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Intervention on item 3 “World Conference on Indigenous Peoples” by the Sámi Parliament of  
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Chair,

As this is the first intervention given on behalf of the Sámi Parliament of Norway, please allow us to congratulate Mr. Alexey Tsykarev and Mr. Albert Deterville as new expert members of EMRIP.

Since last year’s EMRIP session we have experienced positive and historical moments and achievements in the preparatory work towards the World Conference.

For the first time we have had an indigenous co-facilitator, Mr. John Henriksen, working along with a state appointed co-facilitator, Ambassador de Alba, to facilitate the discussions and negotiations on behalf of the President of the United Nations General Assembly on the Resolution on the Organization of the high-level plenary meeting, to be known as the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples [66/296].

Further have indigenous representatives from their respective regions of Africa; Arctic; Asia; Latin America and Caribbean; Russia, North America; Pacific; and from the Women- and Youth Caucuses, on their own initiative and leadership, succeeded on implementing the Global Indigenous Preparatory Conference for the United Nations High Level Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly to be known as the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples.

The Alta Outcome Document from this Preparatory Conference is a milestone as it is made and adopted by indigenous peoples. Therefore it should be the key document for the World Conference itself and all its processes, and should be used with the aim to implement the themes and recommendations as outlined in the Alta Outcome Document.

We would like to acknowledge the OHCHR secretariat for circulating the Alta Outcome document as Conference Room Paper at EMRIP. Also other UN bodies, and the States, should follow this good example and present the Alta Outcome Document as an official document at all meetings where the World Conference is discussed.

In respect of article 39 in the Declaration, and the Human Right Council resolution A/HRC/21/L.21 paragraph 9, we would like to remind the States on the importance of allocating and, within due

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time, making available financial contributions for the participation of indigenous peoples in the preparatory processes of the World Conference.

Even though a lot has been achieved, there is still a comprehensive work that needs to be done. Actions need to be made at both national and international levels by representatives of the indigenous peoples and the States. Without available financial resources for this work, the preparatory process amongst indigenous establishments will be jeopardized.

As especially, and for the beneficial of the indigenous preparations towards the World Conference, we encourage States to contribute with financial support for the Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations; the Global Indigenous Coordinating Group; and by also granting financial support for the meetings that needs to be done at national level between the State authorities and their indigenous peoples.

Further we encourage States to support an appointment of an indigenous co-facilitator, supported by indigenous peoples, with goal to capture the voice of indigenous peoples in the upcoming preparatory work and meetings on the World Conference that will take place within the UN and between States.

Lastly, we support the recommendations put forward here today by the GCG and we encourage EMRIP to include those into your report for the Human Right Council.

Thank you.