

Human Rights

Protecting indigenous populations from climate change

1. **Noting with grave concern** that the reference to the “rights of indigenous peoples” has been cut from the main text of a draft UN agreement on combating climate change at the COP21,
2. **Acknowledging** that human rights have only recently become an issue in terms of combatting climate change,
3. **Observing** the lack of attention drawn to indigenous populations when battling climate change because they are rarely in a position of sufficient power to do so,
4. **Bearing in mind** that indigenous populations are the least responsible for this century’s shift in climatic activity but are the most vulnerable to its consequences,
5. **Keeping in mind** that the effects of climate change on indigenous populations are social, physical and economic,
6. **Fully aware** that coal is the fossil fuel responsible for a third of CO2 emissions and that many depend -notably developing countries vulnerable to the effects of climate change- on its extraction,
7. **Regretting** that it’s the very existence of some cultures that is threatened,
8. **Acknowledging** that palm oil is a destructive crop used for biofuels which causes millions of indigenous people to be evicted from their land,
9. **Concerned** by previous measures which have been taken to solve climate change involved a violation of human rights which served as leverage by governments and companies to exploit vulnerable communities,

