

# Charitable Institute for Protecting Social Victims

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Mr. President,

I am speaking on behalf charitable institute for protecting Social Victims. I would like to welcome the New Zealand government's efforts towards the promotion of human rights in the country. The signing and joining of human rights conventions and covenants and also efforts for the improvement of the justice system practice are positive moves made by New Zealand. Nevertheless, it seems that further concentration is required on a number of issues.

The first issue is the conditions of the indigenous people and minorities of the country, for which there is lots of room for the improvement of their conditions. Secondly, the spread of layers of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance against migrants and migrant workers are visible. The negative reflection of this behaviour can also be seen in other social inequalities such as gender inequalities in job opportunities and some aspects of injustice in the criminal prosecution system for different people.

Mr. President,

We believe that the in the time that is left until the submission of the second UPR report by concentrating on these two issues, the New Zealand government can help to improve the human rights aspects of the country, and also by increasing national legislative frameworks with regards to the promotion of human rights, combating domestic violence, and the amendment of law and social services laws, make vast improvements.