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Full Text

The Permanent Forum recommends that the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and relevant United Nations agencies and organs establish specific units for indigenous peoples' issues to contribute to the implementation of the Declaration in accordance with its articles 41 and 42.

Comments

OHCHR reports: 3. The Forum also recommended that OHCHR and relevant United Nations agencies and organs establish specific units for indigenous peoples' issues to contribute to the implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in accordance with articles 41 and 42 of the Declaration.⁷ A dedicated unit was established within the Office following General Assembly resolutions 49/214 and 50/157 to support the activities related to indigenous peoples. At present, indigenous peoples' issues are dealt with in the Indigenous Peoples and Minorities Unit, which covers issues related to indigenous peoples, minorities and victims of contemporary forms of slavery. Furthermore, the Office has, within its Special Procedures Division, the Groups in Focus Section, which supports, inter alia, the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous people.

Area of Work

Human rights