6th session of the Forum on Minority Issues

III. Protection of the existence of and prevention of violence against religious minorities

The People of Champa Descent Living at Conditions of Diaspora Academy on item III

Ladies and Gentlemen, my name is (...) and I would like to thank you for giving me the floor to speak on behalf of the Champa. I would like to speak on the topic of the protection of minorities. We have, approximately, one million people from Champa who are living in conditions of diaspora throughout the world in Cambodia, Laos and China. The Champa Descent Asociation is a non-governmental organisation. We defend the rights of the Champa living in diaspora. Our organisation is now planning to make a recommendation to provide with the protection of the rights of minorities. The recommendation we are making is to take special measures to protect the rights of this minority. Moreover, the government should review its own policies to protect minority and make sure that the protection of minority is reflected in its programs. The government must take measures to make sure there is no discrimination in the area of culture, religious, economic, and political life. The government should make sure that support is provided to religious minorities to allow them to uphold peaceful contact with other members of the minority in their own country and abroad. The government should provide information to provide with information on the minority. Thank you very much.