Statement by the Danish Delegation

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Future work: Change of name for the UNPFII

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Thank you Madame Chairperson,

Denmark and Greenland would like to make a short statement regarding the change of name

for the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues to the new name "the Permanent Forum on

the Rights of Indigenous Peoples".

Denmark and Greenland support the draft decisions and recommendations and regard these as

timely and consistent with the developments that have taken place in recent year in the UN

wide as well as in the General Assembly and in the Human Rights Council where reference

today is made to rights and not issues.

The change of name to the Permanent Forum on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples is in

line with the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and would reaffirm a strong

global commitment to the Declaration and its full implementation.

We therefore hope to see that ECOSOC will endorse the draft decisions and recommendations

for the name change as soon as possible and without further delay.

I thank you, Madame Chairperson.