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**Statement of the Ambassador, Permanent Representative
of Algeria in the name of the African Group**

**Item concerning the Working Group on a
Draft indigenous people Declaration**

Geneva, 27 June 2006.

Mr. President,

I am making this statement in the name of the African Group.

The Group is aware of the plight of indigenous people in different parts of the world. It welcomes the fact that the Chairperson-Rapporteur of the Working Group to elaborate a Draft Declaration on indigenous people was finally able to come up with a Draft Declaration after 11 years since the relevant UNGA resolution 49/214 was adopted.

The African Group expresses its concurrence with this Declaration and therefore gives it its full support.

In concluding, while recognizing that further improvements to the Declaration have been advocated by some States, we would appeal to them to withdraw their reservations so that the Declaration can, as it should, be adopted by consensus.

I thank you.