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Mr. President,

I am speaking on behalf of Iranian Elite Research Centre. One of the issues that are a cause for concern of this NGO is the human rights issues of the Muslim, indigenous and African-Canadian citizens of Canada, and also the alarming increase in Islamophobia in the country. Following the September 11 attacks in the United States, the Muslim community have been constantly under pressure in Canada, and are subjected to various forms of prejudice.

The reports of UN monitoring committees on the alarming conditions of the indigenous people of Canada regarding employment, education, health, high suicide and poverty rates, most of which derive from extensive discrimination, have all caused concern for the UN.

Mr. President,

The IERC expresses its concern on migrants' conditions and the excessive violence of the Canadian police and security forces in carrying out their duties, particularly accusing individuals of crimes on the basis of race and religion, especially Muslims.

For almost 200 years now, the issues of the indigenous people of Canada has remained unresolved. This is while Canada claims to the protection and promotion of human rights and a flag-bearer of human rights across the world.

Mr. President,

The IERC calls upon the Council to ignore Canada's double-standards policies in its decision-making processes, and to call upon Canada to unconditionally observe all its human rights commitments and duties and without any political intentions, and to stop using double-standards in its human rights policies.

The IERC also calls upon the Council to call upon Canada to compensate the indigenous people and racial minorities of the country.

While thanking the Council for its attention to details in the UPR, the IERC expresses its hope and wish for a day when an end is put in discriminatory and inhuman treatments.