

Norway's statement on 23 May 2014 delivered by Ms. Iselin Hebbert Larsen

Thank you Madam Chair for giving me the floor.

Norway would like to support the statement just delivered by Mexico. We are very disappointed that we have come to this point. It is unfortunate for member states and it is unfortunate for indigenous peoples, not only those sitting here today, but the millions of indigenous peoples around the world.

The roadmap proposed on Monday by the PGA represented a compromise, a compromise that my delegation was willing to accept because we are supportive of the World Conference taking place. We had hoped that also other countries would have accepted this compromise - given that we have spent several months on this issue.

We remain committed to the position that the modalities resolution needs to be implemented. This chamber, the General Assembly, negotiated and adopted this resolution by consensus.

The modalities resolution has mandated the PGA to carry out certain duties. The conference still remains in his hands and we look to him for a response on how we will move forward.

To conclude, we would kindly like to ask for a point of clarification from Ambassador Crispin as there have been confusion in this chamber about what the roadmap actually entails. Some have voiced concern that the intergovernmental nature of the General Assembly is at risk. Our understanding is that you have catered for this concern in that the first stages of the drafting and consultation would be carried out with member states and indigenous peoples, **but** that the final stage would be member states only, in addition to the advisers. Is this a correct understanding?

I thank you, Madam Chair