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Full Text

The Permanent Forum welcomes the adoption by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity at its 10th meeting of the Code of Ethical Conduct to Ensure Respect for the Cultural and Intellectual Heritage of Indigenous and Local Communities Relevant to the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity (the Tkarihwaié:ri code of ethical conduct), which arose from a Forum recommendation made at its second session, and invites parties and Governments, international agencies and all those working with indigenous communities to make use of the code for research and access to, use, exchange and management of information concerning traditional knowledge.

Comments

At its tenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties of CBD finalized the negotiation of, and adopted, the Code of Ethical Conduct on Respect for the Cultural and Intellectual Heritage of Indigenous and Local Communities Relevant for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity (the Tkarihwaié:ri code of ethical conduct) and invited Parties and Governments to make use of its elements to guide the developments of models of codes of ethical conduct for research, access to, use, exchange and management of information concerning traditional knowledge. The code provides for prior informed consent and/or approval and involvement of indigenous and local communities. The code was developed and negotiated as the result of recommendations 1, 8 and 9 of the report of the second session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues endorsed by the Conference of Parties in paragraph 5 of

decision VII/16/I, and decision VIII/5 F, concerning elements of an ethical code of conduct to ensure respect for the cultural and intellectual heritage of indigenous and local communities relevant for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, and taking into account task 16 of the programme of work on Article 8(j) and related provisions.

Area of Work

Environment