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**Intervention by Denmark**

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Denmark welcomes the delegation of Paraguay and thanks it for its presentation today.

While we commend Paraguay for its legislative action on indigenous peoples’ rights in 2019, we remain concerned about the implementation indigenous peoples’ rights, including with regards to political participation and land rights.

*Therefore, Denmark recommends the Government to ensure the full and effective participation of indigenous peoples in decision-making processes at all levels of government, especially by ensuring free, prior and informed consent.*

Furthermore, Denmark is concerned about reports of increased levels of sexual- and gender-based violence.

*Therefore, Denmark recommends the Government to effectively combat and investigate femicides and all acts of violence against women and girls.*

Denmark wishes Paraguay a successful review.

I thank you.