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Proposals to be submitted to the Human Rights Council for its consideration and approval
Statement on behalf of the Asia Indigenous Peoples Caucus
Speaker: Mrinal Kanti Tripura

Thank you Mr. Chairperson for giving us the floor.

On behalf of Asia Indigenous Peoples Caucus present in the 3rd session of EMRIP, I would like to present the following recommendations through you to the Human Rights Council for its consideration and approval.

1. To encourage states to review their national laws and policies, with the participation of indigenous peoples representatives with the aim to incorporate the provisions of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. This review shall also consider the recognition of all indigenous peoples groups who have identified themselves as indigenous peoples.
2. To conduct a follow up study on FPIC in relation to standard setting and operationalization of this right to decision making of indigenous peoples. This shall include the organizing of an international level roundtable discussion/Workshop on Free Prior and Informed Consent
3. To encourage the States to contribute more funds to the United Nations Voluntary Fund (UNVF) for indigenous peoples to enable more indigenous peoples representative to engage with other mechanisms and procedures under the Human Rights Council for the promotion and protection of their human rights.
4. To increase resource allocation to the UN EMRIP and the Special Rapporteur on the situation of HR & Fundamental Freedom of IPs for additional technical and logistical support, including additional staff support to optimize the implementation of their respective mandates.
5. To encourage more states to submit and present their contributions to the thematic studies of the EMRIP and to engage in interactive and constructive dialogues with the members of the EMRIP and indigenous representatives. In this context, we recommend to the HRC to schedule the EMRIP annual meeting in a period where more state-delegates are in Geneva.
6. To take concrete steps to implement the recommendations of the EMRIP in its report on the right to education of indigenous peoples.
7. To encourage concerned states to implement the recommendations of the Committee for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD) relating to Indigenous Peoples.

We thank you for your kind attention.