

Statements of Indigenous People of Sarawak regarding the Malaysian Timber Certification Scheme MTCC

Penan Headman Bilong Oyau in a letter signed by 16 other Penan leaders and 600 Penan, August 2005:

„(...) The grant of the Certificate for Forest Management under the Malaysian Timber Certificate Council Scheme for Selaan-Linau Forest Management Unit, this project contradicts to our Native Customary Rights our culture and lifestyle. We, the Penan leaders on behalf of the mentioned communities unanimously reject the MTCC project in this area. (...)“

Nicholas Mujah, Secretary General of the Sarawak Dayak Iban Association, Malaysia, November 2005:

„(...) We the members of the Association hereby appeal to all buyers to concern to reject the legality of any log that carries the MTCC certificate from Malaysia. We also want to bring to all buyers of MTCC certified timber, that you are parties to the killing of indigenous peoples of Sarawak by agreeing, buying, approving and conspiring with MTCC. Thank you.“

Augustine Bagat, President of Jaringan Tanah Hak Adat Bangsa Asal Sarawak (TAHABAS) Sarawak, Malaysia, November 2005:

„(...) We the indigenous peoples in Sarawak do not recognise the legality of MTCC as it is the agent of business and political personals. We urge buyers to come into our back yard and to see personally by yourself the true situation of logging in Sarawak. I personally appeal to you buyers of Malaysian Timber please spare my old parents, young school children, innocent poor communities and our future generation from being displaced from mother earth place. Thank you“

