

The Inclusivity Project, Inc.

Madame Chair, Thank you. I speak of behalf of communities discriminated on based on work and descent. More than 270 million people across Asia, Africa, Europe, Latin America, and the diaspora. Despite the essential contribution to society, they remain among the most marginalized and structurally discriminated group. They include the Dalits and the Burkumin in Asia, the Roma in Europe, and the [inaudible] in Latin America, and in Africa, communities such as [inaudible], and other castes, as well as the Haratin, descendants of slaves in Mauritania, a majority population rendered invisible and systematically discriminated against by a governing minority. Young people, especially girls and women, face the harshest inequalities. Limited education, precarious employment, poor health outcomes, and lack of protection. In many regions, these conditions push them into migration and exploitation. Tackling this will require political will, political organization, and states must dismantle these hierarchies and enforce real protection. In Africa, the Resolution 619 of the African Commission is a major step. It recognizes discrimination based on descent as a human rights violation, and provides concretes guidance, but it will remain symbolic unless fully implemented in law, policy, and practice. We therefore call upon states to implement and strengthen Resolution 619, legally prohibit all forms of descent-based discrimination, including slavery by descent. [Speaker cut off by Chair].