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Thank you Madame Chair

Briefly, I would like to point out that Alaska is mentioned in the third progress report from the 15 August 1996 with the reference to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971 and the Treaty of Cession of 1867 between Tsarist Russia and the United States, I would like to highlight Chapter III, paragraph 224 of the final report submitted today.

Coercion -- either by armed force or by judicial and legislative institutionalities, or both -- was very frequently brought to bear. This is true whether or not its employment was preceded by formal juridical commitments contrary to it.

I would like to also point out that there are also other paragraphs which complement the provisions of this report which will allow us to promote the international legal personality of Alaska. Although there is no specific reference or footnote to the international legal status of Alaska, I will submit documents which were presented earlier to request more elaboration to the violations in Alaska.

Again I thank the Rapporteur and thank you Madame Chair.

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