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IPMG response to Zero draft: Presented by Roberto Múkaró Borrero (Taino), International Indian Treaty Council, on behalf of the Indigenous Peoples Major Group, 04/22/2014

Thank you for this opportunity to share the concerns of the Indigenous Peoples Major Group (IPMG). Generally speaking, the IPMG remains greatly concerned with the invisibility of Indigenous Peoples within the Zero Draft. While BOPA (1994) affirms that “full attention should be given to the needs “ of Indigenous Peoples, post-BOPA processes to this point have essentially erased Indigenous Peoples from the dialog.

With this in mind, under the current discussions of **paragraph 74** regarding SIDS priorities for the Post-2015 Development Agenda, the **IPMG recommends:**

At **74f**: Gives a prominent place to [insert: **Indigenous Peoples and the promotion of**] gender equality and women’s empowerment, including freedom from violence for women and girls, and includes gender equality as a cross-cutting issue across all goals.

*Compare with co-facilitators text: Gives a prominent place to promoting gender equality and women’s empowerment, including freedom from violence for women and girls, and includes gender equality as a cross-cutting issue across all goals.*

Rationale: This amendment is consistent with BOPA (Part One, I), which states: “Full attention should be given to gender equity and to the important role and contribution of women, as well as to the needs of women and other major groups, including children, youth and indigenous people”

At **74j**: Calls for a “New Global Partnership” which harnesses the full potential of partnerships between governments at all levels, businesses, civil society, [insert: **Indigenous Peoples**] and a wide range of other stakeholders, complementing the traditional approaches to action, such as Official Development Assistance (ODA) and foreign aid.

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Rationale: This amendment is consistent with the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Further Indigenous Peoples, like businesses, are a “Major Group” with whom “Partnership in Action” is stressed as the theme of the Second International UN Decade of the World’s Indigenous Peoples.

Thank you again for this opportunity.

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