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## Inuit Circumpolar Conference

We want to welcome the comments made by the Danish delegation and others, who emphasized the possibility to move forward to present a resolution during the upcoming session of the C. H. R. to establish a P.F. for ~~the~~ indigenous peoples.

I think there is a basis for to do it, because we have reached common understanding on, how the P.F. should look like.

We have reached a common understanding, that the P.F. should have a broad mandate. This should reflect in your paper as a separate sentence with explanatory

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comments, how a broad mandate should be understood.

In this regard, we want to remind you on the CRP1 - which is the Indigenous Peoples caucus paper on how the P.F. should be.

We are disappointed of not be able to reach a common consensus paper, but we hope that the results of your paper can create basis for a resolution during the session of the CHR -

a resolution we can support.

It is important to us that the articles 62 and 63 be reflected in your report these articles are the basics and essential to the mandate of the P.F. as one of

(3) the ~~of~~ most important aspects in the future establishment of the P. F.



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### **STATEMENT BY THE INUIT CIRCUMPOLAR CONFERENCE- CANADA OFFICE**

We, the Inuit of Canada congratulate the **Open-Ended Intersessional Working Group for the Establishment of a Permanent Forum** in its efforts to move this work forward.

In light of the present indigenous peoples involvement in the work of the United Nations programs and conventions such as the Convention on Biological Diversity, and the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants, a Permanent Forum seems like a very natural progression for more effective participation of indigenous peoples within the UN system.

The Inuit of Canada sincerely hope that we as indigenous peoples through the establishment of the Permanent Forum can become central and no longer be on the periphery of the UN system. The permanent forum will provide us our rightful place within the international arena.

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