

**Clustered Interactive Dialogue with the SR on Indigenous Peoples and the Expert
Mechanism on Indigenous Peoples
September 20, 2011**

Mr. President,

Canada would like to take this opportunity to welcome the new members of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and in particular, Canadian Dr. Wilton Littlechild. We thank the Expert Mechanism for their ongoing work on the rights of indigenous peoples.

Canada notes the release of the final report by the Expert Mechanism of the study on indigenous peoples and their participation in decision-making. We welcomed the opportunity to make a submission in 2010 and a statement concerning this study in July.

Canada appreciates the inclusion of examples of good practices highlighted in this report. We remain committed to working with Canada's Aboriginal peoples to ensure their effective participation in decision-making.

Canada looks forward to participating in this afternoon's panel on the role of language and culture in promoting and protecting the well-being and identity of indigenous peoples, and to continuing to work with the Expert Mechanism on indigenous rights.

Thank you, Mr. President.