

Speaker: Thank you Chair. My name is [inaudible] from the national campaign of Dalit human rights on behalf of the Rural Development Center, India. Community discrimination on work and descent which includes the Dalit community from which I am from experiences discriminatory practices which are not limited to racism and or physical appearance. pervasive social hierarchies paired with the notions of purity and pollution, dictated endogamy and forced physical segregation create a complex culture of unwritten practices. The [inaudible] people in Africa, the Roma scattered around the globe, the Barakumins of Japan, Quilombos in Brazil are a selection of various groups who experience oppression based on discrimination on work and descent. In addition, sexual violence, gender based violence and the enslavement of women and girls and the control of their reproductive rights is a common enforcement mechanism of the imposed social order those communities face. With this context, I wish to share my recommendations beyond establishing protection mechanisms for one specific group and call them by their names. The recognition of the work and descent based and hierarchical oppression must be recognised together with all the communities with which it affects. To establish a working group to examine the gaps in protection for communities discriminated on work and descent. My second recommendation is to establish a UN international year on the rights of communities discriminated on work and descent to allow focused and sustained attention on the topic. I also appeal to the member states to support us create a resolution, recognising the unique discriminatory practices affecting all communities discriminated on work and descent. Thank you.