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Thank you, Madame Co-Chair.

My delegation recalls that the United Nations declaration on minorities from the moral point of view is an important ground from which states can draw inspiration in relation to some aspects of identity rights with the view to see [inaudible] cultural rights and express the diversity of societies at the international level while presenting the unity of nation at the national level. Algeria, which is proud of the dimension of its identity, places the principle of citizenship at the heart of interaction within the country to support national cohesion, and strengthen the bonds of coexistence in security and peace by advocating the culture and peace of living together while punishing hate speech and separatists tendencies. Algeria as a unitary nation stresses once again that engaging in the defence of human rights should not constitute a pretext for [inaudible] societies or singling out the components by promoting specificities that deny the others and which would negatively influence the supremacy of common values. We reiterate that the three components of our identity are the cement that present the cohesion of our society and consecrate in accordance with the national law, the respect for collective rights in such way as to drive the socioeconomic development for the benefit of the whole nation. Finally, we recall once again that the Article 8 of the declaration of the rights of minorities clearly stipulates that in no case any part of the declaration should be interpreted as authorizing any activity contrary to the purposes and principles of the United Nations including the sovereign equality of the states, their territorial integrity and their political independence.