



Oral Statement by the Global Initiative for Economic, Social and Cultural rights (GI-ESCR) during the interactive dialogue with the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

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We welcome the report of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples that encourages the creation of effective monitoring mechanisms to track progress in the implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples at national and regional levels.

We also welcome the call to states to collect and disseminate data disaggregated by Indigenous identity, ethnicity, income, gender, age, race, and other factors, to monitor and enhance the impact of policies, strategies, and programmes aimed at improving the well-being of Indigenous Peoples. We would like to highlight the particular importance of the collection of such data to monitor the access of Indigenous Peoples to quality public services, such as education and healthcare.

We further support the recommendation for national human rights institutions to establish a dedicated unit or team to monitor and assess the implementation of the Declaration, aligned by pertinent indicators, benchmarks and evaluation methods. Indeed, in the absence of these tools it will not be possible to assess the degree to which Indigenous Peoples enjoy their economic, social, and cultural rights.

GI-ESCR would like to thank the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples for this important report which will contribute to promote, protect, and fulfil the rights of Indigenous Peoples.



Thank you.

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