United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
Sponsor: Orang Asli
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**Orang Asli Call for Livelihood**

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*Contemplating* the spiritual relationship that the Orang Asli people have with the jungle, forest and entire ecosystem in Malaysia,

*Fully Aware* of the Orang Asli’s role in Post-World War II, in which we assisted the Malaysian government in providing extensive knowledge on land dynamics, guerrilla tactics and jungle fort engineering which ultimately evaded the influence of Communist China in Malaysia,

*Mindful* of the rapid development of palm oil plantations occurring within Malaysia, essentially damaging the forest that Orang Asli rely on for livelihood,

*Viewing with Appreciation* that the Malaysian government has historically recognized ancestral lands for the Orang Asli,

1. *Take note* that the history of compromise has existed between the Orang Asli and Malaysian government, so formalizing more communication pathways would be impactful.
2. *Calls* for the Malaysian government to hold bi-monthly meetings among different indigenous communities to listen to the environmental concerns of the people;
3. *Demands* that the Malaysian government create a federal program between the Orang Asli tribal leaders and environmental and economic policy makers, in which each group can present their concerns and balance out the needs of each party;
   a. Could help de-stigmatize the perceptions held on both ends and de-escalate tension;
   b. Allows a new outlook that Orang Asli are not perpetrators but stewards of the land who are worried for their culture, community and overall livelihood;
4. *Further reminds* the government that there is a call for more land and resource sustainability legislation, and that this should be considered a national concern because there is an increasing number of loss of habitat and biodiversity;