

The Addis Ababa Call:

Indigenous Peoples of the East and Horn of Africa, members of the Indigenous Peoples of Africa Coordinating Committee (IPACC), meeting in Addis Ababa in April 2007 to discuss the rights of indigenous peoples of Africa hereby:

TAKE NOTE of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples adopted by the United Nations Human Rights Council on 29 June 2006

REAFFIRM the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights Resolution 2003 on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples/Communities which affirms the existence of indigenous peoples in Africa and recognises the need to address their human rights based upon their distinctive situations in Africa




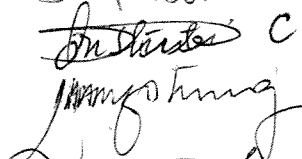
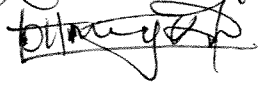
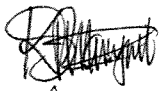

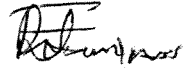

RECOGNISE that we are among the 370 million indigenous peoples in some 70 countries of the world

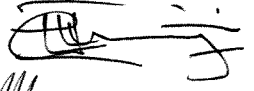

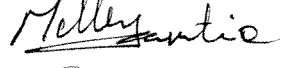
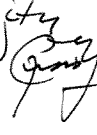
REQUEST that African governments provide indigenous peoples the opportunity to dialogue about indigenous peoples' rights and interests as marginalised groups in our respective states

FURTHER REQUEST that African governments adopt the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples without changes to its text, as this Declaration affirms and strengthens existing African and international human rights instruments that our respective states are parties to

RESPECTFULLY affirm that our requests for the speedy adoption of the Declaration has no intention whatsoever to lead to the disruption of the unity of African states or to encourage conflict, but rather to strengthen the unity between the peoples of Africa by working together to address the plight of indigenous peoples in Africa.

Signed on 5 April 2007 by:

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