



Statement on Item 5

Methods of Work

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Istma, Itma: azul flawn(t) (Greetings Brothers and Sisters),
Mr. Chairman:

At this time I would like to take the floor on behalf of the IPACC (Indigenous Peoples of African Coordinating Committee) and Tamaynut Association (Amazigh peoples) to propose some ideas for the method of work:

(1) As you may know, all conventions on human rights could contribute to the promotion and protection of Indigenous peoples' rights. For this reason I urge the Permanent Forum to do what is necessary for the implementation of these conventions, especially the covenants on civilian and political rights; economic, social and cultural rights; and Convention 169 on Indigenous peoples' rights.

(2) The need to follow up the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations conferences.

(3) I would also like to recommend that the Permanent Forum do what is necessary to urge the ECOSOC to establish new standards on the promotion and protection of the human rights of Indigenous peoples, especially the adoption of the declaration, and to start a draft convention on the protection of Indigenous peoples' rights.

Thank You.