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Indigenous Grandmothers of Mother Earth Global Statement

Honourable Chairwoman, Members of the UN Permanent Forum, my sisters and brothers here today:

We the Grandmothers of Mother Earth are a grass root international organisation dedicated to affirming and giving voice to the time honoured wisdom of Indigenous Grandmothers. We the Grandmothers understand the power of healing, correcting that which does not serve mankind by voicing from a sacred space that which needs to be corrected for the seven generations to come. Our duty of care has brought us here today to deliver the following messages mandating this Permanent Forum to act on these requests:

The Grandmothers of Swaziland, Africa.

"We would like to bring to your attention the terrible exploitation by donors of food for our peoples. What appears to be generosity, and care with regards to food donations and supplies to our land, is a dumping ground for inferior foods. The World Bank appears to offer a solution to the food shortage. The World Bank finances the purchase and supplies of genetically modified food through United Nations approved agencies. This food is causing illnesses in our peoples especially our children's DNA. Genetically modified food carries pesticides. We respectfully request that this shameful practice by the World Bank and its United Nations approved donors stop immediately."

The Grandmothers of Tibet.

"Blessings and gratitude to all of you for hearing our Voice at this Blessed Indigenous Permanent Forum. This is our message to this Indigenous Permanent Forum for the world. Our tribal indigenous peoples have been removed and disenfranchised from our ancestral lands; as the source of approximately 45% of our continents natural water resource originates in our sacred land of Tibet. We the Grandmothers on behalf of our children mandate this Permanent Forum to investigate these ongoing genocides."

The Grandmothers of America.

"We the Grandmother of America are asking who does the Declaration of Indigenous Human Rights serve on our Indigenous land of America?. Legislation by the Federal Government is denying Indigenous Peoples their legal identity due to protracted non Indigenous legal systems. As grandmothers of Indigenous communities who have been displaced we mandate this Indigenous Permanent Forum to investigate and cooperate with such peoples to address this. The loss of sense of belonging is the catalyst for many of the social ills experienced within our peoples."

The Grandmothers of Europe.

The Grandmothers of Europe send greetings and thanks for this opportunity to address this Permanent Forum. Developed countries are reconnecting and retrieving their Indigenous Sacred Ways, healing the collective soul loss of their countries. The Declaration of the Indigenous Human Rights, has been signed and adopted by the European Union. We now mandate through this forum that the European Union inform each country of the legal, moral, and spiritual obligation of their Governments towards their Indigenous peoples.

Thank you, Madam Chairperson, for this opportunity to speak on behalf of the Grandmothers of Mother Earth.

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