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**UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, Eighth Session  
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**Global Indigenous Women's Caucus Statement**

**Agenda Item 3:**

**Follow Up on the Recommendations of the Permanent Forum**

**(c) Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People**

The Indigenous Women of the world have the following recommendations:

1. We recommend that the Permanent Forum requests UN agencies and bodies and states to disseminate widely the program of the Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People, targeting with special consideration its dissemination in rural communities.
2. We recommend that the Permanent Forum urge UN bodies and agencies to organize in cooperation with the Commission on the Status of Women a world conference on Indigenous Women's issues, with special attention given to women's issues in the Beijing Plus 15 Review. We request that the following key issues affecting indigenous women are addressed: health, education, indigenous women's knowledge systems, lands, territories, resource rights, migration and the impact on Indigenous Women, climate change, violence against women, armed conflict/militarization and water.
3. We request the Permanent Forum to urge UN bodies and agencies, governments, corporations and industries that in implementing Indigenous Peoples' right to Free, Prior and Informed Consent in any fora, projects, and programmes, Indigenous Women are given priority opportunities for full and effective participation, and our are decisions taken into consideration with equal value as those of others.
4. We strongly urge that the Permanent Forum recommends to ECOSOC in coordination with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), UNIFEM and UNICEF to call for the coordination of an official UN Experts Meeting on Traditional Indigenous Knowledge.
5. We recommend the Permanent Forum to urge states to contribute to the Voluntary Fund for programs specifically addressing Indigenous Women's issues, living both in rural communities and urban cities.
6. We recommend the Permanent Forum to urge states to assign sufficient funds to continue working in the revitalization of indigenous languages at all levels: from the creation of indigenous language nests, the development of culturally-relevant

curricula, plans and programmes, to the training and certification of indigenous teachers in indigenous languages.

7. We recommend the Permanent Forum to develop and implement educational and cultural policies in order to ensure that Indigenous Women have equal access to education at all levels. In so doing, as we have stated in our intervention on Agenda Item 3a, states must recognize Indigenous Women's cultural diversity and their right to an indigenous-centered education.

Thank you.