

Thank you Mr. Chairman for giving me the opportunity to be witness to this great occasion. I congratulate you and your indigenous colleagues in the forum. I also thank the member-state delegates for being part of this historical ~~event~~ ^{gathering} ~~forum~~. Greetings to my indigenous brothers and sisters.

Dear Chairman, the day this forum came into existence, mother earth has for the first time opened her eyes, on her sickbed, to see her indigenous sons and daughters come together for her care. We must make sure that our mother ~~not~~ not be abused any longer, because we are the children that still hold on to her breast for nourishment. Our rebellious brother ^{drank} ~~drink~~ the bottled milk from the supermarket ^{which has} ~~that has~~ weakened his bond with his mother and he has lost respect for her. If his assault continues on mother earth, she may react and we will all suffer her wrath. We must stop him now and get him out from under the cover of corporations. We must make him understand that when he leaves this world he will go back to the mother's ^{womb} ~~belly~~ with an empty hand.

I now have a request for the forum. The presentation of the indigenous brothers and sisters in this session should be compiled in book form and shared with the member states and corporations so that we may understand each other for mutual respect. I am saying this because the indigenous brothers and sisters here have drawn a very clear picture with their words about their living with Mother Nature in harmony. At the same time, we must rise above any discrimination and prejudices against our rebellious brother whose eyes are only on the money and therefore has failed to understand the mother earth and us. ~~Thank you.~~

Let us never forget why we established this forum.
and let us always step in the footsteps
of our indigenous ^{wisdom} ~~ancestors~~, the footsteps of humbleness.

Sher Malik, Representative IPSF



- I would like to ask the forum to keep sharp the reasoning behind why this forum was created, that we may never forget or lose sight of.