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Excellency,

I write to inform you that in the course of its 79th session, the Committee further considered the situation of the small-numbered indigenous peoples from Nanai District of the Khabarovsk in relation to the new draft law in respect of traditional fishing activities of indigenous peoples of the Russian of the Russia North, Siberia and the Far East, under its early warning and urgent action procedure. The Committee would like to refer to its letter dated on 11 March 2011 (copy attached for ease of reference). The Committee thanks the State party for responses provided in the Permanent Mission's note verbale dated 4 August 2011.

While noting with appreciation the responses provided, the Committee would like the State party to provide explanations on the contents of the draft federal act on traditional fishing activities; and to share the text of the draft with the Committee. The Committee would also like to receive information about the foreseen dates of the consideration and the adoption of the draft federal act, by the Parliament. The Committee further calls upon the State party to consult the concerned indigenous small-numbered peoples about this draft act, and to inform the Committee on such consultations.

In accordance with article 9 (1) of the Convention and article 65 of its Rules of Procedure, the Committee would be grateful to receive information on all of the issues and concerns as outlined above, before **31 January 2012**.

Allow me, Excellency, to express the wish of the Committee to continue to engage in a constructive dialogue with the Government of the Russian Federation, with a view to provide it with assistance in the effective implementation of the Convention.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anwar Kemal', written over a horizontal line.

Anwar Kemal

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