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Madame President,

Franciscans International (FI) and Marist International Solidarity Foundation (FMSI) extend our welcome to the delegation of the United Republic of Tanzania and thank their government for the many recommendations it has agreed to accept.

With regard to the justice system, we are pleased to see the Government has accepted the recommendation made by the United Kingdom to “establish an independent body for investigating complaints about the actions of law enforcement officials” (85.45) as well as the recommendation made by Djibouti “to ensure separation of juveniles from adults in detention” (85.69).

On human trafficking, we are concerned that this serious issue may be overlooked by the State due to the small number of recommendations made on this matter. However, we are pleased to note that Tanzania has accepted recommendations made by Malaysia (85.62) and Mexico (85.63) to undertake effective measures and adapt a national action plan to combat human trafficking in all its forms.

We wish to bring to your attention the plight of indigenous peoples of Tanzania who make up approximately 10% of the population. We urge the Government to acknowledge the legal existence of these peoples in its territory and to safeguard their rights through appropriate national legislation, including acknowledgement of their own customary land tenure system.

We call on the Government to significantly increase its annual education budget to build more schools and train more teachers. This will help lower the high student/teacher ratio in both primary and secondary schools and will ensure that children are taught only by fully qualified teachers. We are also seriously concerned about reports of corporal punishment of children, both in school and at home. This is a violation of a child’s right to be treated with dignity and respect and it is the duty of the Government to adopt effective measures to protect children from this kind of abuse.

Thank you Madame President.