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The Permanent Forum recalls the many recommendations that call for statistics on indigenous health. Data collection and disaggregation remain a challenge. In particular, the delivery of health care in rural and remote areas remains a major obstacle to the right to health. In addition, there remains an urgent need for more indigenous health professionals, mental health services and programmes addressing non-communicable diseases and reproductive health. In particular, the Forum reaffirms the recommendation of the eighth session that an expert group meeting on sexual health and reproductive rights be held.

## Comments

From 15 to 17 January 2014, an expert group meeting on the theme "Sexual health and reproductive rights: articles 21, 22 (1), 23 and 24 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples" was held at United Nations Headquarters. The report of the meeting was submitted at the Thirteen session of the Permanent Forum and is available at

http://undesadspd.org/IndigenousPeoples/UNPFIISessions/Thirteenth/Docum...

## **Area of Work**

Health