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Interactive dialogue with Special Rapporteur James Anaya

Mr. President,

Mr. Special Rapporteur,

Let me start out by thanking Professor Anaya for the presentation today as well as the impressive work in all fields of your mandate. We have a few comments and questions.

My delegation fully agrees with you that coordination and cooperation with the Expert Mechanism and the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues is a very important component in fulfilling your mandate. We would in that regard like to commend you for the valuable work you have done to enhance this cooperation and increase the synergies of the work while at the same time avoid unnecessary duplication of efforts.

⇒ *Do you see room for further improvement.*

We commend you for your very active role in investigating and reporting on the situations of indigenous peoples in selected areas through country visits. You have clearly established your own platform as well as successfully built on the work of your successor.

⇒ *How do you intend to organise your follow-up activities to these visits while also conducting new visits in the coming years*

As you mention, a principal part of your mandate involves addressing specific situations of violations of the rights of indigenous peoples. We are aware that you have spent a vast amount of time, efforts and staff to receive reports and gather information on cases of alleged human rights violations as well as to communicate with Governments about these situations. We commend you for your unique work in this regard. Since you mention that it is not possible for you to respond to all cases brought to your attention, we would like to ask you

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⇒ *What possible solutions do you see to this problem?*

Finally, Denmark would like to thank you for your excellent report on States' duty to consult with indigenous peoples. This study will no doubt prove very useful for the Expert Mechanism in conducting its proposed new study on "Indigenous Peoples' right to participate in decision-making." In light of this, could you elaborate on the mentioned lack of adequate implementation of the duty of States to consult

⇒ *what is your immediate perception of the extent of this <sup>problem</sup> lack? And how do you see the prospects for improvement?*

Further, you have some interesting reflections concerning the possible responsibility of private companies to respect the rights of indigenous peoples including the principle of consultation.

⇒ *To what extent and what ways do you expect to explore this topic further?*

Thank you very much.