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### **Twelfth session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, 20 – 31 May 2013**

#### **World Conference on Indigenous Peoples**

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## **As delivered**

Tena koe - Thank you Mr Chair,

New Zealand was also a co-sponsor of the resolution made by Bolivia for the World Conference on Indigenous people in 2010, and New Zealand looks forward to participating in the World Conference in 2014. In particular, we welcome the opportunity to share perspectives and best practices on the realisation of the rights of indigenous peoples, including their rights to pursue the objectives of the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (the Declaration).

We understand that the World Conference is a high level plenary meeting of the General Assembly with participation expected by all GA member states.

New Zealand considers that for the conference to achieve the most useful and successful outcome document possible - will require an inclusive planning and co-ordination process by all participating States and Indigenous Peoples. We would support direct participation by all indigenous caucuses to this end, and we encourage meaningful engagement by individual states with their indigenous groups in all processes for the preparation, deliberations and outcomes of the World Conference.

Nga mihi kia koe - Thank you Mr Chair.