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Interactive Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on rights of Indigenous Peoples

Theme: Historical and contemporary forms of violations against the sexual and reproductive health and rights of Indigenous women and girls

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Mr. President, Special Rapporteur,

GANHRI welcomes the report of the Special Rapporteur on the rights of Indigenous Peoples on historical and contemporary forms of violations against the sexual and reproductive health and rights of Indigenous women and girls.

We are deeply concerned by the persistence of violations affecting Indigenous women and girls, including those resulting from discrimination, violence, barriers to health services, and the lack of effective access to justice and remedies.

National Human Rights Institutions have an important role to play in addressing these challenges. Through monitoring, investigations, complaints-handling, reporting and engagement with States and Indigenous Peoples, NHRIs can contribute to identifying systemic violations and strengthening accountability.

GANHRI stresses the importance of ensuring the meaningful and effective participation of Indigenous women and girls in the development and implementation of measures affecting their rights, including through consultation with Indigenous Peoples and their representative organisations.

We therefore call on States to strengthen measures to prevent and address violations of the sexual and reproductive health and rights of Indigenous women and girls, ensure access to effective remedies, and provide NHRIs with the necessary independence and resources to monitor these rights and contribute to accountability.

GANHRI has a dedicated Caucus on Indigenous Peoples' Rights, which provides a platform for NHRIs from different regions to exchange experiences and strengthen their collective engagement in advancing these rights.

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GANHRI reaffirms its commitment to supporting NHRIs in advancing the rights of Indigenous Peoples and combating discrimination in all its forms.

Thank you.