

6th Session Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
 Agenda Item 6 The UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
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It is our first time speaking this session and we welcome the two new members including a youth. We congratulate Chief Willie Littlechild on his second year as chair.

It is an honor to take the floor and share an innovative initiative to learn about the rights in the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples so we can work together to realize the rights enshrined in the UN DRIP on a daily basis.

We have been fortunate to partner with Drumbeat Media - Telling It like it is to illustrate the human rights with indigenous leaders reading the 46 articles. We have filmed indigenous representatives from the seven indigenous regions reading a short version of each article in the UN DRIP.

It is a tool to transform our society where we can view a short five minute film and know your rights.

During last year EMRIP session, we have been fortunate enough to have 46 volunteers read one article each. Today, under Item 6, we release the documentary film with the vimeo link so everyone present and indigenous peoples around the world can access this educational documentary. The link is vimeo.com/m/51598291.

We hope this can be a model for indigenous peoples to also create more versions of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. In Hawaii, we translated the Universal Declaration of Human Rights into Olelo Hawaii language. It is on the UN OHCHR website. We are working to do the same for the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. We will create another DVD featuring 46 Kanaka Maoli reading the DRIP in Olelo Hawaii.

As a lecturer, I realize the power of film to educate all generations about indigenous

rights. The current documentary brings the words alive off the page. We look forward to partner more with more indigenous peoples to create more models beyond this first one in English to also include Spanish, French and indigenous languages.

We have created a flyer with information allowing for the 6 minute film to be available to view by all.

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