



**United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues 23rd session, 15 – 26 April 2024
Agenda Item 6 Future work of the Permanent Forum, including issues considered by the
Economic and Social Council, the outcome document of the World Conference on Indigenous
Peoples and emerging issues. Intervention presented by Roberto Múkaro Borrero as a joint
statement of the United Confederation of Taino People; the International Indian Treaty
Council; and Project Access Indigenous Partnership.**

Hahom (Thank you) Madame Chair, this is a joint statement of the United Confederation of Taino People; the International Indian Treaty Council; and Project Access Indigenous Partnership.

Regarding Future Work, we share a matter that emerged in the evaluation session for the Project Access Training this year, which included several participants supported by the UN Voluntary Fund and youth delegates attending the Forum for the first time. They appreciated the recognition shown for the participation of Indigenous youth in this session through the work of the youth caucus. However, they also **recommended that the Forum provide more opportunities for intergenerational knowledge exchange and learning in future sessions so that the youth could engage with Indigenous leaders with many years of experience at the UN.** This could perhaps take place along the same lines as the dialogue with UN Agencies. We pass on this very interesting recommendation for your consideration.

We once again raise the need for the Permanent Forum's name to be revised, based on the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. We recall that the UN Special Rapporteurs' name was updated by the UN Human Rights Council soon after the Declaration was adopted. **We recommend that the Permanent Forum request ECOSOC to approve a long-overdue change in its name to the "Permanent Forum on Indigenous Peoples".** If ECOSOC decides that the inclusion of the word "Issues" is still required, it could be changed to "The UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Peoples' Issues" although we prefer the first option. The inclusion of the hard-fought term "Indigenous Peoples" to describe us and this body addressing our rights and concerns is essential and appropriate.

Additionally, **we align ourselves with the recommendations presented by the Indigenous Coordinating Body**, and the joint statement on behalf of a cross-regional group of Indigenous Peoples representative institutions and organizations. These address the ongoing work for enhanced participation of Indigenous Peoples' representative institutions in UN bodies. They also call for the organization of a Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly in 2027 to follow-up on progress since the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples and celebrate the 20th anniversary of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Two final items, considering the increasing number of Indigenous Peoples from Brazil participating in the Forum sessions, **we call on the Permanent Forum to include Portuguese as one of the official languages of the Permanent Forums sessions and ongoing work. We also call upon the Forum to include the Indigenous Peoples Major Group on the SDGs in its ongoing dialogs with Indigenous Peoples Platforms.** Hahom ituno, atiaono, kena itiaono (Thank you sisters, brothers, and relatives)!

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