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Statement by Celeste McKay on behalf of the Métis Nation

The Métis Nation welcomes this interactive dialogue of the Human Rights Council on ways to enhance the participation of Indigenous Peoples' representatives and institutions in meetings of the Human Rights Council on issues affecting them. We appreciate the efforts that have been made to make this dialogue fully accessible to persons with disabilities. We further appreciate the participation of the President of the General Assembly in this dialogue as well as more broadly, including dialogues held during the 18th Session of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.

We remain committed to working in partnership with States, Indigenous Peoples and the UN system to promote the right to self-determination, including participation as Indigenous Nations within the United Nations.

To this end, we reiterate our support for the recommendation made during the North American Regional Dialogue of the 18th Session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues that: the Secretary-General appoint a Special Representative, in consultation with Indigenous Peoples, to advance the implementation of the Declaration.

Thank you. Marsi.