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**STATEMENT TO THE 10TH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS
PERMANENT FORUM ON INDIGENOUS ISSUES**

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**Submitted by the Global Indigenous Peoples' Caucus in
collaboration with doCip
Read by Benjamin Powless, Indigenous Environmental Network**

Thank you Madame Chairperson,

As the Global Indigenous Peoples' Caucus, we attest that the services of doCip constitute an essential instrument for the implementation of the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples on the local, national and international levels. In effect, they reinforce the capacities of indigenous communities and organizations in the defense and promotion of their rights and, significantly, allow them to have access to monitoring mechanisms put in place by the United Nations (UPR, Treaty bodies, etc.) at a time when the rights guaranteed by the UNDRIP are not respected at the local and national levels. Available in four languages, doCip's services also connect indigenous organizations from around the world, along with other concerned parties; they thus facilitate the sharing of knowledge on good practices all over the world, regardless of linguistic barriers.

All of doCip's activities are undertaken in partnership with indigenous peoples. They allow the linking of local communities with UN bodies through their national and regional networks and include: strengthening the capacities of local organizations in the areas of documentation and fundraising; sending exhaustive, targeted and multilingual information including to the most remote communities; training and coaching of community leaders about the documentation of facts pertaining to violations of their rights and the preparation of shadow reports for international mechanisms; opening secretariats at the UN for indigenous delegations and conducting training in UN mechanisms during the sessions; interpretation of their global, regional and thematic caucuses; translations of their interventions, archiving and making available documentation concerning the rights of indigenous peoples, etc.

For all these reasons, we recommend that the UN agencies and programs establish partnerships with doCip in order to facilitate the carrying out of its activities, as well as facilitating its financing. We likewise recommend that the donors (including the European Union, States and foundations) grant the necessary financial support.

This organization, in effect, was created at the initiative of our peoples and has our confidence, along with the requisite expertise. doCip's activities have proven their effectiveness during the negotiations on the UNDRIP, as well as in the creation of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues and of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Today, these activities must be pursued for the implementation of the Declaration at all levels.

Thank you.