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Ambassador Ronald Barnes

Greetings Mr. President,

The right to health and food security for Indigenous Peoples is to ensure its right to the territory and to keep their natural resources and environment whole and free from environmental damage, especially from irreparable harm to its territory and environment. Consultation must also mean, free, prior and informed consent with the right to protect the environment.

133.267 Protect the rights of indigenous peoples through the implementation of prior consultation mechanisms as established in the ILO Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Convention, 1989 (No. 169) (Peru);

133.247 Ensure full and equal access to modern contraceptives throughout its territory, including in peri-urban, rural and indigenous territories (Denmark);

133.269 Continue implementing mechanisms for the prior consultation and participation of indigenous Peoples in decision-making related to the enjoyment of their ancestral rights in accordance with its domestic law (Cuba);

133.271 Continue to implement the necessary measure to achieve sustainable management of its natural resources, in line with the respect for environmental rights and the rights of indigenous peoples (Plurinational States of Bolivia);

133.272 Continue implementing policies for the sound expansion and strengthening of special indigenous jurisdiction (Eritrea);

We call upon the United States of America to practice what you preach from your pulpit of democracy.

I thank you Mr. President.