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## **Addressee: UNESCO, Member States**

**Paragraph #86 Session #8 (2009)**

### **Full Text**

The Permanent Forum recommends that States support the creation of indigenous language and cultural studies centres in universities and encourage universities to provide permanent teaching positions for indigenous peoples in those study centres; urges States to adopt a policy of free university tuition for all indigenous peoples; encourages those universities that have not already done so to establish designated places and scholarships for indigenous students; and encourages UNESCO to support those initiatives where applicable.

### **Comments**

Spain reports (2010) that it has, under AECID Indigenous Programme of the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation consolidated its support for the Educational Programme on the Human Rights of Latin American Indigenous Peoples, sponsored by the University of Deusto in conjunction with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. The programme, which is offered in Bilbao, Spain and Geneva, Switzerland, affords indigenous men and women the opportunity to learn about international human rights in general and indigenous rights in particular, in order to assist their organizations and communities in the protection and promotion of their peoples' human rights.

Also worth noting is Spain's contribution of 145,000 euros in support of the training programme offered by the Fund for the Development of the Indigenous peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean. That support is provided through the implementation of an advanced course on indigenous peoples, human rights,

governance and international cooperation, for indigenous professionals and leaders to be offered by Carlos III University of Madrid.

## **Area of Work**

Culture