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Mr. President,

I would like to thank the Office of High Commissioner for Human Rights for organizing this annual panel discussion; I also thank the distinguished panelists for their presentations;

Indigenous peoples around the world are suffering from various challenges stemming from their historical deprivation of fundamental human rights such as the denial of land rights, the lack of self-determination and the disruption of local and traditional economies which roots in legacies of colonization in their territories;

They are still facing various forms of discrimination because they have their own cultures, identities and ways of life and are disproportionately affected by poverty and marginalization.

In countries such as United States, Canada, New Zealand and Australia the Indigenous Peoples are among the most affected groups of various challenges including Pandemic, their situation disproportionately aggravated by pre-existing challenges including food insecurity, poverty, racism, violence, cultural genocide and exclusion from the society;



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The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples indicates that States should adopt measures to combat prejudice, eliminate discrimination and promote good relations between indigenous peoples and other sectors of society.

I would like to ask panelists which measures they recommend to realize the “redress”, which is enumerated in Articles 8, 11 and 28 of the Declarations regarding violations of the rights of the indigenous people.

I thank you, Mr. Vice President.