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# **Addressee: Member States, UNESCO, IP representatives to UNESCO**

**Paragraph #26 Session #3 (2004)**

## **Full Text**

The Forum, noting that work will commence shortly on a convention of cultural diversity, requests Member States to work with representatives of indigenous peoples to UNESCO to develop a document that adequately protects indigenous cultural heritage.

## **Comments**

The Government of Finland reports that:

Finland works with UNESCO, the EU and unofficial intergovernmental cooperation with a view to creating a legally binding framework for national, regional and international policy and action for preserving and enhancing cultural diversity. Finland contributes actively to the preparation of the Convention on the Protection of the Diversity of Cultural Contents and Artistic Expressions (UNESCO). As part of the preparation of the accession negotiations, Finland organised a discussion event (20 October 2004) to hear the various stakeholders, to which the Sami Parliament was also invited. The draft convention was sent on a comment round to nongovernmental organisations, including Sami organisations.

The Government of Norway reports that:

The Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development is responsible for ensuring that representatives of the Sami people will be consulted in the preparatory work on a convention on cultural diversity.

## **Area of Work**

Culture