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We welcome the distinguished delegation of the United States of America and expresses its appreciation for their active engagement in the UPR Process.

The United States is a country of the rich democratic heritage that sets an example in promoting human rights at the national and international level. We welcome the National Report's honest recognition of the challenges faced and the readiness to improve in certain areas, especially in eliminating racial discrimination and the use of excessive force in policing.

We welcome numerous steps taken to address the gap between the Native and Other Americans, in particular the program "Generation Indigenous" and the ongoing consultations with tribal governments, indigenous groups, and NGOs.

We were pleased to read that the United States have taken steps to ratify the CRPD and that ratification of the CEDAW is a priority. We therefore recommend ratification of the both.

We would appreciate if the delegation can provide an update on the progress of the US efforts to close the detention facility in Guantanamo bay?

Thank you Mr. President.