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Mr. Chair:

The International Indigenous Committee for the Protection of Peoples in Isolation and in Initial Contact in Amazonia, the Gran Chaco and the Eastern Region of Paraguay, CIPIACI, made up of eleven indigenous organizations from six countries of South America and recognized in the Sixth Session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (2007), was created with the objective of promoting the protection of and respect for the rights of said Indigenous Peoples. CIPIACI acts as intermediary for the defense of the rights of the Peoples in isolation and in initial contact on behalf of the indigenous organizations before the States, civil society and international human rights agencies. Concerned about the serious situation of these Peoples, in particular, the Murunahua, Chitonahua, Isconahua, Cacataibo, Mashco Piro, Nanti (Perú); Tagaeri – Taromenani (Ecuador); Ayoreo (Paraguay); Nukak Maku (Colombia); Pacahuara, Mbya Yuki (Bolivia); Mayoruna, Korubo, Morubo, Matsés (Brazil), among others, that in the repeated violation of their fundamental rights, they would be at risk of sociocultural extinction, CIPIACI recommends that the Permanent Forum:

1. Implement the recommendations adopted in the reports of the Fifth, Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Sessions with regard to the protection of the Peoples in isolation and in initial contact, and incorporate into its working agenda systematic attention to the situation of these Peoples.
2. Conduct a thorough investigation of the situation of the Indigenous Peoples in isolation and in initial contact in Amazonia, the Gran Chaco and the Eastern Region of Paraguay that will have as guiding principles respect for their right to self-determination (i.e., no forced contact and respect for isolation as their way of life) and participation of the representative indigenous organizations that have taken action to protect these Peoples. Include, in the investigation's report, recommendations directed to the governments involved and monitor its application.
3. Request that the governments of Perú, Ecuador, Colombia, Paraguay, Brazil, Bolivia and Venezuela cancel projects, megaprojects or other actions that involve the presence of external actors and impact on the forests in territories inhabited by these Peoples and which represent a threat to their lives and to their sociocultural continuity.
4. Demand that the governments involved officially recognize and effectively protect their territories, which provide their living conditions, well-being and sociocultural

continuity.

5. Establish within the UN respect for the fundamental human rights and the right to self-determination of the Indigenous Peoples in isolation and in initial contact, thereby promoting respect for their ways of life, culture, identity and their right to decide freely and voluntarily the degree of interrelation they wish to have with the surrounding society.
6. Support the process of developing the Governmental Guidelines for the Protection of Peoples in Isolation and in Initial Contact, carried out by the UN High Commissioner on Indigenous Issues, and monitor the application within this process of transparent mechanisms of information, consultation and participation of the indigenous organizations involved, among them, CIPIACI.
7. Request that the Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms of Indigenous Peoples and the Special Rapporteur on the Crime of Genocide pay urgent attention and confront governments directly regarding cases of violation of the fundamental rights of Indigenous Peoples in isolation and in initial contact, violations that are occurring with impunity and that are instigated principally by formal and informal extractivist agents that act with government support.
8. By virtue of the recognition conferred by the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on the International Indigenous Committee for the Protection of Peoples in Isolation and in Initial Contact in Amazonia, the Gran Chaco and the Eastern Region of Paraguay, CIPIACI, as intermediary in defense of the rights of Peoples in isolation and in initial contact on behalf of the indigenous organizations before governments, civil society and international human rights agencies, for the protection of said Peoples we request the establishment of a nexus of formal communication that would entail the coordinated implementation of the recommendations adopted by the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, and of policies and protective actions.

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Organización Nacional Indígena de Colombia (ONIC) [National Indigenous Organization of Colombia]

Confederación Nacional Indígena de Ecuador (CONAIE) [National Indigenous Confederation of Ecuador]

Nacionalidad Waorani del Ecuador (NAWE) [Huaorani Nationality of Ecuador]

Federación Nativa del Río Madre de Dios y Afluentes (FENAMAD) [Native Federation of Madre de Dios River and Tributaries]

Asociación Interétnica de Desarrollo de la Selva Peruana (AIDSEP) [Interethnic Development Association of the Peruvian Rainforest]

Confederación de los Pueblos Indígenas de Bolivia (CIDOB) [Confederation of Indigenous Peoples of Bolivia]

Coordinación de Organizaciones Indígenas de la Amazonia Brasileña (COIAB) [Coordinator of Indigenous Organizations of the Amazon Basin]

Unión de Nativos Ayoreo de Paraguay (UNAP) [Union of Ayoreo Natives of Paraguay]

Coordinadora por la Autodeterminación de los Pueblos Indígenas de Paraguay (CAPI)

[Coordinator for Self-Determination of Indigenous Peoples of Paraguay]

Organización Payipie Ichadie Totobiegosode (OPIT) [Ichadie Payipie Totobiegosode Organization]

Asociación de Comunidades Indígenas de Itapúa (ACIDI) [Association of Itapúa Indigenous Communities]

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