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## **Addressee: Member States**

**Paragraph #80 Session #8 (2009)**

### **Full Text**

The Permanent Forum strongly supports the position expressed in the outcome document of the Durban Review Conference that States should take all necessary measures to implement the rights of indigenous peoples.

### **Comments**

Ecuador reports (2010): As for recommendation 80, the President of the Republic, through Decree No. 60, approved the Plurinational Plan to Eliminate Racial Discrimination and Ethnic and Cultural Exclusion and the programme for its implementation. The plan aims to eradicate the various forms and systematic practice of racial discrimination and racial, ethnic and cultural exclusion in order to promote plural, intercultural and inclusive citizenship through State public policy. The plan was put together by means of a participatory process that involved the holding of national workshops.

The Ministry of Labour Relations, the Ministry of Coordination for Cultural and National Heritage, the Secretariat for Communication and the Secretariat of Peoples,

Social Movements and Citizen Participation are responsible for monitoring and coordinating implementation of the plan.

Finland reports (2010): The setting up of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII) was promoted by Finland. Finland provides its secretariat with economic support. Support is also given to the mechanisms covering indigenous peoples under the auspices of the human rights bodies at the

UN.

The rights of indigenous peoples are a cross-cutting theme in Finland's development policy. Finland will endeavour to pay more attention to the theme already at the planning and preparation stage of development policy activities. Those involved in development cooperation will be provided with more information and training on the rights of indigenous peoples.

Finland has supported the preparation of regional decisions reinforcing the rights of indigenous peoples within the framework of such bodies as the Organization of American States (OAS) and the African Union. In its bilateral cooperation, Finland has supported the right of girls and boys belonging to indigenous peoples to parallel education in their own language and in the dominant language in such regions as Central America and the Andes and in Nepal. The work of the organisations of the indigenous peoples has been supported at international, regional and local level, using such resources as the appropriations for local cooperation available to Finland's representations in the countries concerned.

## **Area of Work**

Human rights