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EU statement

The European Union thanks the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples for its study on rights of the indigenous child under the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and for its report on efforts to implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples: indigenous peoples and the right to self-determination.

Indigenous peoples', including indigenous children, right to participation in decision-making is a key part of the right to self-determination under article 3 of the UNDRIP. A key priority for the EU is to allow all children, including indigenous children, the right to express their views on matters that affect them, in accordance with UN Convention on the Rights of the Child article 12.

The EU shares the concern by the EMRIP of acts of intimidation, reprisals and violence against indigenous human rights defenders and calls upon all states to ensure a safe environment for all indigenous human rights defenders, in particularly for indigenous children and youth defending their rights.

Members of the EMRIP, what are the best practices in ensuring participation of indigenous children and youth in decision-making?

Thank you.

