

Statement
by the Delegation of Ukraine
with the explanation of vote before the vote
on the resolution “ Human Rights and Indigenous Peoples: Mandate of
the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights and
fundamental freedoms of Indigenous People”
(6-th session of the UN Council on Human Rights,
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Ukraine supports the extension of the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms of Indigenous People aimed at the implementation of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People. Ukraine always was and is for strict observance of the rights of Indigenous People.

At the same time we would like to attract attention to the absence of consensus with regard to the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People recently adopted by the UN General Assembly.

In this respect the delegation of Ukraine again underlines that some important provisions of the Declaration are unclear and reiterates, in particular, that Article 3 of the Declaration must be interpreted and applied in the context of the relevant provisions of the Declaration on Principles of International Law adopted by the UN General Assembly on 24 October 1970 and Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action adopted at the World Conference on Human Rights in Vienna on 25 June 1993.