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Statement:

Agenda Item 9: Future work of the Expert Mechanism, including focus of future thematic studies.

Thank you, Madame Chair,

My name is Luanne Losi and I speak as an indigenous women in the PNG public service. I come from a small island in Papua New Guinea and the impacts of climate change are real for me. As an indigenous women working in different coastal communities to address the impacts of climate change I am always confronted by the challenges which the indigenous people face daily such as sea level rise and coastal inundation, loss of drinking water and food. The rights of the people are hampered daily while policy and law makers continue to discuss interventions that are thought to be solutions for these challenges.

Climate change is an environmental challenge that poses a fundamental threat to the place, species and peoples livelihoods and is confirmed in the HRC Resolutions, Resolution 7/23 where the Council expressed concern that climate change “poses an immediate and far-reaching threat to people and communities around the world”.

I would like to commend highly the numerous studies undertaken by the EMRIP to address this mechanism. I refer to the report of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the relationship between climate change and human rights. I note Chapter 2, section F, paragraphs 65-68 presents findings on Human rights implications of response matters. The findings have outlined related violations especially to the right of food. The outcome of the study is very valuable however, I would like to recommend that:

1. The EMRIP undertakes further studies to inform human rights implications on the Climate Change Act for the country.
2. The EMRIP to look at implication of the rising sea-level and loss of land boundaries as a result of Climate Change.

I would like to acknowledge the great support of DOCIP in bringing me to participate in the Training of Trainers for Human Rights Defenders and my participation in this 12th EMRIP session.

I thank you for your attention Chair.