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- Finland continues to believe that the PF should have a broad mandate covering a broad range of social and economic issues incl. human rights, and the membership of both government and indigenous representatives.

I am happy to note that at least most of the various proposals now on the table are moving in that direction. My delegation is optimistic that we, under your leadership Mr. Chairman, will be able to come up with a concrete consolidated model for the PF even if we some challenges - like for example the selection or nomination of indigenous peoples representatives into the core group - still remain to be solved by the WG.