

Thank you Madam Chair

New Zealand supports the statement made by Mexico. As the representative mentioned, the Group of Friends has conveyed its acceptance of the proposal of 19 May in the spirit of good faith and compromise.

We are very disappointed to be concluding the Permanent Forum today without a clear way forward.

New Zealand has worked very hard over the last six months to try and find an acceptable solution.

- We have worked as part of the Group of Friends;
- we have met with the PGA and his focal point bilaterally; and
- we have been in contact with indigenous peoples' representatives

Despite our best efforts, the compromises made by member states and Indigenous Peoples and the work of many others, we sit here today with no agreed format for the negotiation of the outcome document.

Madam Chair, we need a decision and we need a decision urgently. The preparatory process must ensure effective participation of indigenous peoples and it must be consistent with the spirit and text of resolution 66/296 and Article 18 of the UN DRIP.

We urge the PGA to make this his highest priority. We believe there is room for further discussion and scope to proceed with his roadmap.

New Zealand's position is clear and we reiterate our commitment again here today to see a world conference on indigenous peoples in September this year.

Na reira tena koutou tena koutou tena tatou katoa.

Thank you Madam Chair