

**German delegation, statement on item 6 – interactive dialogue**

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Mr Chairperson,

- Germany welcomes the evolution of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) towards a central reference point for all questions related to indigenous peoples' rights.
- Regarding the regional dimension of UNDRIP, Germany recalls the importance of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRI) and welcomes reports on their specific involvement with regard to indigenous peoples' rights in the Asian region. **Germany invites the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP) to focus on the NHRI role in monitoring and supporting UNDRIP implementation at the regional level.**
- Germany especially welcomes the fact that the UN Working Group on the issues of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises is currently examining the situation of indigenous peoples with regard to preventing the negative impacts of business activities. Germany welcomes the submission of a report on this topic to the General Assembly by the UN Working Group **and encourages the EMRIP to promote an exchange between the monitoring and implementation instruments of UNDRIP and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights.**
- With regard to German development cooperation, UNDRIP's central concepts such as free prior and informed consent, self-determination, effective participation and the provision of culturally adequate services are included in the current Human Rights Strategy of the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development. On this basis, the implementation of these central human rights of indigenous peoples is checked in every project under bilateral German official development cooperation at the operational level.

Thank you, Mr Chairperson.