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**Item 6:  
Consideration of UPR reports**

**Bolivia**

Mr. President,

Amnesty International welcomes Bolivia's positive engagement with the UPR and the voluntary pledges and commitments it made at the time of the Working Group session.

Amnesty International also welcomes the focus by many states on Bolivia's justice system and the reforms that are currently being discussed at the national level.<sup>1</sup> In order to ensure that these reforms address the pervasive culture of impunity and the widespread lack of trust in the justice system, we encourage Bolivia to ensure that all new measures are underpinned by the principles of independence of the judiciary and separation of powers, and in line with international standards for fair trial.

We reiterate our call for increased transparency in the reform process. This should include, for example, measures to ensure the full participation of civil society, including Bolivia's Indigenous Peoples in consultations on proposals for a parallel indigenous jurisdiction.

Mr. President,

Amnesty International acknowledges measures highlighted in Bolivia's national report for the UPR regarding the exhumation of victims of enforced disappearances.<sup>2</sup> We take this opportunity to again encourage the government to

<sup>1</sup> Paragraphs 26,30,31,33,34,35,36,38,40,44,45,71,74,76,78 and recommendations 39-47.

<sup>2</sup> State report, paragraphs 28 and 31.

make available archives dating back to the period of military and authoritarian rule that shed light on human rights abuses committed during that period.

Amnesty International recognizes the significant guarantees to respect Indigenous Peoples' rights in Bolivia's new Constitution. In order for these rights to be realized we urge the government to ensure that the free, prior and informed consent of Indigenous Peoples is sought in relation to reforms that affect them.

Thank you, Mr President.