

Agenda Item 3 Follow-up on the recommendations of the Permanent Forum on (c) Culture.

Oral Intervention on behalf of participants in the “Global Access Project Workshop, Training for Indigenous Peoples 2013”

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Cultures:

Recalling that the 11th session of the UNPFII recommended to the World Conference on Sustainable Development Rio+20 that it approve cultures as 4th pillar of Sustainable Development. Although the conference failed to implement this recommendation, we request the UNPFII to reaffirm this call with regards to the post 2015 Sustainable Development goals and stress the following recommendations:

1. The UNPFII 12th session will call for an Expert Seminar on the Cultural Pillar for Sustainable Development including food sovereignty, education, and health with the report to be presented at the 13th of the session
2. We congratulate UNICEF for its innovative work in supporting the intercultural bilingual education program in Latin America, and request that UNICEF expand similar program to other regions in coordination, collaboration with indigenous peoples
3. UNICEF, UNESCO, and relevant agencies to support the learning exchange of best practices among States, Indigenous Peoples’ Organizations on the implementation of Indigenous Mother Tongue Education, Mother Tongue Based Multilingual Education, and Intercultural Bilingual Education.
4. Indigenous Cultures need to be fully integrated in education, development, and health.

Thank you.