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JOINT STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF:

Western Shoshone Defense Project, Indigenous World Association, Buffalo River Dene Nation, Indigenous Network on Economies and Trade, Indigenous Peoples Council on BioColonialism (IPCB), Seventh Generation Fund for Indian
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Madame Chairperson, members of the Permanent Forum, distinguished state delegates and indigenous relatives. Good morning members of permanent forum and peoples my name is Larson Bill from the Western Shoshone Nation. Today I am here to inform the committee about issues that affect every indigenous people.
"L.A.W.S." - "1", "a", "w", s" - is an acronym for land, air water, and sun. These
are the creator's laws, which govern life and without any one of these; there would be no life. Today these four gifts are called resources.
These laws L.A.W.S. are being attempted to be improved by man for their purpose for money and greed. A short cut for global improvements, to go nowhere fast. The LA.W.S. will always be there when mother earth has had enough. Every
living human will listen to what the indigenous peoples have to say.
Corporations are exploiting one or all of these gifts on indigenous lands. Indigenous peoples are the resources; we are the care takers of this mother earth. All Indigenous peoples now must struggle to maintain their lands - this is because of greed, and unknowledgeable humans - human who have forgotten their ways and their focus on the basic fundamental things that give them life.
As Western Shoshone people, we are being forced into accepting monetary compensation for our lands by the United States, and foreign nations, so that getting to the resources is easier, once we are off the lands. This practice of removal is common globally.
Most of the Western Shoshone people will stand strong and not accept money for
their lands, for we are the caretakers. Like all indigenous peoples around the world, we all protect and preserve L.A.W.S. In closing, all indigenous peoples unite globally to teach misinformed brothers and sisters that L.A.W.S. are in effect. There is no climate change- or global warming climate never changed, people changed, no global warming, it is global warning.

Our recommendation is that the Permanent Forum ensure that our
traditional teachings, our L.A.W.S. are respected at all stages of the United Nations when considering any and all issues of lands, territories or resources.