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Madame-Chairman
Ladies and gentlemen,
Dear friends,

First, [I want to] thank you all for taking part in this session and particularly for providing me the opportunity to express my feeling .

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My contribution to your work shall be short and modest especially as inhabitant^s of the Old Continent, who is responsible, by the way of economic, industrial and commercial process, of the cultural genocide of the human beings on this planet. Our children shall remember this for a long time.

As researcher in social science, If
working on the cultural dimension of development. In this job, I've noticed that the young generation is spontaneously called, until his own way of life, to what our fathers and grand-fathers tried to hide us from indigenous peoples, men of the WORD, TOTEM-peoples: they are SYLVILISED. Like ancient peoples of Father Cosmos, Mother Earth and Brothers Being, identified with whole of Nature, they plead for the blooming and development of humanity through the WOMB of sylvia/the forest. And this, with due pity but yet respect for those who are condemned - or condemn themselves and others- to carceral society, survival scarcity and ideological ferocity through the TOMB of civitas/the city: the prepotent and preposterous CIVILISED.

We, peoples of Western Countries, have invented polytheism, monotheism and atheism and thus torn the Rainbow-oneness into countless specks of air-tight caves, where me-myself-and I-dragons guard each piece of the pebbled treasure as if it were the whole, as if it were our own, contending to ignore that private property is the privation of property, is suppression, not of human rights, but of rights to be human.

It's why I can't forget that " the letter kills us² and I encourage you for the new session to devote more time in looking for a language, a new language or an old language renewed, devoid of ego-national, euro-cultural or moral sectarianisms far from the make believe of syncretism or the criminal jokes of East/West, North/Southokus-pokus, a language wich could help us to plant our roots in the future.

to promote the kind of approach which permits us to hope that we - human beings - shall grow together from the Manichean binarism of understanding/standing over, understating/tramping over, to realistic CO- and ECO-LIVING.

In fact, we are all indigenous from/on the same planet, and I'm thinking, I'm not alone for this, that we need to reconsider the roots, original and historical of the words we use when we talk about the right to be human.

Let me thinking that we could use " The world decade of cultural development", opened in december 1987 by the United nations themselves, to study seriously this issue for trans-cultural understanding. Finally, could we accept to give a place in this working group for peoples , inside industrial countries, who claim the right to be ^{RE-}consider as indigenous ? To be White, Black, Yellow, Brown, Green or Red does not go by the cunning of the words, by the colour of the face, nor by any funny wee-germ test. We know our heart is red .

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