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Madame/Mr Chair,

I am speaking in my capacity as the President of the Sámi Parliament in Sweden on behalf of the Sámi Parliamentary Council and the Sámi Council.

I want to take this opportunity to address the permanent forum mandated area of Social and Economic development.

We thank the secretariat for preparing the note *Update on the promotion and application of the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*. However, we note that on the section on indigenous peoples and businesses there is no information on the state and opportunities on indigenous peoples' businesses, entrepreneurship and economic development.

Therefore, we would like to bring to the attention the project *Linking Indigenous Peoples with Regional Development* of the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development which will launch its global report at the upcoming EMRIP session in Geneva in July.

The global report of the OECD focuses on four areas: Indigenous well-being and data governance; Promoting Indigenous entrepreneurship and small business development; Indigenous lands: recognition, management and development; Indigenous economic development: strengthening governance and partnerships. It is the first ever holistic and global study undertaken on these matters with the participation of indigenous peoples and is therefore a valuable contribution on measures needed to ensure our right to cultural and economic development.

The OECD is an influential institution deriving its legitimacy from its member states conducting work cutting across many themes and sectors. As such the OECD is an important actor in strengthening indigenous peoples' voices. Especially in areas, such as business and economic development, where our rights and needs are usually not addressed.

We strongly encourage/recommend the permanent forum and its distinguished members to initiate cooperation with the OECD and explore ways on how OECD, through its work could help contribute to the further advancement of indigenous peoples' rights.

Thank you for your attention!