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Mr. Chairman,

I would like to express some comments and propose some recommendations on behalf of IPACC (Indigenous Peoples of Africa Coordinating Committee) and of Tamaynut Association (Amazigh People from Morocco, North Africa).

- 1) The Human Development Report lists the majority of African states above 100 in all the regions of Africa, the policy of development doesn't take into consideration the Indigenous Peoples identities, cultures, rights and interests. The principles of consultation and participation, 169 convention is not ratified by any African state.
- 2) The projects of development have many bad effects, they are supported to promote and strengthen the indigenous peoples, unfortunately, under the policies of assimilation, they destroy their identities, cultures, languages, lands and their existence.
- 3) We would like finally to present some recommendations:
To recommend to the ECOSOC to invite all states to ratify 169 convention and to implement the conventions ratified in reforming the political system to recognition of Indigenous Peoples rights.
- 4) to recommend to the ECOSOC to invite states in Africa especially to reform their political system, with the objective of recognizing identities, languages, cultures, land rights, of indigenous peoples, and establish a democratic constitution and a democratic federal system.

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