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Member Resolution On the Extra Judicial Killings of Indigenous Peoples in the Philippines, and an Intercontinental Fact-Finding Mission

The UNPO General Assembly;

Notes with concern that there are 97 reported victims of extra judicial killings committed against indigenous peoples in the Philippines under the administration of President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, and that of this number, 12 are minors, five are women, 42 are Lumads of Mindanao, 14 are Dumagats/Remontados and Mangyans of Southern Tagalog, 6 are Aetas of Central Luzon, and 33 are Igorots of the Cordillera region.

Underlines that of the 33 victims in the Cordillera, 20 were committed from March-July of this year;

Emphasises that these cases of extra judicial killings of indigenous peoples is but a fraction of the 764 killings and 185 cases of enforced disappearances documented by the KARAPATAN human rights alliance in the Philippines as of October 18, 2006;

Notes that amongst the most recent victims are Rafael Markus Bangit and Alyce Omengan Claver, both active leaders of the Cordillera Peoples' Alliance, that a school principal was also killed during the attack on Mr. Markus, and that Dr. Chandu Claver and his daughter survived the ambush that claimed the life of his wife, Alyce;

Underlines that Amnesty International and numerous other church and human rights organizations have conducted independent fact-finding missions pointing to the responsibility of the Philippine state for these political killings;

Notes that in the case of the Claver ambush, witnesses have positively identified the driver of the provincial police director as among the attackers;

Therefore, we, the UNPO General Assembly:

1. Condemn the regime of extra-judicial killings in the Philippines;
2. Strongly urge the President of the Philippines to take more decisive action to protect the lives of its citizens, to identify and punish the perpetrators of these crimes, and to provide justice to the victims;
3. Support the independent international fact-finding mission that the Cordillera Peoples' Alliance is organizing to investigate the political killings of indigenous activists in the Philippines during the last week of January 2007.

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