

5th Session of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

Correction concerning the statement made on behalf of Incomindios on 09 July 2012

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Dear Mr. Chairman, representatives of Indigenous Peoples and government delegates

My name is Sari Miettinen and I am the executive director of Incomindios Switzerland. I would like to thank you for the opportunity to make a correction regarding the statement made by Mr. Leon Siu on behalf of Incomindios Switzerland yesterday 9th July under the General Debate Item 5.

The statement delivered by Mr. Siu yesterday was not meant to be delivered on behalf of Incomindios Switzerland but rather on behalf of the Koani Foundation represented by Mr. Leon Siu. Unfortunately the statement by Mr. Siu appeared as the statement of Incomindios. This is clearly not the case. We request a correction of the record of yesterday's session accordingly.

Incomindios Switzerland supports broad participation of Indigenous delegates to the UN meetings, however as a neutral human rights organization does not specifically endorse the views and opinions of any single Indigenous organization or individual.

We appreciate the Resolution of the President of the UN General Assembly, designating Ambassador Luis DeAlba of Mexico and John Henriksen to conduct consultations in preparation to the WCIP in 2014 and extend our support in the fulfillment of their mandate. We look forward to a constructive, consensus-oriented outcome that can make a positive difference in achieving Indigenous Peoples' aspirations in the exercise of their rights.

Thank you Mr. Chairman

