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on membership + participation~~

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- associate w/ statements of Norway & NZ
- appreciate views of Australia & Denmark
- process should be "unique" (Denmark)
- purpose is partnership of indig people and states (Norway)
- flexible about numbers - the lower number, the more funds available for programs (Australian statement)
- see value in core group - to work with focal points in UN agencies and coordin of decade
- they could work on plans of actions and their implementation
- flexible about how to proceed
- it is important that indigenous people choose their own representatives through their own processes
- the indigenous representatives should reflect the geographic distribution of indigenous peoples throughout the world