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**JOINT STATEMENT
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Madame Chairperson,
Distinguished members of the Permanent Forum,
Fellow Indigenous Participants from around the world,

It is well known that there has been vast misuse of all the development aid/assistance during the last half of the century, irrespective of the fact that it was given by the UN organs or from governments or from other funding agencies. The lion's share of the aid/assistance given for indigenous people has not reached them. Therefore, we propose that:

- How development aid/assistance can be made more effective and misuses can be reduced, should be an Agenda Item or Sub-Agenda Item for the Fifth Session of the Permanent Forum.

Substantial success of the 2nd decade and of this millennium depends upon this matter.

Thank you Madame Chairperson for giving us this opportunity to bring this crucial matter for consideration.