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**Mr. President,**

We welcome the delegation of Costa Rica to the second cycle of the UPR and thank them for their informative report.

**Mr. President,**

We have noticed that there is no mechanism for the participation of indigenous peoples in decision-making regarding their well-being and development in the country.

We also have been informed that, despite the efforts done by the Government, discrimination and violence against women and children continues.

On the other hand, we took note that the legislation has not been harmonized, as required by the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and persons with disabilities are discriminated against, on the grounds of disability, income and gender.

**Mr. President,**

We offer the following recommendations to Costa Rica respectfully:

- To design awareness-raising campaigns on cultural diversity and continue its efforts to end discrimination and xenophobia against minorities;

- To adopt appropriate public policies to protect and promote children rights and to implement the National Child Protection System in an

effective and coordinated manner;

- To spearhead public policies, procedures and guidelines with a focus on the comprehensive protection of women from violence;

- To adopt legislation to recognize and regulate the right of indigenous populations;

- To set up the effective mechanisms for the reorganization and recovery of indigenous lands; and protecting the indigenous rights defenders.

**I thank you, Mr. President.**

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