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Item 6: Discussion on the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples This Years

Greetings Indigenous sisters, brothers and members of the Permanent Forum. My name is Rosalee Gonzalez, and I am Xicana-Kickapoo. I am the 2013 Senior Indigenous Fellow of the UN Office of the High Commissioner, PMR Section, and I address you this afternoon on behalf of thirty-seven (37) national indigenous women's organizations that make up the Continental Network of Indigenous Women of the Americas -ECMIA. on hunan Rights

Our network has grown substantially since the global organization of the 500 years of indigenous peoples' resistance movement in 1992. Our elders, the visionaries of this network, such as Ms. Tarcila Rivera (Quichua from Peru), Margarita Gutierrez (HnaHnu from Mexico), Ramona Quiroga (Quechua from Ecuador), Renilda (Wayu--from Venezuela), among so many others, have actively led thousands of organized indigenous women into what is now our Continental Network. Also, such efforts have contributed to the global efforts that established the International Forum of Indigenous Women (FIMI)—inclusive of indigenous womens' networks from Asia, Africa, +We Americas, and soon to embrace the recently organized Pacific region.

We preface our recommendations to highlight decades of organized efforts, which have not come easy, yet have ensured the full and active participation of organized and politically articulated indigenous women in global arenas, such as the Beijing World Conference on Women, World Conference Against Racism, among many other spaces, including the last 12 sessions of the UN Permanent Forum.

As outlined in the modalities resolution for the World Conference of Indigenous Peoples, the General Assembly ma[de] "special mention of the [need for the] participation of Indigenous women..."

Therefore, recalling the General Assembly's encourage[ment of] the continued active engagement of indigenous peoples in the preparations for the World Conference, including at the regional and global levels,

As internationally organized Indigenous women, through our national, continental and global networks, we have agreed to organize a World Conference of Indigenous Women (WCIW) within the framework of the World Conference of Indigenous Peoples' second phase of the preparatory process.

The World Conference of Indigenous Women shall be held in Lima, Peru in October 2013 and the intent is to set the stage for critical discussions and build consensus among Indigenous Women regarding the Outcome Document post-Alta, and before the WCIP.

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The World Conference of Indigenous Women aims to build on the preparatory process that has led us upto the Alta Conference, and strengthen the dialogue between Indigenous women of the world with states to ensure a final document that includes our voices.

Whereas, organized Indigenous Women on a global scale, intend to participate in the 2nd phase of the preparatory process of the WCIP,

The member organizations of the Continental Network of Indigenous Women of the Americas make the following recommendations to the Permanent Forum:

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We ask the Permanent Forum to reaffirm the need for organized indigenous women's participation in the 2nd preparatory process of the WCIP.

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We ask the Permanent Forum to support our effort to host this world conference, which aims to uphold a representative space of organized indigenous women from all regions globally.

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