

Political Statement of indigenous women attending CSW 60

Indigenous women of the Americas, Asia, Africa, Arctic and Pacific, remembering the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing, China, organized by the United Nations, meet to reaffirm the advances achieved at international arenas in the last twenty years, recognizing that Beijing was a landmark in the indigenous women's movement and set the basis of indigenous women's claims as indigenous peoples and as women. Since then, we have been advocating and achieving advances in this respect and exercised our individual and collective rights.

We highlight the commitments by the Member States through two resolutions adopted by the Commission on the Status of Women: "*Indigenous women: beyond the ten-year review of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action*", which we demand the adoption of measures to guarantee the full and effective participation of indigenous women at all levels¹; and the "*Indigenous women: key actors in poverty and hunger eradication*"² which urges the States and the United Nations agencies to adopt measures oriented to empower indigenous women and accomplish our rights.

We reaffirm the Political Position Document and Plan of Action resulted of the World Conference of Indigenous Women held in Lima, Peru where we expressed our demands and priorities related to the international processes and the urgent need to empower indigenous women at all levels.

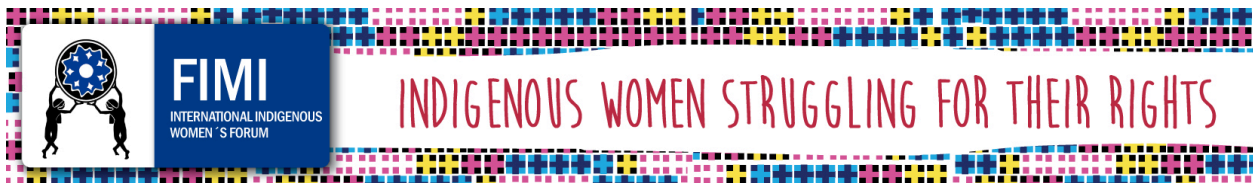
We reiterate the three paragraphs of the Outcome document of the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly known as the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples, where it referred to indigenous women with commitments by Member States related to:

- Empowerment of indigenous women (paragraph 17)
- Elimination of violence against indigenous women (paragraph 18)
- Invitation to different organizations of the UN system, highlighting an invitation to the CSW to consider the issue of the empowerment of indigenous women at a future session (paragraph 19).

Also, the expressed by the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in its 14th session Report, paragraph 43, recommended "*that the CSW consider the empowerment of indigenous women as a priority theme of its 61th session, in 2017, on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the adoption of the United Nations Declaration*".

¹ Resolution E/2005/27

² Resolution E/CN.6/2012/L.6



We affirm that indigenous women are bearers of ancestral knowledge and we contribute to the development with our own identity. However, gender inequalities impact differentially on indigenous women considering the ethnic discrimination that we face in different areas.

Taking into consideration the aforementioned, we urge Member States to include the following priorities:

1. Recognition of indigenous women as subjects of individual and collective rights, emphasizing that are part of indigenous peoples with their own forms of development, governance, language, culture and worldview.
2. The empowerment of indigenous women is considered as a theme in a future session at the Commission on the Status of Women as a strategy to eradicate poverty and promote development from the perspective and with the participation of indigenous women.
3. Recognition of the contribution we make as indigenous women to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity through our knowledge, innovations and practices.

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