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### **Full Text**

The Permanent Forum recommends that States, in consultation with the indigenous peoples concerned, provide financial and technical assistance for indigenous peoples to map the boundaries of their communal lands, finalize legal and policy frameworks for the registration of collective titles, as a matter of urgency, and support indigenous peoples in preparing their claims for collective title.

### **Comments**

Venezuela's Basic Law on Indigenous Peoples and Communities recognizes and guarantees the rights of indigenous peoples and communities, as the original inhabitants, to their habitat and to collective title to the ancestral lands they have occupied, and imposes on the executive power, jointly with the indigenous peoples and communities, the obligation of marking the boundaries of their habitat and lands for the purpose of granting title, in accordance with the principles and procedures established in chapter III of the aforementioned law. - Beginning in 2002, the executive power, through the National Boundary Commission for the Habitat and Lands of Indigenous Peoples and Communities, in conformity with its internal operating regulations, launched a major process of marking the boundaries of habitats and territories at the national level in an organized and dynamic way, through the establishment of the respective Regional Commissions in states with an indigenous presence.

### **Area of Work**

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