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Question 14/1: The role of telecommunications in social and cultural development, including the protection and promotion of indigenous culture and identity

### **STUDY GROUP 1**

SOURCE: NEW ZEALAND

TITLE: QUESTIONNAIRE ON QUESTION 14/1 TO BE SENT TO MEMBER STATES  
AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

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### **QUESTIONNAIRE FOR GOVERNMENT MEMBERS**

#### **Introduction**

This questionnaire is intended to provide us with an understanding of the level and type of participation of indigenous people in the international telecommunications sector.

#### **Considerations**

As not all countries have indigenous populations we ask you to consider answering the following questions in one of two ways:

- I. *If you identify the existence of indigenous people in your country please answer the questions based on the government's national policy towards indigenous people.*
- II. *If you can not identify the existence of indigenous people in your country please answer the questions based on the government's international policy towards indigenous people.*

#### **Definition**

For this questionnaire we have broadly defined indigenous people as being an ethnic group who can trace their ancestry as the original inhabitants of a country that has been subsequently colonised by another ethnic group resulting in the loss of sovereignty or political power for the original inhabitants.

We would appreciate your assistance by completing this questionnaire.

#### **Section A: Indigenous People**

*In this section we wish to know how indigenous people are defined.*

1. What is the government's definition of indigenous people?
2. Are there people in your country who identify themselves as being indigenous?
3. If so, please provide information about them.
4. In reference to question 2, does your government recognise these people as being indigenous?

### **Section B: Government and Indigenous People**

*In this section we wish to understand the relationship between the government and indigenous people.*

1. Does your government maintain laws, treaties or agreements with indigenous people which acknowledge their right to:
  - Sovereignty and/or self-government.
  - Land and/or natural resources.
  - Automatic consultation over national or constitutional issues.
2. What degree of political participation and influence do indigenous people have in your country?

### **Section C: Telecommunications Sector**

*In this section we wish to understand what degree and type of participation indigenous people have in the process of developing laws and regulations governing the telecommunications sector.*

1. In your country how are laws and regulations governing the telecommunication sector developed and enforced?
2. In making laws and regulations governing the telecommunications sector is the government required to consult indigenous people?
3. If not, what alternatives are there for indigenous people to make their views known to the government?
4. Does your department maintain a policy requiring it to consult indigenous people about telecommunication issues?

### **Section D: Benefits**

*In this section we wish to understand what general benefits telecommunications has for a country and whether these apply equally to indigenous people.*

1. How does the government describe the benefits of telecommunications for the country?
2. Do indigenous people share these benefits?
3. If not, please identify the reasons why this may be so.
4. Are indigenous people getting fair and equitable access to:
  - The provision of telecommunication services.
  - Formulating the development of national telecommunication policy.
  - Employment and business opportunities in the telecommunication sector.
  - Any other benefits which are derived from the telecommunications sector. Please specify.

### **Section E: Issues**

*In this section we wish to identify telecommunication sector issues which may influence the economic, cultural and social development of indigenous people.*

1. Can you identify specific issues in the telecommunication sector that may influence the economic, cultural and social development of indigenous people?
2. If so, please specify.

### **Section F: Statistics**

*In this section we wish to know whether official statistical data are collected on the level and type of participation indigenous people have in the telecommunication sector.*

1. Can you provide statistical data to describe how indigenous people are participating in the telecommunication sector in terms of:
  - Their number and demographics.
  - The type of activities undertaken.

### **Section G: Miscellaneous**

*This section contains general questions that will assist us with further research in the future.*

1. Please provide any examples of indigenous organisations in your country that currently participates in the telecommunications sector.
2. Does your organisation employ indigenous people?
3. Do you consider the radio spectrum to be a natural resource?

## QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SECTOR MEMBERS

### Introduction

This questionnaire is intended to provide us with an understanding of the level and type of participation of indigenous people in the international telecommunications sector.

### Considerations

As not all countries have indigenous populations we ask you to consider answering the following questions in one of two ways:

- I. If you identify the existence of indigenous people in your country please answer the questions based on your organisations national policy towards these people.*
- II. If you can not identify the existence of indigenous people in your country please answer the questions based on your organisations international policy towards indigenous people.*

### Definition

For this questionnaire we have broadly defined indigenous people as being an ethnic group who can trace their ancestry as the original inhabitants of a country that has been subsequently colonised by another ethnic group resulting in the loss of sovereignty or political power for the original inhabitants.

We would appreciate your assistance by completing this questionnaire.

### Section A: Indigenous People

*In this section we wish to know how your organisation defines indigenous people.*

1. What is your organisation's definition of indigenous people?
2. Are there people in your country who identify themselves as being indigenous?
3. If so, please provide information about them.
4. In reference to question 2, does your organisation recognise these people as being indigenous?

### Section B: Telecommunications Sector

*In this section we wish to understand what degree and type of participation indigenous people have in your organisation.*

1. In your organisation how are policies or objectives developed?
2. In developing policies or objectives is your organisation required to consult with indigenous people?
3. If not what alternatives are there for indigenous people to make their views known to your organisation?

### Section C: Benefits

*In this section we wish to understand what general benefits telecommunications has for a country and whether these apply to indigenous people.*

1. How does your organisation describe the benefits of telecommunication for the country?
2. Do indigenous people share these benefits?
3. If not, please specify the reasons why this may be so.

4. Are indigenous people getting fair and equitable access to:
  - The provision of telecommunication services.
  - Formulating the development of national telecommunication policy.
  - Employment and business opportunities in the telecommunication sector.
  - Any other benefits which are derived from telecommunications. Please specify.

#### **Section D: Issues**

*In this section we wish to identify telecommunication sector issues which may influence the economic, cultural and social development of indigenous people.*

1. Can you identify specific issues in the telecommunication sector that may influence the economic, cultural and social development of indigenous people?
2. If so, please specify.

#### **Section E: Data**

*In this section we wish to know whether your organisation collects data on the level and type of participation that indigenous people have in the telecommunication sector.*

1. Can you provide statistical data which identifies how indigenous people are participating in the telecommunication sector in terms of:
  - Their number and demographics.
  - The types of activities undertaken.

#### **Section F: Miscellaneous**

*This section contains general questions that will assist us with further research in the future.*

1. Please provide any examples of indigenous organisations that are currently participating in the telecommunications sector.
  2. Does your organisation have a policy of employing indigenous people?
  3. Do you consider the radio spectrum to be a natural resource?
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