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The joint statement of Zo Indigenous people of North East India, Northern Chin Hills, Myanmar, Chittagong Hill Tracts and Bangladesh. They are

1. Zo Reunification Organization (ZORO)
2. Zomi Inkuan of Northern Chin Hills, Myanmar (ZINC)
3. Bawmzo Indigenous People Organization Bangladesh (BIPO)
4. United Zo Indigenous People (UZIP)

ITEM NO 9 THE FUTURE WORK OF INDIGENOUS FORUM

- Respected Madam chair, Thank you for giving me the floor. I on behalf of the Zo Indigenous people inhabiting in the Zo country now under the Administration of India, Myanmar, Bangladesh area would like to give you the following points pertaining to the agenda: the future work of Indigenous Forum concerning the Zo Indigenous people
- The British rulers as per their resolution in their historic Chin Hills-Lushai Conference held at Fort William Calcutta on January 29, 1892, they tried to put the Zo people together before they gave Independence to India, Burma, Bangladesh, but the resolution was kept pending, unresolved unfulfilled till these days.
- The Zo Indigenous people in these countries, many are scattered, oppressed, undeveloped, suffering from socio economic problems, suffering from many diseases. They could not communicate one another due to lack of proper transportation, communication and lack of freedom of movement. Their freedom of religion, customary laws, traditions dialects are hampered.. curtailed, and deprived of.
- In fact, the many Indigenous Zo people from Myanmar had fled away and settled
- in USA, Canada, Australia and other European countries with the help of UN due to problems faced in the country

- Dear Madam chair, the following 5 points, to some extent , will solve the acute,immediate problems of the Zo Indigenous people which they are facing in different countries around the world.
- They are :

1.To Form Indigenous International Council. - This could be done with the help and blessing of the UN and some of the countries where the Zo Indigenous People live, may be just as as the Saami Indigenous people in Norway, Sweden, Finland and Russia are doing.

2.To form Zo International University for all the Zo Indigenous people who were scattered in many countries without having proper education.The University will be the center for studying the Zo cultures, language and dialects , music, agricultures horticultures Industries and other subjects for the development t of the Zo Indigenous people which they could not receive such education before. any where.

3 To form Zo Cultural Center or ZO INPUI which will be the center place of the people, to promote the cultures, to protect customary laws tradition.etc

4 To Form the Zo International Socio Economic Centers in many cities in many countries ,to develop and raise the living of the people who had been scattered, poor ,weak .where the agricultural, horticultural, industrial products and other can be made available. for the public wherever they may be.

5 To form one Zo Indigenous Language out of the 47 dialects of the Zo people. This will not try to do away the existing dialects but will strengthen the dialects as well as they will have the strong common ZO language which they could not have before. This will protect dying of the dialects and the ZO language

Thank you Madam Chairperson