

Thank you Chair,

As this is my first time to take the floor on this 11th session, allow me to extend congratulations to Erika as the new Chair and both for Laila and Kristen as Vice Chairs.

Just few points Mr. Chair. I really like your elaboration on our current study particularly on its relationship to right to self determination particularly on the intent to restore collective identity of indigenous peoples. The acknowledgement that they have been colonized and that they suffered discrimination and destruction of their lands and territories.

The region where I come from, most of indigenous peoples lack recognition to the extent that they invisible in the whole development plans of the States. Particularly from the country where I come from, we already drafted guidelines for the FPIC pursuant to the implementation of the Indigenous Peoples Rights Act. It has been difficult on the ground implementation. There are failures and few success stories. As we continue to elaborate on this draft study, I am interested to listen to contributions and intervention of indigenous peoples participants.

Thank you Chair