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Thank you Mr. President,

We do want to acknowledge the work of the Special Rapporteur on the Rights of indigenous people. The realization of the right of indigenous people are an essential part of the realization of human rights in the XXI century.

One important dimension of the rights of indigenous people that has been neglected has been the right to education. The right to education is the right that enable members of a community empower themselves. An important dimension of empowerment consist on knowing your history, your environment, your roots and your culture. It is hard to develop in full without knowing your roots. The transmission of the cultural dimension is an essential part of the right to education, especially for those communities that are not mainstream such as the indigenous people. Without the realization of the cultural dimension of the right to education for all it is not possible to realize the rights of indigenous people.

We want to invite the special rapporteur on the right to education to realize a future report on this topic. There are many good initiatives on this regard coming from the government such as in New Zealand. Moreover, there are many good initiatives coming from non-governmental institutions also focused on the realization of the right to education such as the Red de Educación Intercultural Bilingue Amazónica in the Amazonia. We are happy to share more experiences like that and to deep together on this important topic.

Thank you.