Thank you, Madame Chairperson,

My delegation welcomes the convening of this second session of the Expert Mechanism on the Right of Indigenous Peoples. We wish to congratulate you on your election as Chairperson, and wish you and all members of the Expert Mechanism a successful session. My delegation was one of the most active during negotiation on the mandate of the Expert mechanism, and continues to support its work. The Expert mechanism can contribute significantly to the work of the Human Rights Council by preparing studies on various themes deemed important to the promotion and protection of the rights of indigenous peoples.

The Expert Mechanism's study on lessons learned and challenges to achieve the right to education is one such example. And we think the Expert Mechanism is one such example. And we think the Expert Mechanism.

We note that in document A/HRC/EMRIP/2007/4 prepared by the Secretariat, the Philippines is cited as having a number of good practices with regard to an alternative system of education for children belonging to indigenous cultural communities, and in vocational training and retraining for indigenous people.
My delegation would like to take this opportunity to raise a related issue that is human rights education and training. The Advisory Committee of the Human Rights Council has been mandated by the Council to prepare a draft UN Declaration on HRCT. My delegation is a member of the cross-regional Platform of member states which supports this endeavor.

My delegation would suggest to the Expert Mecha.
my wish to consider

for making a contribution to the Advisory Committee,

considering the great amount of work you
have done on education issues affecting indigenous people.

on how
the rights and situation of indigenous peoples
are best reflected in a
UN Declaration on
HRCT.