of the UNDP office in Ambon (Maluccas) that since early this year would be opened officially in Ambon But the Indonesian Government through its instruments are attempting to prevent the opening of this UNDP office. The Moluccans in general and the indigenous Alifuru in particular are anxious to have a UN or international representation in Maluku to be able to monitor at place (from the grass root) the real situation.

Thank you.