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Friends –

The Indian Law Resource Center has drafted a statement to be read during the afternoon of the first day of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, on April 20th. **As in past years, we would like the statement to be read as a joint or umbrella statement with as many supporters as possible, and we hope to have your support.**

The statement addresses Agenda Item 3(a), “Outcome of the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly known as the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples.” We think this session will have the broadest participation by indigenous peoples and states, and we believe its importance will be magnified by a consultation between indigenous peoples and states that we expect to take place shortly afterwards, on April 22<sup>nd</sup> (though this is yet to be confirmed by the UN).

The statement is based on the attached memoranda addressing the need for World Conference follow-up work to achieve an effective implementing and monitoring body by the UN, new rules for participation of indigenous (tribal) governments in the UN, and actions to combat violence against indigenous women.

To date, the statement has been endorsed by the Chickasaw Nation, the Central Council of Tlingit Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, the Ewiiapaayp Band of Kumeyaay Indians, the Pauma Band of Luiseño Indians, the California Association of Tribal Governments, the Indian Law Resource Center, the Native American Rights Fund, and the National Congress of American Indians.

**Please email Karla General at [kgeneral@indianlaw.org](mailto:kgeneral@indianlaw.org) if you wish to add your name to the list of supporting tribes, organizations, and coalitions.**

Let us know also if you plan on attending the Forum and would like to be in touch. I am attaching the full agenda. For new participants, the deadline to register to attend the Permanent Forum is **April 1**. The deadline for those who have participated in the past is **April 10**. Registration details can be found online at: <http://undesadspd.org/IndigenousPeoples/UNPFIIISessions/Fourteenth/HowtoParticipate.aspx>. We encourage you to attend the April 20th session on World Conference follow-up, as well as the potential April 22nd consultation with indigenous peoples’ representatives and member states.

We have also learned that Yeego Travel Meetings + Events, a Native-owned company, has negotiated low rates for hotel rooms during the Permanent Forum. For more information, contact Yeego Travel at [sjpasko@yeegotravel.com](mailto:sjpasko@yeegotravel.com).

Thank you,

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