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**Agenda Item 10: Proposals to be submitted to the Human Rights Council for its consideration and approval.**

Thank you for the opportunity to make a statement to the Expert Mechanism on this important agenda item.

Last year and in other United Nations forums the Ochapowace Nation made a comprehensive statement highlighting the ongoing maltreatment and abuse of Indigenous Peoples. We were disappointed to hear and observe that this mechanism had decided to not consider what we know as an ongoing genocide.

Mr. Chairman, we flag Article 7 of the UNDRIP regarding Genocide as a legitimate and outstanding article requiring immediate attention and action.

From initial contact to modern times the application of genocidal acts on Indigenous Peoples has been routine without global observance or punishment. Legislation, laws and policies have been deliberately constructed to rob the indigenous peoples of identities, the elimination of languages and cultures, the forcible removal and transferring of children, displacement – destruction - assimilation of whole tribes, killing of children and women, and the continual onslaught of legislation, policies and developments that maintains all of the above, qualify as acts of genocide and crimes of genocide.

The Nation State's ill-treatment of the Indigenous Peoples fit the universal description, definition and utility of the UN Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide.

Mr. Chairman, we make the following recommendations to assist in combatting genocide against Indigenous Peoples:

1. That an expert seminar on genocide and indigenous peoples, be identified and held at the most immediate instance.
2. That the UN Special Advisor on Genocide be invited to attend a future Expert Mechanism as a presenter and how his office – program and services have integrated the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the United Nations World Conference on Indigenous Peoples Outcome Document together with other standards into his scope of work and mandate.
3. That the United Nations Expert Mechanism on the rights of indigenous peoples authorize a study on Genocide and its Effects on Indigenous Peoples at the most immediate opportunity and be presented at 11th Session of UNEMRIP.
4. That the UN develop an appropriate ongoing education program on Genocide and its application and Impacts on Indigenous Peoples. For use and utility in a system wide.

5. That a declaration be issued by the United Nations to take immediate measures to effectively address and combat Genocide of Indigenous Peoples.
6. That the Doctrine of Discovery be immediately denounced as it is the foundation and genesis of Genocide on Indigenous Peoples.

Concerning the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples we make the following recommended points of action:

7. That the Canadian Government take immediate action to adopt, integrate and apply the UNDRIP without qualification in its entirety.
8. That the UNDRIP must be applied, implemented and enforced by the Canadian Government without revision, watering down or dissecting the UNDRIP.
9. That the United Nations monitoring mechanism be applied with the criteria listed here to ensure the full adoption, application implementation and enforcement of the UNDRIP on State actors.
10. That the Treaties along with international standards including the UNDRIP are maintained as the basis of establishing and developing the Nation to Nation relationship programme of action including at the national level.

Mr. Chairman, we again implore the United Nations Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples to adopt our recommended points of action.

Thank You