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**Statement**

**By**

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**Before**

**The Human Rights Council**

**51<sup>th</sup> Session**

**Interactive dialogue with the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples  
on its annual report  
(A/HRC/51/49)**

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**Mr. President,**

The Islamic Republic of Iran takes note the annual report of Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Indigenous peoples around the world are among the most affected groups of various challenges including Pandemic; their situation disproportionately aggravated by pre-existing challenges including social inequalities and systemic discrimination, poverty, racism, violence, abuse, homelessness, drug or alcohol abuse at an early age, cultural genocide and exclusion from their societies;

For instance, as documented by the Expert Mechanism in its report to the 48<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council last year, the indigenous people in Canada historically were living under discrimination by Canadian authorities and being robbed of their land, killed and buried secretly and eradicated their culture. Shocking revealing news regarding discoveries remains of hundreds of indigenous peoples, including children at the sites of several former residential schools in Canada, proved this fact.

The long history of discrimination and segregation by Canadian authorities against the Indigenous people should not be neglected and forgotten. The mass graves of innocent aboriginal



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kids discovered in Canada represent a cruel systematic genocide administered through decades in silence.

Concrete steps are required to make amends in order to reverse the structural and systematic factors and drivers that allow acts of violence and intent to destroy the indigenous community.

**I thank you, Mr. President.**