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Mr. President,

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

Indigenous peoples are amongst the most marginalised populations around the world often facing discriminations and exploitative labour conditions violating their human rights. ILO convention 169 is an important tool in securing and strengthening international norms concerning the rights of indigenous peoples.

*Denmark recommends the Government to ratify the Indigenous and Tribal Peoples convention No. 169 of the International Labour Organisation.*

Open dialogue is a core element when working together to advance in the protection and promotion of international human rights norms and standards. Full collaboration with the Special Procedures and mechanisms of the Human Rights Council is of great importance in this regard.

*Denmark recommends the Government to issue a standing invitation to all Special Procedures of the United Nations Human Rights Council.*

I thank you.