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SITUATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLE IN AMAZONIA

27 September 2022 11:00 – 12:00 Room XXV, Palais des Nations United Nations Office in Geneva

In May 2022, the Indigenous Peoples Yanomami, Ye'kwana, Kayapó and Munduruku formed a joint Alliance for the Defense of Territories in relation to the growing and expanding threat by gold mining.

On 1 July 2022, the Inter-American Court on Human Rights reached an historic decision, asking the Government of Brazil to adopt a series of urgent measures to protect the life, personal integrity and health of the Yanomami, Ye'kwana and Munduruku peoples in the Brazilian Amazonia, as well as other Indigenous Peoples threatened by violence and invasions, in particular as a result of illegal gold digging. The Court established the deadline of 20 September 2022 for the Government to demonstrate that it is complying with its decision. On 15 July 2022, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and the Regional Office for South America of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights issued a joint statement to strengthen and broaden the request to Brazil to take adequate measures. At the same time, the National Space Research Institute registered the highest rate of forest fires in the past 15 years in August 2022, bringing further threats to the life of Indigenous People, including in the Xingu Park, home to the Kayapó people, who face unprecedentedly serious threats in these days.

This side event is intended as an opportunity for prominent representatives of the Yanomami, Ye'kwana and Kayapó peoples, to brief United Nations Member States, relevant UN Bodies and Special Procedures, NGOs and other interested parties and provide an in-person update on the situation on the ground and an evaluation of the implementation of the decision by the Court.

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PROGRAM

Chair: Gianfranco Dell'Alba, President, No Peace Without Justice

Welcome remarks: Francisco Cali Tzay, Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous

Peoples

Panel: Patxon Metuktire, Kayapó leader and representative of the Raoni Institute

Maurício Ye'kwana, Yanomami and Ye'kwana leader and director of

Hutukara Association

Yabuti Metuktire, chief of the Metuktire community.

Interventions from the floor

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