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**Paragraph #21 Session #14 (2015)**

### **Full Text**

Reiterating the recommendation made at its seventh session, the Permanent Forum recommends that the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the International Organization for Migration focus on the vulnerability of indigenous peoples in the Pacific region, in particular in view of the effects of climate change (see E/2008/43-E/C.19/2008/13, chap. 1, sect. B, para. 59).

### **Comments**

Status: Ongoing

The [IOM Pacific Strategy 2022-2026](#), IOM includes the “Incorporation of traditional and indigenous knowledge and strategies to manage disasters and displacement” as part of the necessary actions to achieve improved disaster-management capabilities in the region. IOM’s project “[Enhancing protection and empowerment of migrants and communities affected by climate change and disasters in the Pacific region](#)” also addresses Indigenous Peoples, who are vulnerable to the adverse impacts of climate change, some of which have been displaced/relocated (as noted in [one of the issues of the project’s Policy Brief Series](#)). The project also acknowledges the importance of Indigenous knowledge, that is threatened by displacement, which can affect community wellbeing and security (see the [Pacific Regional Policy Dialogue on Climate Mobility Background Paper](#), 2020). This project also comprises efforts to develop the [Pacific Regional Framework on Climate Mobility](#), which includes text on protecting culture, cultural heritage and identity and dignity, including for Indigenous Peoples.

### **Area of Work**

Environment, Economic and Social Development