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Addressee: UNESCO, the Secretariat of the Conference on Biological Diversity, UNDP, the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), the United Nations Population Fund, the World Intellectual Property Organization and the United Nations Development Group

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Full Text

The Permanent Forum calls upon UNESCO, the Secretariat of the Conference on Biological Diversity, UNDP, the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), the United Nations Population Fund, the World Intellectual Property Organization and the United Nations Development Group to support indigenous peoples in their process of cultural heritage restoration and strengthening. This process should be guided by indigenous peoples in order to avoid the misuse and distortion of indigenous peoples’ culture, practices and knowledge and to respect their perspectives and aspirations.

Comments

UNICEF reports (2011): UNICEF has been supporting the recuperation of languages such the language of Añu people in Venezuela, which has been identified as an endangered language, mainly through education programmes.

In Guatemala, with UNICEF support, the Ministry of Education trained groups of oral bilingual teachers for a third consecutive year in the use of K'iché and Q'anjob'al language reading and writing. The teachers prepared support materials which recovered the oral traditions of their culture, use of technology and the Maya calendar.

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SCBD reports (2011): COP 10 revised the programme of work for Article 8(j) and related provisions, to prioritize amongst other tasks, task 15 concerning the development of guidelines that would facilitate repatriation of information, including cultural property, in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Convention on Biological Diversity in order to facilitate the recovery of traditional knowledge of biological diversity. The seventh meeting of the Working Group on Article 8(j) has been asked to develop best practice guidelines for the consideration of the COP.

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Area of Work

Culture