17th Session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Regional Dialogue: Central & South America and The Caribbean

Wednesday 25 April, 10am–1pm CR 8

Relevant PFII Recommendations:

11th Session:

• **Paragraph 121:** The Forum recommends that Member States, UN-Women and UNICEF provide financial support for an electoral cycle support initiative for indigenous women and youth.

12th Session:

• **Paragraph 043:** The Forum requests parliamentarians to establish legal frameworks that respect the UNDRIP and the criminalization and prosecution of indigenous community media.

16th Session:

• **Paragraph 060:** The Permanent Forum notes the initiative of the Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO) to develop a new health plan for indigenous youth in Latin America and invites PAHO/WHO to report on progress achieved in implementing the plan to the Forum at its seventeenth session.

• **Paragraph 090:** The Permanent Forum recognizes the importance of data disaggregation, as noted in target 17.18 of the 2030 Agenda, and in this regard, it is aware of the good practices promoted by the Economic and Social Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC). The Forum recommends that ECLAC, in cooperation with UNFPA and others, redouble efforts to ensure data disaggregation for indigenous peoples and promote the inclusion of complementary indicators on indigenous peoples’ rights in Governments’ national reports for the Sustainable Development Goals and the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development, adopted at the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean. The Forum further recommends that ECLAC provide a guidance note and organize a mutual learning event, jointly with other regional commissions, in order to share best practices of data disaggregation on the basis of indigenous identifiers and self-identification, as used in the 2010 round of census in several countries in Latin America.
Possible discussion questions:

- What are the key areas of concern for Central & South America and The Caribbean?
  - How should Permanent Forum Members seek to address these concerns?
- What best practices exist in Central and South America and the Caribbean related to the 6 mandated areas of the UNPFII (economic and social development, culture, environment, education, health and human rights)?
- What policies are needed to advance the rights of indigenous peoples in Central and South America and the Caribbean?