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Progress on UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

Arctic
Indigenous Peoples'
Dialogue

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A peek at EU Policies



Action 29 of the EU Action plan on Human Rights and Democracy concerns a Strengthened Policy on Indigenous Peoples. EEAS, Commission and Member States is to Review and further develop EU Policy relative to the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (adopted 2007), with the view to the 2014 World Conference on Indigenous Peoples.

EU at the United Nations' World Conference on Indigenous Peoples

- *The EU is currently in the process of reviewing its policies on indigenous peoples so that they are coherent with the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous peoples. The timing of this meeting and the outcome document serves well to inspire, inform and feed this EU review and thereby ensure (....) complementarity and coherence.*

Major development in EU Policy and commitments in support of indigenous peoples' rights

“Working Document” by the European Commission on support for indigenous peoples in the development co-operation of the Community and the Member States

- Full and Free participation in all stages of project cycle**
- Introduction of the concept of FPIC**
- Self-development and own priorities for development**
- Territorial Rights and sustainable management**

- Cross-cutting concern for cooperation**

Council Resolution” on indigenous peoples within the framework of the development cooperation of the Community and the Member States 1998

Cooperation with and support for the establishment of partnerships with indigenous peoples is essential for the objectives of poverty elimination, sustainable development of natural resources, the observance of human rights and the development of democracy; indigenous peoples have the right to choose their own development paths, which includes the right to object to projects, in particular in their traditional areas; development cooperation should contribute to enhancing the right and capacity of indigenous peoples to their "self-development". This implies integrating the concern for indigenous peoples as a cross-cutting aspect at all levels of development cooperation, including policy dialogue with partner countries



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Council Regulation (EC) No 975/1999 of 29 April 1999 laying down the requirements for the implementation of development cooperation operations which contribute to the general objective of developing and consolidating democracy and the rule of law and to that of respecting human rights and fundamental freedoms.

EC Regulations 975/1999 and 976/1999 (EIDHR regulations) were merged into one instrument with the 2014 update (EU Regulation 235/2014)

Indigenous peoples specifically mentioned

Council Conclusion in 2002

Recalls 1998

Coherence and coordination
Training of staff
Political dialogues

"Inter service group on Indigenous Peoples"
iSG-IP
2004

European Consensus on Development

2005

***Aid effectiveness and MDGs
Good governance and Human Rights***

***Indigenous peoples are essential for
cooperation while being targets in themselves***

**Followed up by "Agenda for Change"
2011**

2006

**A number of new cooperation instruments
adopted.**

E.g.

**DCI – Indigenous peoples' rights
SI- Indigenous Peoples' Organisations**

However – no references in EDF- Cotonou

"The EU Strategic Framework and Action Plan on Human Rights and Democracy" 2012

A comprehensive Action Plan with numerous possible entry points for indigenous peoples, including a specific action for strengthened policy on indigenous issues: to review and further develop EU policy relative to the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, with a view to the 2014 World Conference on Indigenous Peoples”.

Also of particular interest: Implementation of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and human rights in particular by developing and disseminating human rights guidance for three business sectors, including oil and gas

2014 EIDHR refers specifically to UNDRIP

European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR) for the period 2014-2020 under which the Union shall provide assistance to the development and consolidation of democracy and the rule of law and of respect for all human rights and fundamental freedoms.

Scope: Union assistance shall focus on ... (a).....(b) promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms, as proclaimed in the UN Universalmainly through civil society organisations, relating to, inter alia:

(i).....(vi)the rights of indigenous peoples as proclaimed in the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, inter alia, by emphasising the importance of their involvement in the development of projects concerning them and providing support in order to facilitate their interaction with, and participation in, international mechanisms;

- **The Review Process**

0. Revive the Inter Service Group on Indigenous Peoples (iSG-IP).

1. Analyse and categorize the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as well as the Outcome document.

2. Draft recommendations in an EEAS Draft Working Paper.

3. Draft Working paper in internal drafting

4. Organize consultation workshops with indigenous peoples.

5. Circulate the EEAS Draft Working Paper/draft policy document internally in EEAS following formal procedure for approval.

6. Launch procedure for approval.

Suggestions ? Questions ? Ideas ?

eeas.europa.eu/human_rights/ip/index_en.htm

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Thank you-Merci