



The General Assembly of the World Mountain People Association wishes all United Nations Organizations to impress upon both the Government of India and the respective State Governments to fulfil the wishes of the Mountain People to live with security and dignity in their own homeland.

ENCOURAGED by the adoption of the Declaration of the Rights of the Indigenous Peoples by General Assembly of the United Nations in 2007 as the framework within which states and indigenous peoples can reconcile with their painful histories and can move forward towards the path of human rights, justice and sustainable development for all,

STRENGTHENED by the concerns expressed by the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (vide CERD/C/IND/CO/19 dated 5 May 2007) at the construction of large dams in North East and also the specific recommendation to the Government of India (GOI) to seek free prior informed consent of the communities,

COGNIZANT of the fact that “Development” in the region is unplanned and implemented with utter disregard of our peoples’ inalienable rights; and imposed on the basis of geo-political and economic interest, driven by the interest of the dominant communities and corporate entities and articulated in the rhetoric of ‘National interest’ and Welfare.

FURTHER COGNIZANT of the fact that GOI has militarized the region for more than half a century by imposing laws like the **Armed Forces Special Powers Act, 1958, based on ‘National interest’**, the neo-liberal thrust of development aggression has exponentially aggravated the process of militarization thereby proving fatal to the survival of the peoples especially in Manipur AND THAT WILL affect the entire NE region

APPALLED by the exclusivity and lack of transparency of the state governments in entering into numerous agreements and deals with the public and private entities leading to a systematic alienation and invalidation of peoples rights in the region;

WITNESS to the hollow promises of dams such as Teesta HEP Stage V in Sikkim, Loktak Project (Manipur), Doyang Project (Nagaland), Dumbur Dam Project (Tripura), Pagladia Project (Assam), Ranganadi/Panior Project (Arunachal) etc. in bringing energy security and emancipation to the lives of our people as after they are commissioned have only brought untold sufferings of widespread displacement and impoverishment, submergence of agricultural land, devastation of environment, loss of exotic flora and fauna species, loss of identity, demographic

and cultural distortion, the transfer of population from mainland India to work in these dams will substantially alter the demographic composition of the region, marginalizing the indigenous population in their own territories, will create further conflict between the indigenous population and the immigrants; thus creating an environment of unjust and painful violation of human rights,

CONCERNED that All the Laws established are violated to cater to the need of the corporate world,

The World Mountain People Association wishes that the Government of India and respective State Government should initiate immediate steps to fulfil the following demands of the indigenous people of the region

1. SIKKIM: STOP THE CONSTRUCTION OF TEESTA HYDRO ELECTRIC POWER PROJECT STAGE IV (510 MW) AND THE PANAM HEP (300MW) in DZONGU.

This is the only option to save the demographically endangered” LEPCHA Tribe “with most unique and distinct culture, Tradition and language from extinction and to protect “Dzongu” the environmentally fragile reserve which is the cradle of Lepcha civilization.

2. Meghalaya: Scrap Uranium mining project in the state in the name of development thus violating the land, forest, health and human rights of the people.

3. Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Assam: stop all destructive Mega Hydro electric projects.

4. Tripura: stop all forms of discrimination and land grabbing, forest and give justice to the Borok people.

Submitted with the hope that the voices of the Mountain people will be heard by the Highest institution of world and necessary action taken to ensure the rights of the people are protected to ensure a life of Security, Prosperity and Dignity.

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