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Statement of Hmong People

Speech by Dr. Vang Pobzeb at the
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Madam Chairperson and Members of the U.N. Working Group:

I am the Executive Director of the Lao Human Rights Council, Inc. I am the representative of the Hmong people in the global system. I am speaking on behalf of the Hmong people.

I propose that in order to promote and bring true principles of self-determination, the rights to development, political, economic, cultural and human rights to indigenous peoples in the global systems, a coordinator or a High Commissioner for Indigenous Peoples should be established to implement the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and other international conventions and treaties relating to the questions of indigenous peoples.

A technique to find alternative solutions to the questions and troubles of justice, peace, liberty, freedom, self-determination, and human rights of Hmong people and other indigenous peoples should be established.

The time has come to establish an alternative technique to promote true justice and peace for indigenous people.

Thank you.

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