

Government of Guyana - Ministry of Amerindian Affairs  
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### Guyana's Intervention on Agenda Item #3

Complements to you Chair and to members at the Head table, Guyana salute the United Nation Commissioner for Human Rights for placing on the agenda a period dedicated to discuss the modalities for the preparation for the World Conference on Indigenous People.

Guyana's presence today at the 5th session demonstrates our willingness and support for advancing the work towards a successful World Conference on Indigenous Peoples. and that we support the proposals advanced in May 2012.

Guyana is open to discussion on arriving at a decision on the location for the proposal advanced by Mexico, Guatemala and Guyana to make available their country as host for regional preparatory work that could focus on a united approach for developing a regional focus on issues relevant to indigenous peoples in Latin America and the Caribbean.

It will be helpful and indeed important for early agreement on the thematic areas for member states and all indigenous organizations, institutions and groups

Guyana supports the establishment of a voluntary fund that will provide financial support to indigenous people's attendance and activities. We also urge that direction should be provided to the UN institutions located in countries where indigenous peoples are located to support national preparatory activities of the world conference on indigenous peoples.

Government of Guyana commit to continue to included on its official delegations, the Leaders of the indigenous people and representatives of indigenous advocacy group as we have done, so as to ensure indigenous people full and effective participation to all the meetings of UNFPII and platform and fora that treats with indigenous affairs and development. And for the world conference will be no different.

I thank you.

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