Eighth Session of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
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Item 9: Proposals to be submitted to the Human Rights Council for its consideration and approval

Statement delivered by Jesse McCormick on behalf of the Deshkan Ziibing Anishinabeg, also known as Chippewas of the Thames First Nation.

Chippewas of the Thames First Nation recognizes that National Human Rights Institutions are well positioned to contribute in a positive fashion to the implementation of the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.


“…national human rights institutions can play a crucial role in the protection and promotion of indigenous peoples’ rights. Through their legal status and mandate, they have the potential to be strong allies with, and advocates for, indigenous peoples. As conduits between the national, regional and international human rights spheres, national human rights institutions are uniquely placed to contribute to the genuine implementation of the Declaration and the progressive realization of the rights of indigenous peoples.”

Chippewas of the Thames First Nation agrees with this statement and encourages the Expert Mechanism to continue and expand upon your engagement with National Human Rights Institutions and to work in collaboration with Indigenous Peoples and National Human Rights Institutions to facilitate the development of direct partnerships between Indigenous Peoples and National Human Rights Institutions.

We offer the following recommendation for a proposal to be submitted to the Human Rights Council for its consideration and approval.

Chippewas of the Thames First Nation recommends that the Expert Mechanism propose to the Human Rights Council that the Human Rights Council request the Expert Mechanism to prepare a study on the ways and means in which National Human Rights Institutions can aid in the protection and promotion of Indigenous Peoples’ rights and the practical implementation of the Declaration.