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Kia ora Tatou, greetings to you all.

New Zealand thanks those who have provided a briefing today updating us on the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples, and in particular on the Alta meeting and its Outcome Document.

New Zealand worked hard with colleagues in New York to ensure the participation of indigenous peoples at all stages of the preparatory process and during the Conference itself, and we will continue to do so. We recognise the Alta meeting and its Outcome Document as a step in that participation process, and are currently considering its recommendations.

We also welcome the quick turnaround with which EMRIP has reviewed the Outcome Document and provided some preliminary observations, drawing on its previous studies. The Conference Paper provides a practical example of how EMRIP's work, and in particular its studies, can be of relevance and use in other UN fora.

Kia ora, I thank you.