



UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA

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**STATEMENT MADE BY MR. BARAKA LUVANDA, FIRST  
SECRETARY, PERMANENT MISSION OF THE UNITED  
REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS  
GENEVA**

**ON ITEM 3 OF THE AGENDA: PROMOTION AND  
PROTECTION OF ALL HUMAN RIGHTS, CIVIL,  
POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL  
RIGHTS, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO DEVELOPMENT**

**AT THE RESUMED SESSION OF THE  
HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL,  
GENEVA, 13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2007**

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**Thank you, Mr. President,**

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My delegation welcomes the report by the Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms of Indigenous People, Mr. Rodlfo Stavenhagen. We appreciate the comprehensiveness of both the report and the addendum thereto. We also share fully the concern expressed by the Special Rapporteur for having not received a reply to his communication dated 28 August 2007.

**Mr. President,**

In his report, the Special Rapporteur has reminded us of the principles underpinning the content of development and its procedures in the context of indigenous peoples, namely; endogenous, participatory, socially responsible, equitable, self-sustaining, culturally appropriate, self-managed, democratic and accountable. We can confirm that these are vital principles in dealing with indigenous people. Let me assure you that Tanzania is striving to heed to all these fundamental principles in dealing with the **Hadzabe community**, the subject of the Special Rapporteur`s communication.

**Mr. President,**

Generally speaking, in Tanzania we are guided by the Constitution i.e. *the grund norm*, which guarantees equality of all Tanzanians to the enjoyment of their civil, social, economic, political and cultural rights. In fact, like the distinguished delegate of Bangladesh, we have difficulty in applying the term "indigenous people" vis-à-vis the Hadzabe community. We feel that the Hadzabe, like any other local community, deserve equal treatment and, therefore, by striving to improve their life, we hope that we are doing the right thing as any responsible government could do. We want the Hadzabe to live a decent life away from being gatherers. For , this we are fully committed.

**Mr. President,**

Since time will not be in our favour, we wish to place in record that we shall transmit a written response to the Special Rapporteur`s communication in due course, but not later than end of this week. In the mean time, we wish to state that we are taking a holistic view in addressing the issue of Hadzabe community. Whatever is taking place in that area is aimed at improving the life of that community. For instance, on the basis of the assessment report and recommendations from the district authorities, **Yaeda Chini Open Area** where the Hadzabe reside, some hunting blocks have been allocated to the **Tanzania**

**UAE Safaris Limited** with the following conditions: (i). to undertake deliberate conservation initiatives aiming at improving conservation of wildlife in the area, (ii) to support anti-poaching activities, (iii) to ensure that hunting activities are carried far away from human settlement, (iv) to ensure that there is minimal environmental destruction and (v) to ensure health and well being of the Hadzabe people. So far, the company has agreed to construct schools, health centres, road and water supply infrastructure. The Government has set an annual monitoring and evaluation mechanism to ensure that the well being of the Hadzabe people is observed.

Again, Mr. President, the allocation of the hunting blocks has been done in accordance with the Wildlife legislation as well as the Land Act of 1999. With regard to the issue of detention of one ***Richard Baalow***, let me reassure you that we have a very vibrant justice system and that the due legal process has been afforded to him. As I expressed our shared concern on the delayed response, we will give more details in our written submission.

In closing, let me assure you of Tanzania's continued commitment to the human rights cause as well as our preparedness to advance further the international human rights norms and standards.

**I thank you.**