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Thank you Mr. President,

On the behalf of EIP in association with OceaniaHR for the UPR on France, we applaud France for ratifying the *CRPD*ⁱ and the *CED*ⁱⁱ, and for adopting a *National Plan of Action against Racism and Anti-Semitism*ⁱⁱⁱ.

While in the French territory of New Caledonia, significant levels of official recognition of the system of customary institutions and laws that govern relations within and among the Kanak clans and communities,^{iv} continued efforts should be made to enhance the control that Kanak people have over their communities, territories and natural resources, including providing effective recognition of their own institutions of authority and customary laws, to the extent compatible with universal human rights standards.^v , EIP would like to ask the French delegation their current position on the Noumea accords.

EIP recommends that France have a national plan of implementation regarding the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and furthermore, recognize the human rights violations experienced currently by the indigenous population of the Kanak people of New Caledonia.

Between 1966 and 1996, France conducted 46 atmospheric nuclear tests and 147 underground tests in Tahiti. To this day France has not released how these nuclear tests have affected the health of the people of Tahiti. EIP would like to know why there is no public record? EIP is interested to hear the French Republic's official stance on Tahiti being added once again to the UN Decolonization list with the adoption of GA RES/67/265, which was passed by consensus on 17 May 2013.

Mr. President we look forward working with you as well as the Republic of France on the issues I've just mentioned. Each year EIP hosts multiple training sessions on issues relating to the education and promotion of human rights. EIP believes that these training sessions would benefit France, but more importantly the Kanak people, and the people of Tahiti.

Thank you.

ⁱ Ibid

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