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Statement by Finland

Mr. President,

Finland wishes to thank the distinguished panelists for their contribution to today's discussion.

One key element in the promotion and protection of the rights of Indigenous Peoples in disaster risk reduction and prevention and preparedness initiatives is the participation of Indigenous Peoples in decision-making that affects them.

The participation of Indigenous women at all levels is of crucial importance for decision-making with good results. In particular Indigenous women have traditional knowledge to prepare for, cope with and survive disasters within their communities.

We would like to hear the views of the distinguished panelists on good practices or success stories on how to ensure Indigenous women's access to decision-making structures in this regard and how to make disaster preparedness gender neutral?

Thank you.