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Item 9 : Future work of the Permanent Forum, including emerging issues

JOINT STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF LAND IS LIFE*

Madame Chairperson, members of the Forum, sisters and brothers, TABEA

In light of the mandate of the UNPFii, and in recognizing the importance of thematic issues,

We, the associates within Land Is Life do highly respect and appreciate the current work of the Forum.

It is our conviction that the expensive journey and accommodation to (re)present our peoples and their struggle for the recognition of their existence and survival, we cannot go back home with the simple message that no concrete results have been achieved.

In light and spirit of the important task of the Forum to be more effective, with all due respect - We, madame chairperson therefore wish to recommend the following for your consideration and affirmative action :

1. *[rotating chairpersons during the Plenary Sessions ???]*
2. Monday and Friday should be designed/designated as Plenary Sessions
3. Tuesday-Thursday should be interactive engagement between all parties concerned and involved notably the UN Inter-Agencies : Private Sector & Civic Society & Major Group (CSD definition) to engage other national and international actors, eg Financial Institutions, in enhancing indigenous rights
4. All members of the UNPFii should chair each breakup group and/or Co-chair by IP or State expert. This pattern should be for the 10 working days.

This technical adjustment of work would further enhance the principle of partnership

By promoting dialogue local, national, regional and international;
By brokering or to enter into (in)direct negotiations with parties concerned

All sessions should lead to concrete steps for indigenous peoples, their organizations and communities.

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