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**Paragraph #18 Session #5 (2006)**

### **Full Text**

The Permanent Forum urges the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) to engage with the Permanent Forum and other partners in the global AIDS movement, to initiate universal access to treatment, to develop a set of resources highlighting effective approaches and best practices for HIV prevention and AIDS care in indigenous communities, particularly from the developed world, including the development of an appropriate paper to provide guidance to national HIV surveillance systems, and to advocate and promote meaningful participation of indigenous peoples in HIV policy and planning

### **Comments**

UNICEF reports that it paid increased attention to addressing the spread of HIV/AIDS in indigenous communities. A joint initiative is under way with the Pan-American Health Organization to organize a traditional healers workshop on HIV/AIDS in 2007. In Venezuela, UNICEF supported the training of health-care staff and municipal committees to promote the prevention of HIV in indigenous communities.

IOM would ensure that any programmes on HIV/AIDS would be culturally appropriate and include the full and effective participation, and free, prior and informed consent, of indigenous peoples.

### **Area of Work**

Health