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Full Text

The Forum reiterates the recommendations contained in paragraph 24 of its report on the first session, namely, it recommends that the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights organize activities with indigenous peoples in Africa and Asia with a view to: (a) Providing international and regional human rights training for indigenous peoples; (b) Encouraging dialogue between States, indigenous peoples and others on the concept of indigenous peoples in the context of the promotion and protection of cultural diversity; (c) Inviting inter-agency consultation with States and indigenous peoples at the national and subregional levels and to report to the Forum at its third session.

Comments

OHCHR is preparing a plan of action, which will be coordinated by the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights and the African Commission's Working Group on Indigenous Populations/Communities in Africa. Consultations with African organizations are planned for the first half of 2007 as well as activities to promote dialogue between indigenous representatives and States with respect to the declaration on the rights of indigenous peoples. Additional information will be provided at the seventh session of the Permanent Forum. With respect to Asia, OHCHR organized training for indigenous communities in Cambodia in 2006, and in February 2007 it organized, jointly with the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the NGO Forum on Cambodia, a workshop on "Indigenous peoples and access to land in Cambodia", in which the Special Rapporteur participated.

Area of Work

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