

Chair,

I am grateful for being given the floor a second time in order to deliver a national statement.

Sweden enthusiastically joins the celebration of the Fifth Anniversary of the landmark United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

The Declaration is a rich instrument and it continues to prove its worth: at the international, regional, national and local levels. For my country, Sweden, it has been useful in guiding and triggering important reforms, including constitutional.

Much remains to be done to fully implement the Declaration. A necessary step has been taken by reaching international consensus and mustering political will.

This will must be translated into action. The Declaration and the expectations it carries call upon us – States, business, regional organizations, UN system and other actors – to redouble efforts aimed at promoting and protecting the rights of indigenous peoples.

Chair,

Sweden is confident that the 2014 World Conference will afford a great opportunity to enhance action. Implementation must be the key word.

Action is the call of today's celebration, and it's for everyone to heed.

Thank you.