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Panel Negative Impact of the Legacies of Colonialism

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Greetings Mr. President, Your Excellences,

The Indigenous Peoples of Alaska and Hawaii and the Peoples with international treaties are very appreciative of China, the Like-Mined Group and supporters of this groundbreaking resolution at the Human Rights Council.

The 107th session of CERD recognized that HRC 48/7 calls for the exercise of rights through General Assembly resolution 1514, the Declaration on the Granting of Independence of Colonial Countries and Peoples, as to be invited to participate in the Fourth International Decade on United Nations Decolonization.

Alaska and Hawaii, listed in General Assembly resolution 66 (I) in 1946, and other peoples such as the Dakotas, received recommendations by Special Procedures, the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) or treaty bodies to address the cases or to the United Nations Special Committee on Decolonization.

The Special Rapporteur on Indigenous Peoples reported on the request to re-enlist Alaska and Hawaii under Article 73 e of the Charter and did not recommend re-examination and re-enlistment. Special Rapporteur on Truth, Justice and Reparations observed genocide, apartheid and crimes against humanity without a proper recommendation to be reviewed and re-enlisted to Article 73 e of the Charter, essentially throwing flowers of impunity on States.

The expressed violations of European States (EU), the United States of America (USA), the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (UK), Canada and other States of the right of peoples must allow for review of many Indigenous Peoples in the world that are being deprived of their right to be protected from exploitation of their territory and resources.

The experts on the Panel have enough information to recommend that particular cases be transmitted to the United Nations Decolonization Committee for Review, to “take action” and to address the violation of all forms and manifestations, including apartheid and other grave crimes of peoples vested with the right of self-determination. HRC 48/7 calls for invitations to the United Nations Special Committee on Decolonization to participate.

IHRAAM requests that Decolonization Experts be able to review cases. Special Procedure recommendations to send cases to the Special Committee on Decolonization need to be implemented.

IHRAAM and IPNC of Alaska and the Koani Foundation of Hawaii calls for more input on selecting Panelist so the peoples who have been violated can address their cases.

I thank you Mr./Madame Chair.