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The EU would like to thank the **Special Rapporteur** for his latest report on Extractive industries and indigenous peoples.

The EU pays close attention to the views expressed in the Special Rapporteur's report that there should be broad understanding among all relevant actors about the content of the recognized rights of indigenous peoples. The EU believes that all stakeholders need to implement the UN guiding principles on business and human rights.

The EU gives particular importance to the issue of social responsibility for private sector enterprises through the adoption of a new European policy on corporate social responsibility. This new policy puts forward an action agenda for the period of 2011-14 covering areas such as the dissemination of good practices, the improvement of self- and co-regulation processes, the improvement of company disclosure of social and environmental information, and the integration of corporate social responsibility into education, training and research.

As regards the Special Rapporteur's recommendations on the forms and models for natural resource extraction within indigenous territories, we would like to ask you to further elaborate on promotion of business models involving indigenous peoples that would be consistent with international standards and even conducive to the fulfilment of indigenous peoples' rights.

The EU also welcomes the report of the **Expert Mechanism** on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples on its sixth session and we thank the EMRIP members for their proposals and advice submitted to the HRC. We would like to highlight the importance of EMRIP being a venue for providing the Council with relevant thematic expertise and we consider their proposals to be of great value for the work of the Council. We would like to thank the Expert Mechanism for the study on access to justice in the promotion and protection of the rights of indigenous peoples and welcome its proposal to continue it, in particular as it regards an examination of access to justice related to indigenous women, children, youth and persons with disabilities.

In conclusion, we would like to reiterate our support to your ongoing mandates.

Thank you Mr President