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Full Text

The Permanent Forum notes that the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples is a human rights instrument irrespective of the position of individual States, and the Permanent Forum expects that its endorsement will further imply its utilization as an effective guide for domestic public policy law and practice regarding indigenous peoples' rights in consultation and cooperation with indigenous peoples themselves.

Comments

Finland reports (2010): Finland will come to clarify its practice of consulting and co-operating with the Sámi people as an indigenous people, as it submits its contribution to the Expert Mechanism on Indigenous Issues for the Mechanism's study on Indigenous Peoples and their Right to Participate in Decision-Making, as mentioned above under Recommendation 37.

The UN Declaration is currently being translated into the national languages, Finnish and Swedish, and into Sámi with the aim of enhancing its utilization as, inter alia, a guide for domestic public policy law and practice.

Area of Work

Human rights