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Algeria, current CD President
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I thank the distinguished representative of Israel.

There is probably a difference in perception in the assessment of the situation. For 2009 as for 2008, the P6 members have shared between themselves the task and responsibility to consult with different member states. This year, the P6 agreed that the 1 member, IE Australia, would be entrusted with the task of consulting the following countries: Colombia, Kazakhstan, Ecuador, Israel, and Israel. The other members have felt they were consulted, Israel feels they were not consulted.

I would remind the distinguished representative of Israel that this was the approach which was followed this year. Had the President decided to respond to the request that he also meet with the Ambassador of Israel he would likewise have had to meet with all the other 18 members who were consulted by other P6 members in order to be even handed. To do that would be offensive to the P6 Ambassadors themselves who had agreed, as I said, at the beginning, they're a collegial group the 6 Ambassadors. There is no chief and Indians- we're all Ambassadors deciding in a collegiate manner to distribute the activities. So such is the position I see we have different perceptions, but I thank the distinguished representative of Israel for his comments.

I don't have any other speakers on my list. I would like to thank all of you for your contributions this morning. And we will continue as I said, our consultations on a geographic group basis and we will resume our meeting on Tuesday. I think the response today was extremely helpful. I hope that we will get more responses next Tuesday. In the meantime we will continue consulting informally.

I thank you all very much for your contribution today.

Thank you. The meeting is adjourned.