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Tabea Mr. Chair,

Distinguished Members of the Permanent Forum,

Representatives of Indigenous Peoples and Governments,

Mr. Chair,

The people of Maluku thanks the President of the General Assembly for appointing Ambassador Luis Alfonso de Alba, Permanent Representative of Mexico, and Mr. John Henriksen, International Representative of the Sami Parliament of Norway, to conduct inclusive consultations with Member States and representatives of Indigenous People, and convey our full support and cooperation in the fulfillment of their mandate on the road to the World Conference.

Furthermore, we express our appreciation to the Sami Parliament, the Government of Greenland and the Sami Council for their assistance to the Indigenous Global Coordinating Group, and support for the World Conference.

On this note, we welcome the establishment of the Indigenous Global Coordinating Group and its efforts to realize full and effective participation of Indigenous Peoples throughout the regions in the processes concerning the World Conference, we welcome the Pacific representatives David Lee from Australia, and Ghazali Ohorella from Maluku, and are confident that they will actively guide the Indigenous Peoples of the Pacific through the preparatory process. We consider the preparatory process as a important aspect for the level of Indigenous participation in-, and contribution to the World Conference.

Most importantly is that Member States should acknowledge the significant role of the Indigenous Peoples in this UN General Assembly's high-level plenary meeting, therefore it should acknowledge that Indigenous participation must be treated equal, since our rights, and dignity have been denied for far too long.

The World's Indigenous Peoples are committed to make the World Conference a successful meeting, so should be the UN members, bodies, organizations, and agencies.

We firmly believe that the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, have important roles to play in the process towards, during and after the World Conference. Therefore we present the following recommendations to the Expert Mechanism:

1. The World Conference will provide a critical opportunity for the United Nations to embrace Indigenous Peoples, not as mere observers, but as equals and it should seize this podium to address themes that are of fundamental concern for Indigenous Peoples. Themes that include: The right to self-determination, decolonization, treaties and militarization.
2. Mr. Chair, you mentioned at the side event on the World Conference during the 11th session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, that we need a continued focus on actions, and that we need to take this historically opportunity to further realize the rights of Indigenous Peoples.
We support this position, and look forward to a action-oriented outcome document which promotes and protects the rights of Indigenous Peoples, that includes a mechanism or protocol for the implementation of the Declaration.
3. We also call upon the EMRIP to assist the GCG's fundraising committee in mobilizing financial resources for the WCIP and to work closely with the Co-facilitators, States, Bodies, Peoples, organizations, and agencies for a successful Conference.

Finally the People of Maluku fully supports the Indigenous Global Coordinating Group's recommendations concerning the modalities of the World Conference. These recommendations represent minimum terms for the full and effective participation of Indigenous Peoples in the World Conference. We are confident that the members of the Expert Mechanism will include these recommendations from Indigenous Peoples in their deliberations.

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Thank you Mr. Chair