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Round Table Discussion 1: United Nations system action for the implementation of the rights of indigenous peoples

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Distinguished Co-Chairs, Head of States and Governments, Representatives of States & Indigenous Peoples, Ladies and Gentlemen,

We welcome the district outcome document from this WCIP, particularly OP19, OP28, OP29, OP31, OP32, OP38, and OP40. In this regard, we give these following recommendations:

- 1. In regards to OP 28, Human Rights Council should take measures to engage indigenous peoples organizations and representatives for effective consultation and decision making on the reformation of the most appropriate and effective mechanism under the HRC.
- 2. Treaty Monitoring Bodies should take measures to address indigenous peoples issues, to be provided more general comments and recommendations in line with the UNDRIP.
- 3. At the national level, UN agencies and UN Country Teams should establish regular and institutionalized mechanisms for dialogue with and participation of indigenous peoples and the representatives of their institutions;
- 4. UN agencies should increase funds for direct support to indigenous organizations, with a particular consideration to providing longer-term institutional support as a precondition for effective and meaningful participation;
- 5. UN should strengthen the work of UN Resident Coordinators and Country teams to ensure a more coherent approach to addressing indigenous peoples' issues in country-level programming and make focus on indigenous peoples in the Common Country Assessment (CCA) mandatory, and formulate specific outcomes relating to indigenous peoples in the UN Development Assistance Frameworks (UNDAF) at the national level.
- 6. UN agencies should apply UNDG Guidelines on indigenous peoples for the UN Country Team (UNCT) members at the national level.
- 7. UN agencies should bridge the gap between policies and practice by strengthening the systematization and exchange of experiences on indigenous peoples' issues between UN Country Teams through training and practical information resources.
- 8. UN agencies should take a vital role and use the UN's mandate, legitimacy and position to facilitate dialogue between the government and indigenous peoples wherever relevant.
- 9. UN agencies should prioritize having regular staff with knowledge, skills and experience on indigenous issues, and facilitate employment opportunities for indigenous persons within the UNsystem by valuing indigenous knowledge and language skills and experience from working in indigenous communities, in the context of professional qualifications

Thank you!