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Topic 3. Legal and institutional framework: human rights of minorities and conflict prevention

The Maylê Sara Kalí - AMSK/Brazil International Association, the Roma, we thank Belén Rodríguez Alba and the Special Rapporteur, Dr. Fernand Varennes, for their stimulating work, which brings us out of invisibility in the implementation of existing international policies. We need to act in the construction of Culture of Peace and Justice mechanisms to combat prejudice, discrimination, racism and Romaphobia, which are secular factors that generate the confrontation of the violation of our human rights. In this sense, the Roma propose (1) the continuity of technical, operational and financial support for the permanent realisation of the Regional Forums, in online format, for the effective monitoring of the implementation of the recommendations; and (2) compliance with the provisions of the international treaties in force that guarantee the human rights of the Roma people, in particular, the safeguarding of our intangible and tangible cultural heritage, recognition, appreciation and cultural respect. Thank you very much

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Item 5. Towards a lasting peace: positive initiatives to better protect minority rights

If, indeed, I am not in the world simply to adapt to it, but to transform it; if it is not possible to change it without a certain dream or project of the world, I must use all the possibilities I have not only to speak of my utopia, but to engage in practices consistent with it. This thought of Professor Paulo Freire encourages us to continue on the path of defending human rights. We need to act on

the construction of mechanisms that propagate the history of the Roma people in the Americas, their participation and contribution to the processes of organising the territories of nation states since the 16th century, and their confrontation with the Romani Holocaust. Thus, we members of the Maylê Sara Kalí - AMSK/Brazil International Association believe that the strengthening of education systems with the application of intercultural education and human rights education is the way to reduce prejudice, discrimination, racism and Romaphobia.