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**Impact of social and economic recovery plans in the COVID-19 context on
indigenous peoples, with a special focus on food security**

German Statement

Mister Vice-President,

Germany aligns itself with the EU statement.

Germany welcomes this timely discussion about the impact of social and economic recovery plans in the COVID-19 context on indigenous peoples, with a special focus on food security.

Regarding global food security we are in a particularly difficult situation since Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine has caused dramatic price hikes and dramatically exacerbated food insecurity.

It has been highlighted many times before that the pre-existing level of food insecurity in many indigenous communities around the world has been increased by the covid-19 pandemic. In this context, Germany emphasizes the importance of promoting and protecting indigenous peoples' right to health, to access to their land as well as their rights to safe and clean drinking water and sanitation.

It has become clear that especially many indigenous women are custodians of an accumulation of knowledge and technical skills related to food, agriculture, health and medicine.

Therefore, indigenous women and girls are important "agents of change" who can make valuable contributions to sustainable solutions in the fight against food insecurities thanks to their knowledge of how to use natural resources and their understanding of the specific needs of their communities. Advancing the rights of indigenous women and girls and a full, equal and meaningful participation of all, including indigenous women, girls and persons in marginalized situations, is key to finding sustainable solutions for all.

Germany therefore calls on all states to particularly ensure the participation of indigenous women and girls and to incorporate their knowledge into decision-making with respect to COVID-19 recovery programs.

Distinguished panelists,

How can indigenous women's and girls' participation be ensured and promoted in all covid-19 recovery plans?