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### **Full Text**

The Forum expresses its great concern about the effects of armed conflict on indigenous women and children, and recommends that a workshop be convened with the framework of the 10-year review of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action in order to formulate strategies to protect vulnerable groups, such as indigenous peoples, especially taking into account the vulnerabilities of indigenous women and children. These strategies should incorporate capacity-building of indigenous women living in areas of armed conflict or in precarious circumstances.

### **Comments**

UNIFEM is organizing several follow-up meetings with indigenous women's groups in order to facilitate dissemination of information about the documents drafted at the 10-year review and to discuss the perspectives of diverse groups. UNIFEM will organize several national and regional follow-up meetings for the international meetings on indigenous women in New York. The partners collaborating in these efforts will include national women's machineries and the various indigenous organizations (the Centre for Indigenous People's Culture of Peru - CHIRAPAQ, the National Council of Indigenous Women of Ecuador (CONMIE) and the subsecretaries of the various indigenous organizations). There will also be a post-conference training and sharing of information disseminated at the 10-year review in order to facilitate an understanding of the issues broached during the review and the way in which the indigenous communities can integrate the outcomes of the meeting.

## **Area of Work**

Human rights