

EXPERT MECHANISM ON THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

Country Engagement Mission - Finland

16 February 2018

The United Nations Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP) undertook a country engagement mission to Finland from 10 to 16 February 2018, in response to a request from the Sámi Parliament under its amended mandate, in Human Rights Council Resolution 33/25.

The purpose of the country engagement mission was to consider amendments to the Sámi Parliament Act.

During its mission, the EMRIP met with, members of the Sámi Parliament, Sámi representatives, NGOs, state and legal officials, academia and other stakeholders.

As agreed by both parties, the EMRIP will provide them with a technical advice note.

This was the first country engagement mission undertaken by the EMRIP under this amended mandate.

The EMRIP would like to thank the Sámi Parliament for its request and both the Parliament and the Member State for its full cooperation and positive engagement during this process.

The Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP) is a subsidiary body of the Human Rights Council mandated to provide the Council with expertise and advice on the rights of indigenous peoples as set out in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and assist Member States, upon request, in achieving the ends of the Declaration through the promotion, protection and fulfilment of the rights of indigenous peoples.
