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**Statement by the  
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner  
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Australian Human Rights Commission  
to the  
Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples  
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**Item 6: United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples  
Interactive Dialogue with Expert Panel**

**Questions:**

1. Does the Expert Mechanism intend to follow up with those States who did not respond to the Questionnaire in order to fully assess progress towards the implementation of the Declaration globally?
2. Will the Expert Mechanism conduct a similar study with Indigenous peoples with regard to their approaches to implementing the Declaration within their communities?

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