**United Nations Virtual Regional Meeting of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples**

**The impact of COVID-19 on the rights of indigenous peoples under the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples**

**The Arctic; Central and Eastern Europe, Russian Federation, Central Asia and Transcaucasia[[1]](#footnote-1)**

Wednesday 2 December from 15:00 to 17:00 (Geneva time)

*Interpretation in English, French and Russian*

***AGENDA***

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| **14:30[[2]](#footnote-2)** | ***ARRIVAL ALL PARTICIPANTS– TEST OF EQUIPMENT*** |
| 15:00 | *Opening* **Welcome:** * **Rodion Sulyandziga**, Member of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (3 mins)

(Laila as an alternate in case of connection difficulties) |
| 15:05 | **Chair: Rodion Sulyandziga**, Member of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples**Presenters:** * Ukraine - **Emine Dzhaparova,** First Deputy Foreign Minister of Ukraine(3 mins)
* Sami Parliament, Finland – **Tuomas Aslak Juuso,** President of the Sámi Parliament (3 mins)
* Aborigen-Forum, The Russian Federation**, Genadiy Shukin** (3 mins)
* Inuit Circumpolar Council – **Hjalmar Dahl**, ICC Vice Chair and ICC Greenland president (3 mins)
* Sami Parliament, Norway – **Aili Keskitalo**, President of the Sámi Parliament in Norway (3 mins)
* Association of Indigenous Peoples of the North in the Ulch District”, **Marina Odzial** (3 mins)
* The European Union - **Jana Micova**, First secretary, EU Delegation to the UN in Geneva. (4 mins)

**Open Discussion (10/15 mins) – Chair leads the discussion, taking questions and comments orally and from the chat box from participants** |
| 15:55 – 16:50 | **Chair: Laila Susanne Vars,** Chair of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples**Presenters:** * The Russian Federation - **Sergey Timoshkov**, Advisor of the Head of Federal Agency for Ethnic Affairs (3 mins)
* Sami Parliament, Sweden – **Per-Olof Nutti**, President of the Sámi Parliament (3 mins)
* Association of indigenous peoples Yamal - Potomkam - **Eduard Yaungad**, (3 mins)
* Sami Council - **Christina Henriksen,** President (3 mins)
* Canada, Estonia, Finland, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Sweden, and Denmark together with Greenland - **Morten Jespersen,**  Danish Ambassador (4 mins)
* Artic Counsel Russia, **Dmitry Berezhkov** (3 mins)

**Open Discussion (10/15 mins) - Chair leads the discussion, taking questions and comments orally and from the chat box from participants** |
| 16:50 – 17:00 |  *Closing* **Wrap-up:** * **Rodion Sulyandziga,** Member of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (3 mins)
* **Laila Susanne Vars**, Chair, Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (3 mins)
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1. For financial and logistical reasons we had to join some regions. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Geneva time zone for all times. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)