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Thank you Mr. Chairperson,

As we are all aware that the 17 goals and targets of the post-2015 development agenda are currently formulated and will be adopted by the UN General Assembly in September this year. However, indigenous peoples remain almost invisible despite the fact that we play a very critical and important role when it comes to development process.

AMAN is in the view that it is extremely important to ensure the meaningful visibility of indigenous peoples in the document. Therefore, it is crucial for Member States, in particular the Government of Indonesia to implement its commitments made in the Outcome Document of the WCIP and to work hand in hand with indigenous peoples to come up with national action plans as mandated by the Outcome Document.

The government of Indonesia in this regard should comprehensively recognize the existence of indigenous peoples based on our self-identification and realize our collective rights, especially to our land, territory and resources including our customary forests. We are currently facing extremely vulnerable situations caused by the non-recognition of our rights as indigenous peoples, as well as the deprivation of our land and territories under the name of development process.

Given the current frustrated situation regarding the process of post-2015 development agenda, we would like to reiterate that the rights, needs, concerns and perspectives of the indigenous peoples should be adequately incorporated in the 17 goals. True development is not about economic growth, but sustainable improvement of the lives of all with full protection of indigenous peoples rights.

I thank you Mr. Chair