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**Post 2015 Development Agenda**

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I am PratimaGurung, representing Indigenous Persons with Disabilities Global Network and Nepal Indigenous Disabled Association.

We pay respect to all the elders and all indigenous delegates attending the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples this year and welcome the opportunity to contribute to the discussion of World Conference on Indigenous Peoples event.

As a representative of Nepal Indigenous Disabled Association from Nepal We strongly welcome the main outcome of the Rio +20 Conference, Sustainable Development Goal and Post Development Agenda which emphasizes indigenous Peoples rights as an important issue in many states.

We strongly support The Asia Indigenous Preparatory Meeting 2012 and its particular recommendation no 1,2,3,5, 6 and 8 and the outcome document of High Level Meeting of the UN General Assembly of World Conference on Indigenous Peoples in paragraph 9,10,11,12,22,23,24,25 and 34 incorporating the recent issues like indigenous persons with disabilities and express our concern in paragraph no 22 to recommend 71th session of the General Assembly to modify and improve the existing UN mechanism to more effectively promote, respect for and implement the ILO No. 168 an UN Declaration on the rights of Indigenous peoples to better assist member states, UN agencies to monitor, evaluate and improve implementation of the declaration and ILO No. 169 especially in developing countries.

We focus on the first agenda "**leave no one behind**" and 4<sup>th</sup> agenda "**Build peace and effective, open and accountable and transparent institutions for all**" of Post 2015 Development agenda in regard to respect human right based approach it should be unified, transformational , flexible with recognition of peace, good governance of people without fear, conflict and violence because most Asian states including Nepal are still reluctant to recognize and respect the identity, dignity,

meaningful representation for right to decision, political and juridical rights of the indigenous peoples.

State restructuring process is a key issue for ensuring all the human rights to all the citizens for maintaining sustainable development in country. In this regard, Nepal is also in process of making a federal inclusive state but the second constitutional making process has under represented and detached indigenous peoples. The number of indigenous parliamentary member in the constituent Assembly is very low and the existing limited indigenous parliamentary members are guided by the political ideology.

In addition the several state mechanisms are dominated by non indigenous peoples and other professionals. Demand of indigenous people's right have been politically misrepresented and conflict between indigenous peoples and other segments of the population have increased leading towards aggression and attack marginalizing indigenous peoples from the mainstream discourse. So there is a fear that limited participation would be ineffective to leave no one behind and put sustainable development goal at core to ensure the voice of excluded groups like indigenous peoples, indigenous women, indigenous youth and indigenous persons with disabilities and their diverse issues like quality education, economic transformation, equal opportunities, skills, livelihoods, healthcare, clean water, electricity, and transport.

Hus I recommend the world conference on indigenous peoples to

- 1)** To conduct a survey of data of indigenous peoples from UN system and state at the global, regional and national levels to depict the real situation and to establish a strong implementation, monitoring, evaluating and reporting mechanism on the implementation of the international instruments ratified by the state and take effective measures/programs to implement it as a part of human right framework.
- 2)** Acknowledge Sustainable Development Goals and Post-2015 development agenda that climate change is a priority issue, we recommend global and national action to climate change where culture should be included as one of the main pillars of sustainable development with indigenous peoples' knowledge, strategies and priorities areas.
- 3)** Take account to include and increase inclusive, participatory and representative decision-making at all levels with a specific reference to "ensure Free Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) of indigenous peoples and local communities in decision-making and natural resource management.
- 4)** Urge the States to recognize and strengthen indigenous peoples' communities, organizations, movements, governance and management

systems over their lands, territories and resources as the organizational expression of the exercise of their right to self-determination and build up and strengthen the capacity of indigenous women, indigenous youth and indigenous persons with disabilities and their organizations for their full and effective participation in decision-making at all levels.

- 5)** Focus to implement poverty reduction strategy at priority and empowerment programmes with inclusive and human right approach in the policy to ensure rights of indigenous women, persons with disabilities, children and elderly people for effective and meaningful participation with special focus to improve equal access and culturally adequate education, health, vocational training, social and economic programs and adequate standard of living.
- 6)** Request to include policies and programmes for the state to function proactively and facilitate the space for awareness raising, sensitizing and implementing the rights of indigenous persons with disabilities real involving all the components of society through inclusive approach.
- 7) We would like to request to include the vulnerable segment of indigenous peoples like women, persons with disabilities youth and children in the priority areas in the Post 2015 development agenda consistence of ILO 169, UNDRIP, UNCRPD, CRC and CEDAW.
- 8) Last but not the least, I would strongly recommend to give special attention to the indigenous persons with disabilities if sustainable development are to be achieved and take into account aforementioned recommendation vis a vis complying the outcome document of the WCIP.