



**SOUTH AFRICAN PERMANENT MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND
OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS**

**7TH SESSION OF THE EXPERT MECHANISM ON THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS
PEOPLES**

STATEMENT ON THE WORLD CONFERENCE ON INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

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Mr Chairperson,

The South African delegation welcomes the convening of the 7th Session of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and wish to congratulate you on your appointment as Chairperson.

South Africa firmly believes in the principle of non-discrimination, based on our constitution, which reaffirms that no one should be discriminated against on the basis of their race, colour, creed, age, ethnicity, religion and on many other basis.

Chairperson,

According to resolution 66/296, the Outcome of the Conference should be concise, action-oriented and prepared on the basis of consultations with Member States and indigenous people; and views emerging from the preparatory process. South Africa fully supports the view of an inclusive process.

My delegation would like to reiterate its proposal that the following thrust inform the themes for the round table discussions and interactive panel discussion at the World Conference:

- Leadership;
- Good governance;
- Development;
- Culture; and
- Administration of justice.

I thank you.