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Ambassador Ronald Barnes

Thank you Mr. Chair,

Our organizations welcome and congratulates Sweden for its final report the Universal Periodic Review for Sweden and we welcome your delegation for the adoption of its report.

As an Indigenous Organization, we laude Sweden for accepting all the conclusions and recommendations calling for it to recognize and implement the rights of the Sami Peoples. It is in

95.3. Amend the Swedish Constitution so as to give explicit recognition to the Sami people (Greece);

95.68. Continue to develop and institute effective mechanisms for improved dialogue and consultation with the Sami people in all areas of Government policy that affect them and in the development of legislation (Canada);

95.69. Implement effectively the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and establish mechanisms for its full implementation in full cooperation with the Sami people (Islamic Republic of Iran);

95.70. Implement measures aimed at eliminating discrimination against the Sami people, with particular focus on ensuring access to basis services in education, employment and health, as well as access to land, and ensuring that their right to land and cultural life is preserved (South Africa);

95.71. Initiate further studies on methods by which Sami land and resource rights could be established, taking into account the culture of the Sami community (Austria);

95.72. Develop measures in order to ensure that affected Sami communities can take part and participate actively in consultations held between federal government and municipalities on issues related to land rights, water and resources (Austria);

95.73. Remain proactive in combating discrimination against Sami and Roma and in protecting their economic, social and cultural rights in consultation with the communities concerned (Netherlands);

As a friend and supporter to women's organizations I can support in solidarity the calls in the conclusions and recommendation to give women high-level positions at important levels of decision-making and to provide effective governmental provision to facilitate this.