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Full Text

The Permanent Forum reaffirms and reiterates that self-determination, free, prior and informed consent and accountability form the basis of, and prerequisite for, any relationship that can be called a true partnership for development, and urges all States, indigenous peoples, United Nations bodies, international development agencies, corporations and the private sector, as well as civil society, to uphold these vital principles.

Comments

The Government of Switzerland reports: “Switzerland recognizes the right of indigenous peoples to self-determination, but does not expressly recognize that right as linked to article 1 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. In general, Switzerland supports the overall thrust of the observation made in this paragraph.”

Area of Work

Human rights