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Indigenous Peoples and Nations Coalition  
International Council For Human Rights**

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Item 6 Universal Periodic Review of Australia  
Ambassador Ronald Barnes

Thank you Mr. Chair,

I greet the delegation of Georgia and congratulate you on the first examination of your human rights record in this Universal Periodic Review Process.

In general, we would recommend that Georgia implement the recommendations of treaty bodies and take concrete measures to increase the representation of national minorities in the Government and administrative bodies (106.24)

And Sign and ratify the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance and recognize the competence of the Committee (106.9)

And to take concrete measures to humanize the judicial system and to improve condition of detention in prisons (106.38) and along these lines to implement changes to promote the independence of the judicial system to restore confidence in the judicial system (106.39 and 106.40).

The right of expression and protest must be restored. We call upon Georgia to adopt a more rigorous, systematic and transparent inquiry policy for the investigation of allegations of use of excessive force by its internal security forces, and that members of its forces that are condemned for violation the rights of citizens be systematically held accountable (106.43). And we call for a thorough and objective investigation into the facts of the cruel treatment of demonstrators in the past as well as to those that are currently protesting for improved conditions in Georgia 106.44 and CISA)

I thank you Mr. Chair

