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*Norwegian intervention by Lars Sigurd Valvatne, Senior Adviser, Ministry of Foreign Affairs:*

Thank you, Madame Chair,

First of all I would like to thank IFAD for their comprehensive report to the Permanent Forum and for their oral presentations here today.

As you have stated, you are now working under the IFAD Strategic Framework for the period 2007 - 2010, where indigenous peoples are singled out as one of the Fund's principal target groups as regards poverty alleviation.

The period for the present Strategic Framework is now nearing its end. Would it be possible for you to disclose what plans you may have for the inclusion of indigenous peoples' groups as regards the next Strategic Framework period?