



STATEMENT/INTERVENTION

Agenda Item Number: *Agenda item 7*

Agenda Item Title: *Social and economic benefits, supporting sustainable development, measures taken and proposed for the implementation of resolutions and evaluation of the work of the Group of Experts*

Title of paper/report: *Draft strategic plan and programme of work*

Statement/intervention provided by:

CANADA

Statement:

Canada commends and congratulates the UNGEGN Secretariat and the extended Bureau for their work on this strategic plan and programme of work. Canada appreciates the extensive work that is necessary to achieve a comprehensive, cohesive and forward-looking plan that takes into account the goals and interests of diverse stakeholders.

Canada supports the adoption of the UNGEGN Strategic Plan and Programme of Work 2021-2029.

As the strategic plan is an evergreen document, Canada wishes that a reference to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples be added under Strategy 4: Culture, Heritage, and Language Recognition.

Article 13 of the Declaration specifically refers to place names: "Indigenous peoples have the right to revitalize, use, develop and transmit to future generations their histories, languages, oral traditions, philosophies, writing systems and literatures, and to designate and retain their own names for communities, places and persons."

Submitted on:

4/23/2021