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Excellency,

I refer to your letter of 30 August 2013 and to the information provided in response to the Committee's letter of 1 March 2013 concerning the grant of mining concessions related to lands over which the Isseneru and Kako indigenous peoples hold title and the measures to implement the right to free, prior and informed consent of these peoples with regard to this grant.

The Committee would like to thank the Government for its response and takes note of its contents.

In accordance with Article 9(1) of the Convention and Article 65 of its Rules of Procedure, the Committee urges the State party to submit its fifteenth to sixteenth periodic reports which are overdue since 17 March 2008. The Committee requests the State party to include further information on the issues mentioned above as well as on steps taken to implement paragraphs 17 and 19 of its concluding observations on Guyana (CERD/C/GUY/CO/14) adopted on 4 April 2006. The Committee would like to inform your Government that it will discuss these issues further in the context of the consideration of these forthcoming periodic reports.

Allow me, Excellency, to reaffirm the wish of the Committee to continue to engage in a constructive dialogue with the Government of the Republic of Guyana, with a view to assisting it with the effective implementation of the Convention.

Yours sincerely,

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