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**Paragraph #25 Session #10 (2011)**

### **Full Text**

In regard to the rights of indigenous peoples, the Permanent Forum reiterates its long-standing position of encouraging the United Nations, its organs and specialized agencies, as well as all States, to adopt a human rights-based approach. At the international, regional and national level, the human rights of indigenous peoples are always relevant if such rights are at risk of being undermined. Human rights are indivisible, interdependent, and interrelated. They must be respected in any context specifically concerning indigenous peoples, from environment to development, to peace and security, and many other issues.

### **Comments**

As of January 2012, SPFII held trainings on indigenous issues for UN Country Teams, government officials and indigenous peoples, in Bolivia, Ecuador, Nepal, Cambodia, Guyana, Congo Brazzaville, Argentina, the Philippines, Central African Republic. This was as part of the roll-out of the UNDG Guidelines on indigenous peoples. OHCHR reported that a representative from the Indigenous Peoples and Minorities Section participated as a resource person along with ILO and SPFII in a training for the UN Country Team in the Republic of Congo on indigenous peoples' issues. The training was organized by UNCT Office - UNICEF and the Secretariat of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in November 2011. This was part of the roll-out of the UNDG Guidelines on indigenous peoples and in response to recommendations made by the UN Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous

peoples following its visit to the country.

## **Area of Work**

Human rights, Cooperation, Methods of Work