**Intervention on Agenda Agenda item 3: Study and advice on Constitutions, laws, legislation, policies, judicial decisions, and other mechanisms through which States have taken measures to achieve the ends of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, in accordance with Article 38 of the Declaration**

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Community: Avannaamiut, Inuit Community

Thank you, Chair

My name is Mikaali, I am a member of the Avannaamiut Inuit Community of Inuit Nunaat (also known as Greenland/Kalaallit Nunaat)

I welcome the EMRIP draft study on Constitutions, laws, legislation, policies, judicial decisions and other mechanisms through which States have taken measures to achieve the ends of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, in accordance with article 38 of the Declaration..

My recommendation to the draft study by the EMRIP on point 21 is to include our own identification “Inuit” along with Inughuit and Iivit distinguishing the imposed identity “kalaallit” in order for it to apply for my community that identify as ‘Inuit’ which is our original identification as lives and peoples, and not kalaallit nor greenlanders that are colonial identities imposed on us. My concern can be the self-determination of Inuit as collective as it can mean that Greenland can become independent as a local territorial community.

The community that call themselves INUIT is not recognized and niether acknowledged on the basis that Inuit are assimilated into the kalaallit or “the greenlandic people” which according to the Kingdom of Denmark is a local identity to the territorry of Greenland applying to everyone living in the teritory. Sometimes that we should be distinguished from other Inuit communities. Sometimes also on the basis of systematic assimilation into becoming the imposed identity as Kalaallit/Synonymous to Greenlanders. I am Inuk a member of my people, Inuit, not a kalaaleq/greenlander. It is important to include “Inuit”.

Qujanaq!