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Six Mandated Areas of the UNPFII.

Madam Chair,

All dignitaries of Members States and my Dear Indigenous Sisters and Brothers,

We all the Indigenous Peoples are happy and grateful to the United Nations for bringing the Indigenous Peoples of the world from about 90 countries and almost 500 millions of populations together since the constitution of UNPFII in 2000.

To bring peace, harmony, dignity, democracy and development for all, we need Peace, justice and strong institutions: This is the theme of the year 2021 and it is No 16 of SDGs 2030. It has to be implemented or else it has NO Value if they are on the papers.

In order to achieve the SDGs 2030, we need a strong political will and recognition of Indigenous Peoples from all Member States in the UN Mechanism. And therefore, I have just two proposals for PFII Team and UN Mechanism.

1. The UNPFII team and UN jointly organize regional meetings in ASIA, Africa and South America on SDGs. There is need for the ratification of ILO Convention 107 of 1957, ILO C 169 of 1989, for the implementation of the UNDRIP of 2007 and IDIL 2022-2032.

2. The Member States of ASIA, AFRICA and South America need to create space for the Indigenous Communities in their governance structure by bringing policies in their countries. The Indigenous Peoples need their own institutions / organization for the implementation of UNDRIP in their own philosophy, self determination, cultural practices and Governance system to see the result of SDGs 2030.

We have discussed last week about land grabbing, climate change, extracting industries, thermo plants, polluting units, large dams, human rights violations, business ethics, criminalization, poverty, hunger, unemployment, Covid-19 and health care elaborately.

We are happy that, in the past years many Member states like Norway, Finland, Sweden, Russia, Canada, America, Australia, New Zealand ...etc. after having discussed with IPs have reached for truth and reconciliation. They have already recognized the Indigenous peoples as distinct culture and have made policies for Self governance, Self Autonomy, self determination, education, planning and decision making in the matters affecting them for development and implementation of UNDRIP in their own ethos, philosophy, spirituality and structures.

The Six mandated areas of the UNPFII:

- Economic and Social Development.
- Culture. • Environment. • Education.
- Health.
- Human Rights are needed for all human beings and not only for Indigenous Peoples.

The governments together with the Indigenous peoples' traditional knowledge, governance, our health care and justice delivery systems, our symbiotic relationship with nature and the very human values and spirituality the SDGs 2030 could be realized.

Thank You,

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