

Issues' Analysis

-Indigenous Peoples- Session 1-5

Introduction

This issue is raised often within the context of the Universal Periodic Review. Out of over 5000 recommendations in total over 5 sessions, 166 recommendations focussed on indigenous peoples.¹ In total, 45 advance questions concerned this issue. Overall, 54 states asked questions and made recommendations, while only 25 states received questions and recommendations. Most recommendations were made by the WEOG and GRULAC regions (respectively 33% and 30%), while most questions came from the WEOG region (93%). As for States under Review receiving questions and recommendations, most recommendations and questions were received by the GRULAC (51% of the recommendations, 58% of the questions) and WEOG (25% of the recommendations, 20% of the questions) regions.

Recommendations and questions focussed on issues like the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the ILO Convention No. 169 on Indigenous and Tribal Peoples in Independent Countries, the Special Rapporteur on the Rights and Fundamental Freedoms of Indigenous Peoples, recommendations of treaty bodies, protection of indigenous peoples, land rights, language rights, discrimination, social exclusion, access to social services and education, and consultation and participation in decision-making.

Top 5 countries making recommendations on this issue

1. Mexico (21 recommendations)
2. Bolivia (11 recommendations)
3. United Kingdom (9 recommendations)
4. Denmark (8 recommendations)
5. Algeria (7 recommendations)

Top 5 States under Review receiving recommendations on this issue

1. Chile (32 recommendations)
2. Canada (29 recommendations)
3. Mexico (22 recommendations)
4. New Zealand (12 recommendations)
5. Guatemala (10 recommendations)

Top 4 countries posing advance written questions on this issue

1. Denmark (14 questions)
2. United Kingdom (11 questions)
3. Germany (5 questions)
4. Sweden (4 questions)

Top 5 States under Review receiving advance written questions on this issue

1. Chile (7 questions)
2. Canada (5 questions)
3. Mexico (5 questions)
4. Guatemala (4 questions)
5. New Zealand (4 questions)

¹ For more detailed data, see the table.