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My name is Kaab Malik, I represent the Kalash and Khow people in the Hindu Kush Region of the Himalayas. I would like to thank the member governments for taking out of their time to listen to our ideas and suggestions.
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Really quickly, we would like to propose a flag for the indigenous peoples around the world standing on first avenue amongst the flag of our brothers and sisters, to show to the world our solidarity and unity in always standing up for the truth.

And to add to that thought, we should also compile in book form, the inputs of the indigenous peoples to be distributed to member states, that they may grasp the situation on the ground.

As for our discussion today, resources should be controlled by the people of the area, but if member governments lease and sell indigenous peoples resources to non indigenous peoples and big money, where does that leave us?

Being sold to the highest bidder justifies the rape and pillageof that land or resource. Resources such as forests, water minerals to name a few were managed by and thrived under the care if the indigenous people, who took from their mother only what was necessary. Within a 20 year period, juniper trees HUNDREDS of years old, in the mountain homes of the Kalash and Khow were stripped bare leaving behind dry dusty mountains now frequented by avalanches mudslides and shifting weather patterns bringing with it extreme loss of life, land, home, and livelyhood.

What we would like to see is a formal entry in the draft declaration clearly stating that the natural resources should be in control of the indigenous peoples of the area.

What we would also like to know is how we can implement as NGO's on the ground practical change utilizing the mandate of the permanent forum and the global strength by unity of the United Nations

Thank you for your time
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