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Thank you Mr. President,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the Nordic Countries.

We welcome the important and valuable work of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

On behalf of the Nordic countries, I would like to warmly congratulate Ms. Tauli-Corpuz on her appointment as the new Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples – the third person and the first woman on this post.

We are certain that Ms. Tauli-Corpuz with her vast experience - as an indigenous peoples' rights defender and UN expert - will contribute to ensuring that indigenous peoples' rights, as articulated in the UNDRIP, are respected and protected. She has our full support.

The Nordic countries look forward to the upcoming World Conference in New York and attach great importance to the different UN mechanisms working on the rights of indigenous peoples. Based on Ms. Tauli-Corpuz experience as the previous Chair of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, how can Indigenous Peoples direct participation at the UN best be ensured?

The previous Special Rapporteur, Mr. Anaya, described in his final report to the General Assembly the many activities carried out during his term, including several thematic and country specific reports. The list is indeed impressive. The Nordic countries would like to take this opportunity to ask Ms. Tauli Corpuz about her vision and thematic focus during her term as Special Rapporteur and how she plans to follow-up on the work carried out by Mr. Anaya?

Thank you Mr. President.