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Full Text

The Permanent Forum calls on all States that have not yet done so to implement the 2005 Kyoto Protocol, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and other international initiatives that address climate change and biocultural diversity in conjunction with indigenous peoples, including indigenous women, in a full and effective way. The Annex I countries should implement their commitments to the Kyoto Protocol by doing all they can to shift their economic systems towards low-carbon systems, instead of relying mainly on the purchase of emission credits to offset their emissions. The fast-industrializing developing countries should also undertake serious efforts to cut their emissions and develop low-carbon energy systems.

Comments

The Government of Bolivia reports: 31. With regard to the protection of the natural balance in which indigenous peoples live and work, article 342 of the new Constitution provides that “the State and the population shall be bound to conserve, protect and sustainably use natural resources and biodiversity and to maintain the balance of the natural environment”. Indigenous peoples’ rights to the exploitation of natural resources in their territories are recognized in article 304, paragraph 3, of the new Constitution, which provides that indigenous peoples have exclusive jurisdiction over the “management and administration of renewable natural resources, in accordance with the Constitution”. On the rights

to the flora and fauna in those territories, article 352 of the new Constitution provides that “citizen participation in the process of environmental management shall be guaranteed and the conservation of ecosystems shall be promoted ... Consultations with indigenous and aboriginal farming nations and peoples shall be conducted in accordance with their rules and procedures”.

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