Addressee: Governments of United States and Canada

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The Permanent Forum welcomes the announcement by New Zealand to endorse the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the announcement by the United States of America that it will review its position on the Declaration. It also welcomes the indication by Canada in the 2010 Speech from the Throne that it will take steps to endorse the Declaration. The Forum recommends that the United States and Canada expedite their commitments made to endorse the Declaration

Comments

USA reports (2011): Among the most noteworthy steps the United States took last year was President Obama's announcement on December 16, 2010, in response to the many calls from Native Americans and in order to further U.S. policy on indigenous issues, that the United States has changed its position on the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and is lending its support to the Declaration. (http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii/en/session_tenth.html)

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