

**Intervention at the 12th Session of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
World Conference on Indigenous Peoples**

Mr. Chair,

Canada wishes to reiterate its support for the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples. As we have mentioned before, Canada supports an inclusive preparatory process and World Conference that will allow for full, cross-regional participation of Indigenous peoples. As such, we would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Indigenous representatives that have been elected during regional preparatory conferences held in recent months, and look forward to hearing from them and member states regarding the status of their preparations and plans for the World Conference.