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### **Full Text**

The Permanent Forum recommends that the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs and other relevant United Nations agencies further develop and enhance natural disaster preparedness and mitigation strategies involving indigenous peoples in the development and implementation of those strategies.

### **Comments**

UNESCO reports the following: UNESCO Office in New Delhi produced a field guide manual on repair and retrofitting of earthquake damaged structures in Kashmir, North India, utilizing traditional knowledge systems of construction. The manual was a joint initiative with UNDP and Government of India and was advocated by UNESCO in various scientific forums. In Madhya Pradesh, Central India, an area that is periodically affected by drought, UNESCO, in collaboration with UNDP, was involved in producing educational materials that may enhance the level of information of the neo-literate tribes in the areas of prevention, preparedness, response and rehabilitation, during the occurrence of drought.

### **Area of Work**

Environment, Economic and Social Development