



**Intervention by the Delegation of Mexico at the 15th session of the  
Forum on Minority Issues**

Segment "Review: normative frameworks and the incorporation of the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities at the United Nations" - Thursday 1 December 2022, 10:30-13:00

Maximum time: 2 minutes

Thank you, President.

The theme of this Forum provides an opportunity to reflect on the normative frameworks and the incorporation of the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to Minorities.

For the Mexican State, the right to equality and non-discrimination is fundamental to guarantee the exercise of all rights for all persons, whether or not they belong to any kind of minority.

In this regard, and by way of exchange of practices, we would like to share that Mexico has a Federal Law to Prevent and Eliminate Discrimination. This law prohibits all forms of discrimination based on ethnic or national origin, skin tone, culture, religion, physical appearance, genetic characteristics and language, all of which could have an impact on the exercise of rights by national, ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities.

Mexico also has a National Council for the Prevention of Discrimination, which has the power to propose legislative reforms to protect or guarantee the right to non-discrimination. In relation to this power, for example, the Mexican Constitution was reformed in 2019 to recognise Afro-Mexican people and communities, as well as their individual and collective rights. Constitutional recognition was accompanied by measures to generate statistical information. In 2017, the Instituto Nacional de Estadística y Geografía (National Institute of Statistics and Geography) estimated that 2.9% of the national population identifies as Afro-descendant.

President:

Legislative advances, reinforced with the production of information, make it possible to generate diagnoses that contribute to the design of public policies with a focus on equality and non-discrimination, in order to guarantee the exercise of all rights for all persons, including those belonging to minority groups, in line with the objectives of the Declaration.

Thank you very much.