

## **Agenda item 10, Future work of the Expert Mechanism, and follow up to thematic studies and advice**

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*Thank you Madame Chair,*

*My name is Michael I speak in my capacity as an OHCHR Indigenous Fellow. Today I address you today as 1 of the 2SLGBTQI+ OHCHR Indigenous Fellows, Voluntary Fund Grantees and on behalf of the **Provisional 'Global Indigenous 2SIQTIP Caucus'**, an informal group of 2SLGBTQI+ Indigenous Peoples who met during this 17th EMRIP.*

*We extend appreciation to The UN Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples for including "The impact of the legacies of colonialism on 2SLGBTQIA+ members of Indigenous Peoples" as one of the themes during the 16th Annual Session in Geneva in 2023.*

*As delegates who have attended since Monday, we, the members of the Indigenous Peoples' gender and sexually diverse community have come together to reflect on our experiences. Members of our provisional caucus have attended 'the 'Global Indigenous Caucus', and some of our respective socio-cultural regions. In these same spaces, we observe the lack of the 2SLGBTQI+ visibility and participation.*

*We have also not seen any 2SLGBTQI+ themed discussions or side-events during the Forum, although the experiences of members of our community intersect with many others represented within the EMRIP, including but not limited to the experiences of Indigenous women, Indigenous Youth, and Indigenous Land Defenders.*

### **Therefore:**

*We recommend that the EMRIP recognize the Global Indigenous Peoples' 2SQTIP community as a Caucus, to follow the same internal structure as others: with representation from the 7 socio-cultural regions.*

*We also recommend that more resources be allocated to ensure the full participation of 2SLGBTQI+ sexual and genderdiverse Indigenous Peoples. We would like to specifically mention the UN Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Peoples' as a necessary resource for 2SLGBTQI+ Indigenous Peoples participation and access to this Forum and other UN bodies.*

*Finally, we recommend that 2SLGBTQI+ Indigenous Peoples to be recognized as an important demographic for recruitment for UN training and capacity-building.*

*In closing we invite all 2SLGBTQI+Indigenous Peoples to join our caucus so that we can collectively advance the rights of 2SLGBTQI+ Indigenous Peoples on national and UN levels—leaving no community within our various Indigenous Peoples' behind.*

*Qujanaq – Thank you*