

Statement by the Japanese Delegation

Thank you, Madame Chairperson.

I would like to make a very brief statement regarding the reports of the informal drafting groups established to consider the first revised text of the draft Universal Declaration on Indigenous Rights.

My delegation appreciates the efforts made by the informal drafting groups in considering and elaborating this text. The Government of Japan has been closely studying this draft Universal Declaration on Indigenous Rights which contains a number of important and complex matters which require serious examination by any responsible government. Furthermore as some new elements have been introduced in the draft text of the informal drafting groups, my delegation feels that additional efforts are necessary to examine them with care. I wish to assure you, Madame Chairperson, that the Government of Japan has every intention of making such efforts to continue further careful study on this draft text.

Thank you, Madame Chairperson.

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