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Honorable Chairperson, distinguished guests, indigenous brothers and sisters, ladies and gentlemen.

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to speak. I represent Indigenous Peoples Development Services, Kuboraj Inter-Punji Development and Indigenous Women's Association.

As an indigenous youth representative from Bangladesh, I would like thank and congratulate the UN Secretary General for His speech, I quote, "Member States are beginning implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, "We must ensure that indigenous peoples, including women, participate and benefit." Member States should ensure on how to ensure that indigenous peoples are not "left behind."

It is also important to engage indigenous people's organizations in dialogue on how they can participate in the implementation process in the full implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples at country level.

It is very essential for organizing regular dialogue and consultations between States, indigenous peoples and United Nations in the six mandated areas, economic and social development, human rights, education, health,

environment and culture. Free, Prior and Informed Consent policy should be on the top of this dialogue process. The ILO, UNDP and other UN agencies should play their role in this regard at country level.

It is very unfortunate that in many countries the very existence of indigenous peoples and their human rights and fundamental freedoms remain unrecognized.

Indigenous peoples have been facing serious problems with their ancestral rights to land and natural resources for long. I urge the Member States to find ways how these land issues should be amicably solved for the benefit of indigenous peoples.

My second point is about the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Indigenous peoples want to see how they will participate at the country level in the process of implementation and monitoring of SDGs for their real development. I urge the UN agencies and Representatives here to address and follow SDGs so that indigenous peoples will have meaningful and effective participation in the implementation of SDGs.

Finally, I recommend to engage indigenous youth and women organizations in the dialogue for better future and bridging the gap between indigenous peoples and government and other key stakeholders.

Thank you.