GANHRI Statement

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Interactive Dialogue with Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP)

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Mr. President,

GANHRI welcomes the annual report of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and its study on the right of Indigenous Peoples in conflict and post-conflict situations to be adopted.

We commend EMRIP for highlighting the disproportionate impact of conflict on Indigenous Peoples and we welcome the recognition of the important role of national human rights institutions (NHRIs) in monitoring compliance with Indigenous Peoples' rights and supporting their meaningful participation in peace and reconciliation processes.

In accordance with their mandates and the Paris Principles, NHRIs can monitor implementation, document violations, advise States, and support dialogue and participation of Indigenous Peoples in processes affecting their rights. GANHRI's Indigenous Peoples' Caucus, bringing together 19 NHRIs from all regions, provides a space for members to exchange experiences and strengthen their engagement on these issues.

This engagement was also reflected during EMRIP's 19th Session, where GANHRI participated in the panel on Indigenous Peoples and Artificial Intelligence. We highlighted that emerging technologies can both reinforce existing inequalities and offer opportunities to advance Indigenous Peoples' rights, depending on how they are governed, whose knowledge they reflect, and whether Indigenous Peoples are meaningfully involved in their development and oversight.

Building on this experience, GANHRI welcomes EMRIP's call upon the Human Rights Council to encourage States to empower NHRIs. NHRIs can help to translate commitments into practice, including by monitoring States' efforts to advance the implementation of UNDRIP principle and supporting the meaningful participation of Indigenous Peoples in decision-making and reconciliation processes, where relevant.

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GANHRI and its members remain committed to working with EMRIP, States, Indigenous Peoples and other partners to advance rights-based and inclusive approaches that place Indigenous Peoples at the centre of decisions affecting their rights.

Thank you.