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COMISION JURIDICA PARA EL AUTODESARROLLO DE LOS PUEBLOS ORIGINARIOS ANDINOS

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Mr. President:

Our commission is grateful for the honor of informing the Council about the advances made by the facilitators charged with establishing the continuity of the four working groups of the former Subcommittee for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights.

In particular, the Working Group on Indigenous Populations, as we understand it, should carry on within the new normative framework of the Human Rights Council, and should include, among others, the following mandates:

- a) Assume responsibility for the documentary heritage and studies conducted during the 24 years of existence of the Working Group on Indigenous Populations in order to monitor pending conflicts and offer recommendations for their resolution.
- b) Revisit the findings concerning the situations that were submitted by indigenous peoples to the former Working Group on Indigenous Populations.
- c) Propose expert seminars in coordination with the Office of the High Commissioner of Human Rights of the U.N., and track and apply the conclusions from the official seminars on human rights.
- d) Continue with the recommendations still pending execution that were produced in the monumental study report on the situation of the Indigenous Peoples created by Special Rapporteur Martines Cobo.

These are tasks that remain pending in order to assist the 400 million indigenous persons around the world, who contribute significantly to intercultural interaction and to the preservation of the earth, and whom this Council should continue to protect, guided by the consultation and initiatives that **[a working group can offer]**.

Thank you, Mr. President:

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