

<i>Name of Member State / Organization</i>	<i>Republic of Türkiye</i>
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Türkiye would like to provide additional feedback for the draft Ministerial Declaration, concerning the use of the term “indigenous peoples” in the item “R” under Action 3.

During the discussions on the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in 2007, Türkiye asserted that there are no groups within its territory that can be classified as “Indigenous Peoples”. This fact would need to be clarified, in order to avoid the generalisation and extension, through misunderstanding, of a particular status in a legally problematic manner.

In this vein, we would like a footnote to be added to the text, stipulating that “The Republic of Türkiye reiterates that there are no groups that can be classified as Indigenous People within its territory”.