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STATEMENT

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Item 3 & 5: Clustered interactive dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples and the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

On behalf of the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI), it is an honor to address you on the occasion of the presentation of the report of the tenth session of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP).

GANHRI would like to express its satisfaction at the fruitful meeting between EMRIP and National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) at its tenth session. GANHRI celebrates the holding of a panel with NHRIs and welcomes its outcomes:

1. Recognized and stressed the role of NHRIs as partners in promoting the implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) and in the development of the Plan of Action for the entire United Nations system;

2. EMRIP members stressed the importance of collaborating with NHRIs in the implementation of their new mandate; and

3. They suggested maintaining the interactive dialogue with NHRIs as a regular item on the agenda of their sessions.

In the light of the positive experience that the NHRIs had with EMRIP and taking into account the extension of the new mandate, GANHRI makes the following suggestions. That EMRIP:

a) Take into consideration the information that NHRIs can provide for the preparation of EMRIP’s annual studies;
b) Take into account, for their dissemination, the good practices and lessons learned on efforts to achieve the purposes of the Declaration, which NHRIs we have identified and promoted;

c) In implementation of its new mandate, EMRIP requests the collaboration of NHRIs to obtain reliable information on the situation in country and to facilitate dialogue among all parties to achieve the purposes of the Declaration; and

d) Links its work with the 17 Sustainable Development Goals the Agenda 2030, in order to promote the reduction of inequality suffered by indigenous peoples.

GANHRI renews its commitment to EMRIP and in support of indigenous peoples because in this mission NHRIs will not leave anyone behind.

Thank you very much.