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Madam Chairperson,

As the effects of climate change are already beginning to be apparent, prompt and worldwide action is needed. It is therefore appropriate for the Forum to have made this issue a special theme, as indigenous people, the lives they live and their human security are likely to be greatly affected by climate change.

Madam Chairperson,

If we are to make headway on this issue, we must create an international scheme that will apply after the year 2013, a scheme in which all the major emitting countries will participate and which will produce a reduction of greenhouse gas emissions on a global scale. Its formulation will help to protect vulnerable countries and people, including indigenous people, from the effects of climate change.

It was for this reason that Japan announced “Cool Earth 50” and the “Cool Earth Promotion Programme” as effective contributions to the establishment of such a scheme. This July, when we host the Hokkaido Toyako Summit, we hope and expect we shall achieve an outcome that promotes negotiations on a framework for the world in the years following 2013.

Thank you very much.