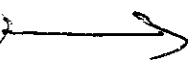


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Thank you for your presentation Mr. Stavenhagen. We support the questions presented by Finland on behalf of the European Union and would like to make the following questions and remarks:

In your report to the Council you mention in your Conclusions (E/CN.4/2006/78, Conclusions, para 83.) that in order to close what you call “the implementation gap” or the vacuum between existing legislation and administrative, legal and political practice, a programme of action for the human rights of indigenous peoples must address this divide. The programme of action for the Second International Decade of the World’s Indigenous Peoples stresses the need to focus on the issue of implementation in its recommendations (fx. 44.). How would you propose to strengthen emphasis on this very important issue and what would be a practical approach in this regard ?