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Item 6 A:

Statement of Dr.Vang Pobzeb,Lao Human Rights Council, INC
U.N Commission On Human Rights
Sub-commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights
U.N Working Group On Indigenous Populations
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Dear Chairperson of the U.N Working Group:

There are more than 300 million indigenous peoples around the global level. Many millions of those indigenous peoples are victimized by ethnic cleansing war, genocide and human rights violations and oppressions. The U.N drafted Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples said "Indigenous peoples have the right of self-determination. By virtue of that rights they freely determine their political status and freely pursue their economic, social and cultural development".

In order to promote true peace, human rights and self-determination for indigenous peoples, I would like to recommend that the United Nations should establish a High Commissioner For Indigenous peoples. The objectives of this commissioner should investigate and stop genocide, human rights violations and ethnic cleansing war against indigenous peoples. The objectives of this commissioner should promote peace ,human rights and self-determination for indigenous peoples.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal.

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