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COLLECTIVE STATEMENT OF THE ASIA CAUCUS

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Madame Chairperson, in behalf of the Asia Caucus, I wish to draw your attention on the mounting number of very substantial and important recommendations from the UN

Permanent Forum for each of the thematic mandated areas and cross cutting issues. We wish to raise our concern on how these recommendations are going to be adopted and implemented by the stakeholders. We appreciate that some active UN agencies began implementing certain recommendations with already positive results. However, by and large, the accumulated recommendations of the UN Permanent Forum for the last 5 years remain still to be acted upon.

In this context, we certainly hope that the future work of the UN Permanent Forum will give more attention and focus on the implementation of these recommendations and define the ways forward on how these recommendations are dealt with at the local, national, regional and international levels.

In particular, we recommend the following steps:

1. The clustering of recommendations according to what body the recommendations are being addressed, and to develop a monitoring mechanism together with the concerned body, on how these recommendations are being adopted and implemented. The UNPF should explore the possibilities to establish working groups for monitoring implementation for each cluster of recommendations.
2. To continue to designate special theme for every session, but to allow for more inter-active dialogues
3. To continue with the special half day regional session, but also to define the focus of each regional session, in collaboration with governments and indigenous peoples representatives.
4. To conduct follow-up activities on the expert meeting on the Free Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) in order to move forward with the recommendations of the FPIC technical workshop.
5. To conduct special study on customary laws and national justice system with the aim of strengthening the delivery and or access to justice.
6. To set up a FUND to enable the UNPF meetings to be held outside New York as already recommended by the UNPF in its session last year. In this context, ECOSOC

should be requested to make necessary financial allocations.

Thank you madame Chairperson and we hope our recommendations will be given due consideration.