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Article 15 – Institutional Arrangements

Thank you Mr. Chairperson.

Regarding article 15, given the existing weak enforcement of international human rights law, we strongly call for the strengthening of the functions, purposes and competencies of the Committee. For the same reason, we are highly concerned by Brazil's suggestion of deleting this article, which does not, in any way, contribute to the protection of affected communities and individuals.

Besides, this draft legally binding instrument was accompanied in previous sessions by a draft Optional Protocol providing for an individual complaint mechanism, similar to other existing Optional Protocols. We, therefore, recommend for an Optional Protocol to be part of these negotiations and be adopted jointly with this LBI.

Thank you Mr Chair.