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***UN System Action for Implementation of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
Statement of the Asia Indigenous Peoples Caucus and the Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact
(AIPP)***

Co-chairs, ladies and gentlemen,

On behalf of the Asia Indigenous Peoples' Caucus and as Chairperson of Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact (AIPP), I would like to welcome Outcome Document of the WCIP particularly the paragraphs 19, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 39, and 40. The outcome commits to ensure participation of indigenous peoples in decision-making in UN system including developing new mechanisms, expand mandates holders that deal rights of indigenous peoples, develop system-wide action plan to achieving ends of the UNDRIP, designate senior official in the UN system for taking responsibility of coordination of the plan among others.

In order to achieve commitments of the outcome, I would like to make the following recommendations:

- The Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP) shall be vested with a clear mandate of monitoring the human rights situation of indigenous peoples and report to the Human Rights Council with concrete recommendations for strengthening the implementation to obligations of states to indigenous peoples in line with the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
- All treaty bodies shall issue general comment in their reports relating to indigenous peoples within their respective mandates. Member States shall develop systematic disaggregate-data of indigenous peoples with participation of concerned indigenous peoples when they submit reports to those bodies and for the Universal Periodic Review of states with indigenous peoples.
- The National and Regional Human Rights institutions shall establish a working group or designated a focal person for indigenous peoples within their mechanisms and strengthen its engagement with indigenous peoples and the UN system
- The UN Secretary General shall immediately take initiative to develop system-wide action plan to achieving ends of UNDRIP and appoint senior official not lower than position of Under Secretary General for the implementation of the action plan. The senior official shall be an indigenous person and his/her primary task will be focused on coordinating the action plan and raising awareness of the rights of indigenous peoples to the highest possible level.

- The UN agencies, Programs, Funds and UN Country resident coordinators shall institutionalize mechanisms for the full and effective participation of indigenous peoples in the planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of action plans at the international, regional and national levels.
- Regarding para 39, we highly recommend that the process for the preparation of the report of the Secretary General on the achievement of Millennium Development Goals shall be inclusive and transparent with the full and effective participation of indigenous peoples from the different regions. In doing so, the UNSG shall organize a global workshop with indigenous peoples in cooperation with the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues and other UN (UNPFII) and other indigenous experts and the Inter-Agency Support Group of UN agencies, Funds and Programmes.

In closing, the Asia Indigenous Peoples Caucus and AIPP express our optimism on moving forward with the WCIP Outcome Document with renewed energy, stronger commitment and concrete actions for the realization of the rights of indigenous peoples especially at the grassroots level.