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Camai – Greetings to all.

Congratulations to Mexico and to you Ambassador De Alba on your election as Chair of the newly established Human Rights Council. We wish your Government and yourself a successful tenure as Chair of the Council. We also wish to congratulate all the newly elected Members of the Council.

With regard to any meeting at the United Nations, including in any session regarding the Draft Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the Indigenous Peoples and Nations Coalition is reserving our rights in existing international instruments and international law. The Indigenous Peoples and Nations Coalition is asserting our rights in the communication to the 86th session of the Human Rights Committee as a Shadow Report in regard to the United States implementation Report. This document can be viewed at <http://www.aitc.org/news.htm>. The position relating to the Draft Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples can also be read in Alaska Inter-Tribal Council Resolution 2005-10 that was adopted by the Alaska Inter-Tribal Council on the 7th December 2005.

The Indigenous Peoples and Nations Coalition is delivering what it considers as a necessary intervention that will sent to other organs and bodies as we deem necessary, including to Treaty Monitoring bodies as a means of clarifying our position in the promotion and protection of our human rights and to preserve our status for our constituents in Alaska.

The Indigenous Peoples and Nations Coalition exited the deliberations of the Draft Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. The Indigenous Peoples and Nations Coalition is fully reserving its status as communicated to the Human Rights Committee, though we will not stand in the way of promoting and moving the strongest possible attainment of the recognition and protection for the rights of Indigenous Peoples in the Declaration that many Indigenous Peoples are asserting here today.

Best Wishes for the remaining first session of the Human Rights Council
Thank you Mr. Chair De Albo and best wishes to all participants in the remaining session of the Human Rights Council.