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Pacific caucus statement

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Thank you Mr. Chair,

Distinguished panelists, UN Member States, Indigenous relatives, ladies and gentlemen,

The Pacific Indigenous Caucus welcomes this opportunity to make its general remarks and to highlight its proposals regarding the content of the outcome document of this World Conference.

Acknowledging the work of the President of the General Assembly and the advisors, the Pacific region notes that this document provides a good basis for deliberations regarding the outcome document, and supports the statement made previously by the Indigenous Global Coordinating Group, and the priorities it has identified.

The Pacific region welcome the inclusion of the Alta Outcome Document, as an annex to the outcome document, and recognize that several paragraphs of the zero draft originate from the Alta document.

The Pacific reiterates that the outcome document must include more decisions, and less preambular paragraphs and notes that a number of the operative paragraphs can be strengthened and re-articulated to reflect our Human Rights standards enshrined in the UN Declaration as a minimum, and accommodate the provisions of the modalities resolution that call for the adoption of a concrete oriented outcome document.

The Pacific region has identified its most prioritized paragraphs:

- OP 13, regarding the oversight mechanism;
- OP 20 regarding the status of participation of Indigenous Peoples in the UN system;
- OP22 regarding lands, territories and resources
- OP33 regarding the demilitarization of Indigenous lands, territories, resources, oceans and waters.

The other prioritized recommendations are:

- Clustered OPs [4, 5, 22, 24]
- OP's 7, 11, 18, 25, and 29.

Furthermore, we appreciate and are very supportive of the inclusion of the final paragraphs, OP 37, and 39 in particular, regarding the follow-up and implementation of this outcome document.

Strengthened language through specific proposals for amendments to the various operative paragraphs, will be provided by the Pacific caucus during the afternoon session when we go section by section.

Thank you Madam Chair,