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### **Full Text**

The Permanent Forum expresses its appreciation to the Member States that have already submitted information to it over the years, and encourages all States to submit substantive information on measures taken to implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

### **Comments**

Several States have included information on measures taken to implement the Declaration in their reports to the 8th session of the Forum.

The Government of Mexico reports: 24. A first step towards the implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples is the dissemination of its content. Accordingly, a campaign is under way to disseminate the substantive articles of the Declaration through the CDI System of Indigenous Culture Radio Stations and the publication of a pocket edition. Similarly, there is the translation into indigenous languages that CDI is having done in coordination with INALI and the offices in Mexico of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Information Centre and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. 25. At the end of 2008 the translations into Maya and Nahuatl had been published, and they will be distributed in 2009. The completed translations in the process of being published are in Tzeltal, Chol, Mazahua, Huasteca Nahuatl, Northern Chinantec, Isthmus Zapotec and Western Huasteca Nahuatl. In 2009, 20 translations into the most widely spoken and written indigenous languages are expected to be completed. 26. In the context of

international cooperation between CDI and UNDP, there are plans to combine the distribution of the translations of the Declaration into indigenous languages with seminars on indigenous rights aimed at the indigenous peoples and communities of Mexico. 27. It is seen as important to ensure, through regional expert meetings, follow up on the results of the international expert group meeting on the role of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in the implementation of article 42 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

## **Area of Work**

Human rights