



PHILIPPINES

51ST REGULAR SESSION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL
Interactive Dialogue with the
Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
28 September 2022

Speaking time : 1 min and 30 seconds

Mr. President,

The Philippines appreciates the Special Rapporteur's report on indigenous women and their scientific and technical knowledge.

We hear the call of the Special Rapporteur: we must provide space for a gender-based perspective of indigenous knowledge, which must be free from stigma and regarded with the same value as any "western knowledge".

Our Indigenous Peoples Rights Act gives us a clear directive to preserve and develop indigenous knowledge, without gender discrimination. Further, we not only recognize the indigenous peoples' full ownership of their cultural and intellectual rights, but we also mandate the provision of resources for the conservation, utilization, and enhancement of such rights.

We also note the Special Rapporteur's caution that armed violence are barriers to the transmission of indigenous knowledge – a challenge that the Philippines addresses to protect remote indigenous communities from terrorist groups.

In this regard, we strongly endorse the recommendation to strengthen indigenous women's success and access to land and resources, support their political participation and empowerment, and promote their role as holders of knowledge.

Thank you, Mr. President. **END**