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Subject: Questionnaire in relation to national action plans to achieve the ends of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) presents its compliments to all Permanent Missions to the United Nations at Geneva.

OHCHR has the honour to inform States that OHCHR and the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) are currently drafting a guidance note on national action plans to achieve the ends of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. OHCHR and UNDESA hope to include examples in the guidance note. A questionnaire is attached for this purpose. OHCHR and UNDESA invite you to submit your responses by 30 June 2017.

You are kindly requested to submit your responses to the questionnaire electronically via email to ipmsconsultant2@ohchr.org, by fax to +41 22 917 9008 or by mail to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, CH-1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland.

The Office of United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights avails itself of this opportunity to renew the assurances of its highest consideration to all Permanent Missions to the United Nations at Geneva.



Geneva, 31 May 2017

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Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples**

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Introduction

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) are currently drafting a guidance note on national action plans to achieve the ends of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. OHCHR and UNDESA hope to include examples in the guidance note. This questionnaire seeks to collect examples from States for this purpose. A questionnaire has also been provided to indigenous peoples and national human rights institutions.

The questionnaire is set out below and will be made available on the OHCHR and UNDESA websites at <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/IPeoples/Pages/IndigenousPeoplesIndex.aspx> and <https://www.un.org/development/desa/indigenouspeoples/>. The responses of States to the questionnaire will also be made available on the OHCHR and UNDESA websites.

This questionnaire is deliberately designed to emulate, as much as possible, the questionnaire to national human rights institutions and indigenous peoples so as to facilitate easy comparison in responses and to generate ideas for partnerships between States, indigenous peoples and national human rights institutions to achieve the ends of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Please submit your responses by 30 June 2017.

Questionnaire to States

1. Is the State developing or does the State have:
 - a. a **national action plan or national strategy on indigenous peoples?**
 - b. **national strategies, national action plans and/or national development frameworks, which refer to indigenous peoples**, for example a NAP against racial discrimination or a national health plan?

If yes, please provide **details on the development and implementation of the plan or strategy**, including its content and the monitoring and evaluation mechanisms. If not, are there any plans to develop a national action plan or national strategy on indigenous peoples?

2. If the State has in place a national action plan or strategy that focuses specifically on, or refers to indigenous peoples, please **describe how indigenous peoples participated in the drafting, implementation, monitoring and evaluation processes**. Where the State does not have such a plan or strategy, please describe any other relevant examples of consultative processes with indigenous peoples. For example, how indigenous peoples selected their representatives to sit on national committees or national consultation bodies. How did the State ensure that indigenous peoples had the opportunity to participate, in particular if there were a large and geographically-diverse number of indigenous peoples in the State?
3. Please provide examples of **good practices** regarding the development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of national action plans or national strategies. These national strategies or national action plans do not have to be specifically on or refer to indigenous peoples. Please include information on how stakeholders, including national human rights institutions and civil society, participated in these processes.
4. Has the State previously conducted a **baseline study**:
 - a. for the purpose of a national action plan or national strategy on indigenous peoples?
 - b. for the purpose of any other type of national action plan or national strategy?

If yes, please provide details of this baseline study, including the methods used to conduct it. Please provide a link to the webpage or a copy of this study.

5. Please provide examples of **good practices** regarding measures and implementation strategies to achieve the ends of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples through existing or completed national strategies, national action plans and/or national development frameworks.

Thank you very much for your contribution.