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**Statement of the Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact (AIPP) on Follow up on the
recommendations of the Permanent Forum: Agenda Item 3 (d) Follow up to the World
Conference on Indigenous Peoples**

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Mr. Chairperson,

In relation to the follow up to the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples, we would like to focus on the OP 31 of the WCIP Outcome Document regarding the development of the UN System Wide Action Plan (SWAP).

The System-wide action plan for ensuring a coherent approach to achieving the ends of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples has been adopted on February 2016.

It contains A Guiding Framework as well as elements of the Action Plan.

On the Action Plan to raise awareness on the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, we strongly recommend UN agencies, funds and programmes to develop culturally-sensitive and appropriate information and educational materials, in collaboration with indigenous institutions and organizations, and to provide the needed resources for translation, production and dissemination to ensure that these materials are effective and will reach indigenous peoples communities.

On the goal to “Support the implementation of the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, particularly at the country level”, we strongly recommend UN agencies, funds and programs to support the development and implementation of national action plans, comprising legislative and administrative measures for the implementation of the UNDRIP. Operationally, this shall include support for the establishment of consultative mechanisms with states and indigenous peoples at the national level. The formulation and review of policies shall prioritize the recognition of the lands and resources of indigenous peoples, and the requirement for Free Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) of indigenous peoples on matters that affect them. Further, the sustained support for capacity building of indigenous peoples to facilitate the effective engagement with states and other actors in the promotion and protection of their rights shall be given priority.

In relation to the Support to the realization of indigenous peoples’ rights in the implementation and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, we strongly recommend the UN agencies, funds and programmes to support the participation of indigenous peoples in the development of national action plans, as well as monitoring and reporting at all levels. Further, UN agencies, funds and programmes shall ensure that indigenous peoples’ rights and development are properly incorporated in their plans, programmes and reporting on their particular contributions to the 2030 Agenda. In this

context, collaboration and partnerships with indigenous peoples is vital including in supporting initiatives of indigenous peoples for their self-determined development.

Finally, we recommend that UN agencies, funds and programmes shall report regularly to the UN Permanent Forum on the implementation of the SWAP, including on their actions in response to our recommendations in this statement. We urge UN agencies, funds and programmes to step up their efforts in contributing to the realization of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous peoples not only in words but in action.

Thank you Mr. Chairperson.