

**STATEMENT BY THE INDONESIAN DELEGATION  
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Madam Chairperson,

It is with much regret that Indonesia has to take the floor again, not necessarily to respond to the statement made by the distinguished delegates of the NGOs yesterday, but rather to underline a few points pertinent to Indonesia's position in our deliberation in this session.

First of all, my delegation wishes to re-emphasize that Indonesia is currently on the right track with its democratization and decentralization process. While Indonesia is struggling tremendously with its internal reform efforts, it would be therefore helpful that the international community facilitate these efforts. Indonesia's determination is to avoid a relapse into its former undemocratic, authoritarian and repressive political condition. This can only be achieved through constructive dialogue and cooperation, not by politicization or name calling and shaming.

Secondly, regardless of our national position on indigenous issues, my delegation always believes that constructive engagement and dialogue are the best approaches in bridging the gap between different perspectives and positions. This has been exhibited by our openness and frankness in communicating with any pertinent actors in this room, be they distinguished members of the Permanent Forum, NGOs, UN agencies, funds and programmes as well as the Secretariat. My delegation is more than willing to continue with these approaches in order to realize the Forum's noble mandate.

Thirdly, over the last 8 years Indonesia has managed, with the generous support of the international community, to survive tremendous financial, and social challenges as well as political turmoil in the post-Soeharto era. We have also had to deal with terrorist attacks and the unprecedented tsunami of 2004. My delegation is of the view that such challenges are part of countries evolution. We expect to face other social and political "tsunamies" in the future, but Indonesia will remain intact. The international community, including the Permanent Forum, can certainly contribute to this endeavour.

Thank you Madame Chairperson.