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Thank you Mr Chairman, Distinguished Members of the Permanent Forum,
Ladies and Gentlemen

My Name is Rose Saddleback, my Cree spirit name is O PAM AS TO MO,
Elected Council Member of the Samson Cree Nation in the Maskwacis
Territory of Treaty 6.

First, Thank you to the United Nations for this recognition of Indigenous
Women and girls. In support of the Indigenous Caucus Recommendation on
Treaties, the Samson Cree Nation and the Maskwacis Cree women and girls
want to remind this Third Session of the UN Permanent Forum on
Indigenous Issues that, for us, treaties and treaty rights are paramount.

Indigenous women and children, particularly girls have treaty rights. From
Treaty No. 6, in our case, flow all of our rights. Again, we urge member
states to respect and honour treaties according to their original spirit and
intent.

To this day, in our treaty territory, there is a ceremony to transfer treaty
information among the treaty keepers. It is the Cree women who are the
treaty keepers at O'Chiese. We are, therefore most aware of ongoing treaty
violations.

So on behalf of the Maskwacis Cree women and girls, I urge you to adopt
the recommendation presented by the co-chairs of the Indigenous women's
caucus.

Thank you.