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Item 6 UPR of Venezuela

Ambassador Ronald Barnes

Madame Chair,

Our delegations warmly greet Venezuela and congratulate you in the completion of your first Universal Periodic Review. We congratulate Venezuela for its support of heating Indigenous homes in North America to offset the high cost of fuel. This is great relief to many Indigenous families who have very little since they are not compensated for the colonial exploitation in their territories.

Venezuela, you will host another international meeting on Indigenous Peoples this year, we give you support and call upon you to support the universal rights of Indigenous Peoples, including those of us who would like to pursue our international legal and political status.

Paragraph 94.65 Continue advancing in policies and programs dignifying and fully realizing the rights of Indigenous Peoples (Cuba) and 94.66 Continue carrying out its sound public policies from the Ministry of Popular Power for Indigenous Peoples, to guarantee the respect and observance of the rights of Indigenous Peoples and Afro-descendant Communities (Bolivia)

We also support 94.67-68 calling to enhance the rights of Indigenous Peoples. We also highlight 94.71 calling for the Maintenance of its international leadership in the promotion of the rights to solidarity, peace, development, a democratic and equitable international order, a healthy environment and the self-determination of peoples. (Cuba).

We call upon Venezuela to accept 94.4, to ratify the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons as well as the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness. (Slovakia).

I thank you Madame Chair