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68. **Ms. Frias Deniz** (Mexico), speaking as a youth delegate, said that her country's identity was deeply rooted in its history and social and political context. The Government of Mexico fully supported the indigenous peoples' pursuit of sustainable, inclusive development and aspirations for securing a better quality of life without losing their cultural identify or jeopardizing the country's natural heritage. The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples had served as a guide to her Government in the adoption of relevant policies aimed at preserving the linguistic diversity and traditional knowledge of indigenous peoples, protecting their lands and territories, combating climate change and promoting the participation of indigenous women in the economic, social and political life of the country.

69. Her country supported the work of the Special Rapporteur, the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues and the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. At the thirty-third ordinary session of the Human Rights Council, Mexico had proposed that the mandate of the Special Rapporteur be extended for three years. At the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples, it had proposed raising the number of experts on the Expert Mechanism to seven; providing technical assistance to States and indigenous peoples in the drafting of laws and national policies relating to their rights; and encouraging greater coordination with other special procedures.

70. Eliminating violence against indigenous women and girls was as important as achieving their economic, social and political empowerment. Thus, at the sixty-first session of the Commission on the Status of Women, Mexico, together with the International Indigenous Women's Forum, had proposed that empowering indigenous women be treated as a priority issue.