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**Indian Council of South America
Indigenous Peoples and Nations Coalition
International Council For Human Rights**

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~~General Debate Item~~ 6 UPR
~~Country Specific Situations~~ United Arab Emirates
Ambassador Ronald Barnes

Thank you Madame Chair,

We warmly welcome the United Arab Emirates and your distinguished delegation and we congratulate your participation and constructive dialogue toward the adoption of your Report for the 2nd round of the Universal Periodic Review for your country. While we understand that the United Arab Emirates is more progressive in addressing human rights violations we offer some recommendations to improve your human rights situation.

CISA also notes that in working toward developing international human rights standards, it still remains relevant that the Arab countries, including the United Arab Emirates should continue the right to self-determination for peoples who have yet to realize their right to self-determination, including that the Indigenous Peoples must be considered in realizing this right.

We note that United Arab Emirates is progressive on promoting the rights of equality of men and women, though we believe you have room for improvement and call upon you to grant more equality in realizing the balance of these rights.

We call for a review the laws and the ability to address violations of the freedom of expression, freedom of press, freedom of association and freedom on cyber space (128.103-128.115).

We call for the United Arab Emirates to consider a moratorium on executions and to consider abolishing the death penalty (paragraph 128.121-128.130).

We would also ask you to show more courage and support in the UPR process for countries that need to address the violation of the rights of Indigenous Peoples and all peoples, especially improving the situation both here at the Council to support the right to self-determination as an agenda item. We call upon you to be more progressive in supporting that such issues are addressed appropriately by the Treaty Bodies, Special Procedures and sent to the General Assembly where such cases can be appropriately addressed.

I thank you Mr. Chair.