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**Paragraph #60 Session #8 (2009)**

### **Full Text**

The Permanent Forum calls upon Member States to analyse the compatibility of domestic laws with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, in particular with a view to harmonizing laws dealing with Arctic renewable resources upon which indigenous peoples depend, and to include the indigenous peoples of the Arctic in a direct and meaningful way in this analysis.

### **Comments**

Finland reports (2010): When assessing the relation between the Draft Nordic Sámi Convention and the Finnish Constitution, other domestic legislation and the international human rights obligations, the working group set up under the Ministry of Justice took note also of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

With regard to laws dealing with renewable resources, the applicable domestic legislation, e.g. the Nuclear Energy Act and the Electricity Market Act, does not make a difference between the Sámi people and other population groups. Thus, the same rights and obligations are, in respect of renewable resources, conferred on everyone.

### **Area of Work**

Environment