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Thank you Madam Chair,

Brazil is engaged in fostering the empowerment of indigenous women and welcomes the discussion of this crucial topic in the Permanent Forum of Indigenous Issues. In Brazil, the Secretariat on Policies for Women has started a series of training seminars for indigenous women with the goal of broadening the debate and raising awareness to public policies related to women's rights and to bolster the leadership abilities of women in the field of water and forest resources. Last week, the first National Conference on Health of Indigenous Women was held in Brasilia to discuss specific challenges related to indigenous women health issues.

Empowering indigenous women is crucial if they are to become spokespersons for their own reality and protagonists of their own emancipation. For the past few years and with the support of the UN-Women office in Brazil, a representative of indigenous youth has integrated the Brazilian delegation to CSW.

Under Brazilian Chairmanship, the Commission on the Status of Women discussed as a focus area the “Empowerment of indigenous women”, which was an important follow-up to the commitment that Member States undertook at the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples held in 2014, as well as the pledge in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development to ‘leave no one behind’. We are committed to support the empowerment of indigenous women both domestically and throughout the United Nations.

Thank you.