

UN Permanent Forum Session 4

MADAM CHAIR AND SECRETARY AND ALL RESPECTED ELDERS AND DELEGATES,

My name is Kaab Malik; I represent Indigenous Peoples Survival Foundation that represents the Kalash and Khow Tribes in the Himalayas Pakistan.

Madam Chair, for the last 3 sessions and the 4th session, I have been listening to the cry of the indigenous delegates; it seems that the indigenous issues are all the same. The Indigenous Peoples want practical results and implementation of the draft declaration. I believe the Permanent Forum is supported by the High Commission of Human Rights, which is itself a small organ of the United Nations. It may not be able to quickly achieve the expectations of the indigenous peoples. It is the old mindset of bureaucracy that exists in the present governments which may not allow indigenous issues to be resolved easily.

Also, it is not only the indigenous people who are suffering in poverty and exploitation for years. Today man is eating man, the powerful are grabbing the resources from the weak, and the elected governments today are supporting the strong not the weak. This is because of money power that lobbyist use for favoritism. This kind of injustice allows for the increase of poverty and homelessness even as we speak today. The rich are getting richer and the poor are becoming poorer. If these conditions remain such as the land, water and natural resources are soon going to be monopolized by a few developers and corporations.

For example, the Kalash and Khow people in the Himalayas have lost all their timber resources due to over foresting by government-contracted timber companies and now suffer natural disasters. Mankind is in serious crisis today.

What is the solution? We need one world government, the United Nations, that would reform and change the attitudes of member countries' governments under the rule of law not under the law of man. The member governments must come to terms with the world government. Only then will the United Nations be able to achieve the dreams of the MDGs and the Millennium Village.

We propose that the United Nations needs to supercede all, as the world government to keep checks and balances and bring justice and peace to one human brotherhood through understanding and changing of present government system keeping the respect of their sovereignties.

Madam Chair, government is a sacred trust between the public and the officials who run it. In our democratic election, when the official is elected by the power of lobbyist money, the public trust is broken. This is no longer government; I call it a system of money and favoritism. This kind of government itself is a problem. It increases poverty and does not alleviate poverty as we see it today.

We need world governments with the chamber of Alexander the Great in the Security Council, as a role model for the U.N. and member countries.

We would also like to propose a flag that represents the Indigenous Peoples collectively amongst the flags on 1st Ave. This is not one to divide human motherhood, but to show the representation of the Indigenous Peoples within the U.N. who are the keepers of the ancient customs and traditions which are the jewels of human history.

We would like to propose that the speeches of the indigenous peoples in these four Permanent Forum sessions should be compiled in a book form and distributed to the respected member countries' delegates that they may read for better understanding.

One humanity, one government, one world. The member countries should be exemplary of human excellence.

Thank you for giving me your time.

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