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Dear Mr Halsteen,

I refer to Ms Arbour's letter of 16 June 2008 asking for any relevant information that FAO would have in order to prepare a detailed analytical study of the relationship between climate change and human rights, in response to resolution 7/23 of the Human Rights Council on "Human rights and climate change".

In this regard, please note that FAO has not developed specific studies on the impact of climate change on human rights. Nevertheless, many documents have been prepared on the impact of climate change on food security, notably for the preparation of the High Level Conference on World Food Security: the Challenges of Climate Change and Bioenergy. If you deem it useful, you can find them on the High Level Conference Website at: http://www.fao.org/foodclimate/conference/doclist/en/?no_cache=1. In particular, a consultation of non-governmental and civil society organizations held on 15-16 February highlighted the need to get a rights based approach (see document Climate change, bio-energy and food security: civil society and private sector perspectives, paragraphs 39 to 41). You can also find some reference to Indigenous peoples threatened by climate change in the following press release: <http://www.fao.org/newsroom/en/news/2008/1000906/index.html>

I have also the pleasure to inform you that the FAO Right to Food Unit (ESA) started last year to work on this subject but they have no finalised document available yet.

Regarding the projects and measures at national or regional levels and the support provided by FAO, you can find some information in the climate change website at: <http://www.fao.org/climatechange/home/en/>

I hope the above information is useful and do not hesitate to contact me should you need any further information.

Yours sincerely,

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