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Good am, Madam Chair &  
members of the Forum & the  
delegates to this  
session,

**STATEMENT BY THE PASSIONIST INTERNATIONAL**

**AGENDA ITEM 9 – 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**

Madam Chair, the Passionist International would like to congratulate the Secretariat for preparing the excellent background documents for this agenda item. Given that we are in the early stages of implementing the 2030 Agenda, it is important to get a clear picture of the status of indigenous peoples in each country and towards this end it is important to make sure that work at the national level will commence or continue towards coming up with a clear set of indicators to ensure regular monitoring of the achievement of the 2030 targets, based especially on indicators cited in para. 13 of document E/C/19/2017/5 for this agenda item.

By ensuring that these indicators are well-established and will henceforth be included in the regular surveys and census done by each country's statistics agency, the member-state of the UN will be regularly informed of the status of achievement of the country's sustainable development.

Further towards the implementation of the 2030 agenda, work should start even now in ensuring the active participation of indigenous peoples not only at the national level, but also at the sub-national level. In this manner, a country will ensure that the people at the bottom will be given the opportunity to get acquainted with some sustainable development goals and this kind of awareness should contribute to the realization of the various SDGs at the lowest possible level of governance in the country where the congregation is based.

indigenous peoples may be found.

Thank you Madam Chair.

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