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Thank you Madame President:

The Lutheran World Federation thanks the Special Rapporteur for her report on other practices that contributes to fuelling contemporary forms of racism. We have paid special attention to your recommendation calling upon the states to intensify efforts to address intersectional forms of racism, discrimination and intolerance.

The LWF is concerned over racism and the systemic violence against African Americans in the United States of America. The recent killing of George Floyd, and other acts of violence against African Americans is a sign of brokenness and injustice that must be addressed urgently. This will require significant structural changes.

In the same way, we invite the Human Rights Council and the Special Rapporteur to consider the violence against indigenous peoples and migrants all over the world, who face extreme forms of racism, xenophobia, and discrimination, which can be considered as a legacy of colonialism and other forms of contemporary racism. The following cases are just examples that you may take into consideration for future reports:

- Cases of police violence against indigenous Qom in Argentina region of Chaco and Fontana, with allegations of torture and sexual abuse;
- Cases of sexual violence against indigenous girls and women by armed forces in Colombia;
- Cases of refugees and migrants dying in the Mediterranean Sea and violation of their human rights in detention centres.

I thank you, Madame President