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Thank you, Madam President. We welcome the report of the Working Group specially on the land mafia nexus where the police, judiciary and State authorities permit and enable land to be misappropriated, which is the very issue faced by Tibetans under China.

Scores and scores of Tibetans especially Tibetan nomads are being forcefully displaced from their pastural lands and their lands are being forcefully acquired by the Chinese authorities for Belt and Road Initiative and such other so-called developmental projects.

Chinese authorities forcefully grab the lands and when opposed by the Tibetans the Chinese police detains and tortures them and the Chinese courts sentence them under false charges of "separatism". Just last year Nangchen County People's Court sentenced 21 Tibetans and before that nine Tibetans were sentenced for raising their voice against China.

Anya-Sengdrak from Golok Prefecture is the classic example for this triad of collusion of Chinese police, Chinese authorities and Chinese judiciary. He being a nomad raised against the Chinese authorities and he was detained, tortured and sentenced to seven years in prison last year.

We therefore call upon the UNHRC and the Member states to Press China to release A-nya Sengdrak and other Tibetan prisoners. We once again reiterate our calls for special session on the deeply entrenched systemic human rights violations being carried out in China and for a special rapporteur on China to monitor, analyze and report on human rights violations being carried out in China including against Tibetans, Hong Kongers and Uighurs.

Madam President, please note that the Tibetans who are being displaced are not even being adequately compensated. It is high-time that the UN raises voice against this collusion.

Thank You Madam President.