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### **Indigenous Peoples and Nations Coalition\***

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Ambassador Ronald Barnes

CISA congratulates Brazil for the adoption of its 3<sup>rd</sup> cycle report of the Universal Periodic Review. CISA calls on Brazil to address substantively the corporate and business attacks on Indigenous Peoples and to address the violations of human rights and their right to self-determination. Brazil is recommended to adopt and ratify instruments promoting international criminal obligations, in particular, recommendations 136.18-19 and to consult Indigenous Peoples and to receive their free, prior and informed consent in accordance with the right to self-determination. CISA calls upon Ecuador to do the same with its Indigenous Peoples.

Our organization congratulates Bahrain and notes its improvements in human rights law and policy since the first and second UPR cycles and encourages further progress. CISA calls on Bahrain to allow for the full and free participation and cooperation with civil society and to accept the recommendations concerning standing invitations of all human rights mechanisms and Special procedures of the UN Human Rights Council, and to address issues with all human rights defenders. Also, step up efforts with the 2015-2018 program entitled "Towards the justice, security and well-being of society" and with Bahrain's Independent Commission of Inquiry. CISA calls on the Kingdom of Bahrain to ratify the two Optional Protocols on the Convention on Civil and Political Rights and the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhumane or Degrading Treatment and Punishment as well as other international human rights conventions and standards.

Democracy and the rule of law are politicized by the United States of America as it calls on other States to implement basic democratic exercises in other States. The referendums in Alaska and Hawaii are not democratic; they violate the Constitution of the United States of America and its international law obligations. Stop equivocating on your UPR calls to address the cases of Alaska and Hawaii and implement paragraph 69 (n) to send Alaska and Hawaii to the Decolonization Committee of 24; the USA to accept this recommendation. Allow for the free political institutions, the phrase in Article 73 of the Charter of the United Nations, to exercise self-determination, as opposed to puppet governments and institutions.

I thank you Mr. Chair