

Global Indigenous Peoples Caucus Statement - May 12, 2014**Agenda Item 6: Half Day Discussion on the High Level Plenary to be known as the World Conference on Indigenous Issues**

Thank you Madame Chair,

On May 10-11, 2014, in the 2nd floor of the Church Center at 777 1st Avenue, New York City, the Global Indigenous Peoples' Caucus (GIPC) adopted and facilitated its organization of work, mirroring the agenda for the Thirteenth Session of the Permanent Forum. On both days of the Caucus, Indigenous Peoples from throughout the world presented issues, concerns and recommendations after which a Global Indigenous Peoples' Caucus Statement was drafted. All regions were represented in the May 10-11 meeting, and decisions were achieved utilizing the established practice of the Global Indigenous Peoples' Caucus. This statement, and the recommendations below, reflect our fidelity to that process. The GIPC takes note that, immediately prior to adopting the organization of work, the Arctic Region withdrew from the GIPC; however, the scope of the Arctic Caucus' withdrawal is not known, nor is it clear whether its withdrawal is intended to be temporary or permanent, or to implicate other dimensions of this process, including its future membership on the Global Coordinating Committee (GCG) for the organization of the HLPM.

In the Global Indigenous Peoples' Caucus, the following conclusions and recommendations were advanced regarding the High Level Plenary Meeting, to which no alternatives or objections were lodged.

The past and current modalities for the High Level Plenary Meeting of the UN General Assembly, to be called a World Conference on Indigenous Peoples, fails to respect the right of self-determination of Indigenous Peoples, our right to full, effective, and equal participation, and our right to participate in decision-making in matters that affect us, as required both by the Alta Outcome Document and by the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Therefore, in light of these fatal shortcomings, the Global Indigenous Peoples Caucus calls for the cancellation of the High Level Plenary meeting to be called a World Conference on Indigenous Peoples, and urges Indigenous Peoples, and the United Nations, to work toward the achievement of a genuine world conference on Indigenous Peoples in the near future.

The Global Indigenous Peoples' Caucus requests that the Permanent Forum transmit this decision to the United Nations Economic and Social Council, to the President of the UN General Assembly, and to other appropriate United Nations agencies.

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