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Dear brothers and sisters, ladies and gentlemen!

Many of us were the participants and witnesses of the process of elaboration of the Declaration.

Without doubts the adoption of the Declaration was a tremendous achievement not only for Indigenous Peoples but for entire mankind at the course of the strengthening and promotion of the Human Rights and dignity.

Unfortunately still exist States, who basically deny the meaning of declaration. Ukraine is among them. It did a lot in order to prevent the adoption of the Declaration by Human Rights Council and then by General Assembly. Even for now, when the States, who even voted against firstly changed their position and attitudes towards the Declaration in very positive manner as Australia, Canada, New Zealand and USA Ukrainian State continues officially ignore the Declaration claiming that it has not legally binding character. Of course this is a shame. With the same success Ukraine could deny the meaning of universal Declaration of Human Rights.

However this is an argument to ask the Human Rights Council to launch the work for the International Convention on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, which may become document acting even for those Governments which try to preserve their very reactionary antihuman position in relation of the Indigenous peoples on their territories.

International community should take into account the position of those governments while deciding the questions of international cooperation at political, economic, social and cultural spheres as well.

Thank you for your attention.