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To: CEC Advisory Committee

Thank you for your invitation. I have considered your request. I believe at this time it would be beneficial to our countries to focus on Indigenous Rights, Practices and Inherent Ancestral Laws. I believe that it is the "States" responsibility to promote these rights and adhere to Indigenous Laws and Practices in their traditional territories. I can not advise this committee as the "States" must be seeking agreements with individual Nations. Sovereignty continues to be an issue on-going and acknowledging rights, laws and practices of Indigenous Peoples. This is the only advice I can offer you at this time. Implementing and promoting peoples human rights is the best approach. The "States" have a responsibility as duty bearers and hope that they will work on Nation to Nation basis with Indigenous Peoples. Continuous efforts have been made by "States" to ignore Indigenous Nations with right to withhold consent and implement/accommodate their rights. There are still many concerns about lowered environmental standards and assessments. I look forward to "States" moving towards their responsibilities of Indigenous Rights to Nationhood and hope this occurs. There appears to be serious issues still in conflict.

Regards,
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