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INDIGENOUS (International Network for Diplomacy Indigenous Governance Engaging in Nonviolence Organizing for Understanding & Self-Determination) is a monumental movement aspiring to change the centuries of making Indigenous Peoples invisible through colonization and to create a global climate of inclusion in the family of nations in the 21st century. INDIGENOUS mobilizes for the realization of human rights of indigenous peoples in the seven recognized indigenous region in the world through community driven campaigns of direct-action and diplomacy.

Regarding South Africa, the human rights of Indigenous Peoples must be respected. There are significant international instruments to provide a positive formula for fundamental freedoms such as the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the UN World Conference on Indigenous Peoples Outcome Document and International Labour Organization 169.

Issue: Indigenous peoples must be part of the national policies and practices recognizing the inherent dignity of the individual and collective rights.

Question:

What national institutions are primarily responsible for realization of indigenous peoples rights?

Please describe the historical violations facing indigenous peoples and how the constitution has been amended to address the human harms?

Which legal cases at the national court and specific laws proposed recognize the rights of indigenous peoples as enshrined in the UN DRIP?

What governance structures are proposed to allow for self-determination of indigenous peoples?

How does the government plan to implement the UN DRIP and UNWCIP OD? Please provide a roadmap to implement the articles and paragraphs to improve indigenous peoples daily living?

Recommendations:

The state provide a national action plan to implement the UN WCIP OD before the end of 2017.

The state submit to the UN Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples exact national measures to guarantee the rights in the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

The state issue a standing invitation for the UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples to visit before the end of the current mandate holder.

Conclusion:

INDIGENOUS is excited to ensure Free, Prior and Informed Consent is maintained in all situations facing indigenous peoples.

INDIGENOUS is committed to nonviolence with eternal vigilance for a planet of peace rooted in rights. INDIGENOUS embraces the responsibility of kindred stewardship for our earth nurtured for centuries in indigenous nations cosmologies. INDIGENOUS understands the interdependence of humanity and ecology to live in harmony.

INDIGENOUS transforms communities through education, empowerment and engagement to be able to recognize their own ability to advocate and guarantee governments implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.