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**Statement
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Indigenous Peoples**

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بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم**

Madam President,

Iran takes note the EMRIP's report regarding the "Rights of the indigenous child under the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (A/HRC/48/74), entitled: "Rights of the indigenous child under the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples - Study of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

Madam President,

Serious human rights violations against the indigenous people in United States and Canada are matter of great concern.

With reference to paragraph 41 of the EMRIP's report, Iran expresses its concern that historically, the indigenous people in Canada were living under discrimination by Canadian authorities and being robbed of their land, killed and buried secretly and eradicated their culture.

The international community shocked over revealing news regarding discoveries remains of hundreds of indigenous peoples, including children at the sites of several former residential schools in Canada. Between the 1830s and 1990s, over 150,000 indigenous children in Canada were reported to have been forcibly taken away from their parents and sent to boarding schools, with unknown fate.

Such atrocities and responsibility of their perpetrators should never be forgotten, nor shall the realization of justice be ignored. While many points out to Canada's past role in attempted cultural genocide of its indigenous people, the role of colonial British should not be sidelined.

Iran underscores the importance of “redress” regarding violations of the rights of the indigenous people which is enumerated in Articles 8, 11 and 28 of the United Nation’s Declarations on the Rights of the Indigenous Peoples and encourages Expert Mechanism to pay due attention to this issue in its further studies and deliberations.

I thank Madam President