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Statement of Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact (AIPP) and PACOS Trust, on behalf of the Asia Indigenous Peoples Caucus, on the role of the Permanent Forum in the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and High-level political forum on sustainable development effective implementation of human rights of indigenous peoples in relation to the environment, focusing on conservation issues

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Mr. Chairperson,

Before we present our recommendations today, on behalf of the Asia Indigenous Peoples Caucus, regarding the role of the UNPFII in the follow up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, let us re-emphasize that the lessons we have learned from the MDGs clearly show that fulfilment of indigenous peoples' rights is critical in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Mr. Chairperson,

Making SDGs a reality for more than 270 million indigenous peoples in Asia requires redistribution of power – economic, political, social and cultural. Indigenous peoples need to be empowered by ensuring that our rights are respected, protected and fulfilled.

Despite significant progress, the SDGs still lack inclusive language, specific goals, and action areas to “leave no one behind”. We strongly believe that it is also critical to ensure full and effective participation of indigenous peoples in the national development planning process including identification and prioritization of the SDG targets and indicators. This requires the establishment of permanent, open and inclusive participatory mechanisms from local to national level not only for planning but also for monitoring, follow-up and review process of the 2030 Agenda.

At the UN level, indigenous peoples lack meaningful participation in the High-level political forum on sustainable development – the central UN platform for follow up and review of the 2030 Agenda and SDGs. We thus call on the Permanent Forum to urge the Economic and Social Council to ensure full and effective participation of indigenous peoples in the High-level political forum, including through the Permanent Forum itself and Indigenous Peoples Major Group.

Mr. Chairperson,

We recall the Indigenous Peoples Major Group's position paper on proposed SDG indicators and AIPP's summary paper on indigenous peoples' priorities in the implementation of 2030 agenda in the Asia region. We thus reemphasize the view that achieving SDGs requires securing our collective rights to our lands, territories and resources. Eradicating poverty for example, will not be possible without legal recognition and realization of our land rights. Therefore, percentage on land controlled and owned by indigenous peoples is critical to be included in the SDGs indicators.

We would like to also call on the Member States, UN agencies, funds and programmes to pay particular attention to data collection and disaggregation. Data collection, both in quantity and

quality, and disaggregation are critical in tracking progress particularly on the condition of indigenous peoples. Data disaggregation by sex, age, and location, as well as income, ethnicity, disability and other characteristics relevant in national contexts shall be made in all relevant indicators. In this regard, allocation of sufficient funds and capacity building activities shall be provided, and data generated and provided by indigenous peoples shall be recognized and used in the analysis, reporting and review process of the 2030 Agenda.

On data-collection, we are pleased to inform you of a collaborative initiative of indigenous organisations with support NGOs and the International Labor Organization on indigenous peoples human rights monitoring tools called indigenous navigator. This initiative is aimed at generating data by indigenous peoples, which will also be used in tracking progress in relation to the SDGs. We look forward to further collaboration on this with more organizations, institutions and agencies including with the Permanent Forum in its plan of developing the Human Development Index for indigenous peoples.

Mr. Chairperson,

We are fully committed and ready to work together with all indigenous brothers and sisters across the world, particularly the governments of Asia to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals. In order to ensure that indigenous peoples will not be left behind, the protection of indigenous peoples rights as affirmed by the UNDRIP, and the enhancement of our contributions to sustainable development are necessary and prerequisite in achieving sustainable development for all.

I thank you!