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Thank Madam Chair and all protocol of that.

I come from Kenya, my name is Eunice Mariama come from [Great Rift Valley] an area inhabited by the Maasai people and known as the only minority among the Kenyan government officially.

While I agree with this recommendation, I would like to make the following and I am [...] my recommendation on number 28. I would like to thank you for giving us beautiful working document that will work as a guideline for the people in pastoralism area and who practice nomadic as part of livelihood.

However, when we talk about accessing education for all, it may not be quite possible for Maasai girl child or for a Maasai child. Because we talk about infrastructure if we have to have a meaningful education, you need support services to be able to give these children equal opportunities. And because we have got no equal distribution of resources the infrastructure on the ground is not there. And if there is no infrastructure on the ground, of course, it translates into inequality. So it is not fair for the same document to use this as a benchmark for achieving quality education. And it is not attainable at the moment, and I would refer that and recommend that we get closer supervision from the government arms and agencies that are interested in the minority groups.

We have a word called "nomadism" which I see it and we call it moving up and down. Nomadism among my tribe is the order of the day, children that are entitled to go to school are get torn their animals from their home and school and their priorities are reviewed by the hour. Whether they should be going to school or they should go to attend the animals. Children therefore need to be [...] and separated from their families during school term. I am recommending that the provision of boarding schools will be an ideal option. Where proper school [fitting] supplementary boarding school would be... the program would be enhanced and issue of poverty would be addressed.

I am told the time is up.