

UPR Info's Pre-sesios

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Consejo de la Nación Charrúa



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COUNCIL OF THE CHARRÚA NATION



National organisation with 18 years of experience, which brings together five indigenous communities in Uruguay.

CONSULTATIONS ON THE NATIONAL REPORT



The government only made an oral presentation of the proposal, without sharing the draft.

CENTRAL ISSUE



Situation of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in Uruguay.

SPECIFIC ISSUES



1. Ratification of ILO Convention 169.
2. Recognition of Indigenous Peoples.
3. Right to consultation.

1. RATIFICATION ILO CONVENTION 169.

❖ **MONITORING:**

Since 2009, Uruguay has been receiving and accepting multiple recommendations to ratify, in the first, second and third UPR cycle.

Uzbekistan, Denmark, Nicaragua, Venezuela, Chile, Ecuador, and Bolivia recommended ratification in the previous cycle.

Uruguay responded that the definition in Article 1 of the Convention of what is meant by indigenous peoples does not make its implementation evident in accordance with the reality of the country.

ADVANCE → Minute submitted to the Parliamentary Committee on Labour Legislation, requesting the Executive to send the Bill for the ratification of ILO Convention No. 169 to the Parliament.

PENDING CHALLENGE → To deepen the concept of Indigenous Peoples, based on the main criterion stipulated in the Convention itself, which is that of self-identification.

RECOMMENDATION → That the State ratify ILO Convention No. 169 as soon as possible.

2. RECOGNITION OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES.

❖ **MONITORING:**

Uruguay received four recommendations at the last UPR on this issue, made by **Venezuela, Malaysia, Bolivia, and Mexico.**

ADVANCE → Official declaration of Salsipuedes as a Site of Memory at the end of 2021. It is an important step in their struggle for truth, justice, and reparation because it recognises that the Charrúa massacre in Salsipuedes constituted a very serious human rights violation by the state at its inception.

PENDING CHALLENGE → To debunk the founding myth of "Uruguay, a country without Indians", based on education, which continues to be rooted in our society and public awareness campaigns.

RECOMMENDATION → That the State recognize the pre-existence and current existence of Indigenous Peoples in its territory, through legislative measures, within a period of no more than two years.

3. RIGHT TO CONSULTATION.

❖ **MONITORING:**

In response to the follow-up to the only recommendation regarding indigenous consultation that was made by Slovenia in the third cycle, we can state that we indigenous organisations were not called to participate in the proposal of the National Environmental Plan.

ADVANCE → Extensive indigenous participation in the Report Indigenous population and native forest in Uruguay developed by the REDD+ Uruguay Project, in 2019.

PENDING CHALLENGE → Consultation on the installation of extractive megaprojects.

RECOMMENDATION → That the State carry out prior consultations with Indigenous Peoples before implementing projects that may affect them, starting in 2024.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR ATTENTION