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REQUEST ON REPATRIATION OF CEREMONIAL OBJECTS AND HUMAN REMAINS

The Danish Institute for Human Rights welcomes the call by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) by e-mail of 10 February 2020. The OHCHR requests contributions to a report on repatriation of ceremonial objects and human remains under the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Repatriation of cultural artefacts from Denmark to Greenland has taken place from 1982 resulting in the return of more than 35,000 artefacts. More information is available on the website of the Greenland National Museum & Archives, <https://en.nka.gl/the-museum/collections/>

The Danish Institute for Human Rights does not have specific knowledge of any recent disputes involving repatriation of ceremonial objects or human remains between Denmark and Greenland.

Yours sincerely,

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