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Madam President,

My delegation thanks the Special Rapporteur on the right of Indigenous People for presenting his reports A/HRC/45/34 on “The rights of Indigenous” A/HRC/45/34/Add.1 and A/HRC/45/34/Add.2 on “Visit to Congo” and A/HRC/45/34/Add.3 on “Regional consultation on the rights of indigenous peoples in Asia “

Global health statistics illustrate indigenous peoples’ disadvantaged position in terms of access to health care and their vulnerability to numerous health problems while facing multifaceted forms of discrimination. This situation has been exacerbated after the Covid-19 outbreak.

The Islamic Republic of Iran urges the international community to pay due attention to the violations of the rights of indigenous people. The report does not include any reference to the situation of the indigenous people in Canada and the United States. We ask the Special Rapporteur to address the latest developments in following the situations of indigenous people in those countries in particular, with regard to the 18 communications of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination to the American and Canadian authorities.

The indigenous people in developed countries mostly live in remote and desolated areas with minimum standards of living, and are forced to bear the brunt of police brutality and systematic discrimination.

I thank you.