

## **Modalities of the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples,**

The General Assembly,

Pp1. Recalling the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, which addresses the individual and collective rights of indigenous peoples, including their right to participate in decision-making in matters affecting them, through representatives chosen in accordance with their own procedures,

Pp2. Recalling also that the Declaration establishes that ways and means of ensuring participation of indigenous peoples on issues affecting them shall be established within the United Nations system,

Pp3. Recalling further all relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, the Human Rights Council and the Economic and Social Council relating to the rights of indigenous peoples and to their participation in United Nations processes and bodies,

Pp4. Recalling further its resolution 65/198 by which it decided to organize a high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly, to be known as the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples, to be held in 2014, in order to share perspectives and best practices on the realization of the rights of indigenous peoples, including to pursue the objectives of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples,

Pp5. Welcoming the initiatives by different Governments and indigenous peoples to organize international or regional conferences and other thematic events to contribute to the preparation of the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly, to be known as the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples,

Pp6. Welcoming also the activities related to the World Conference undertaken by the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues and the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and the engagement of the Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in the preparation process of the World Conference,

Pp7. Welcoming further the active engagement of indigenous peoples in the preparations of the World Conference, including at the regional and global levels,

1. Decides that the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly, to be known as the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples will be held on Monday 22 and Tuesday 23 of September 2014;

2. Decides also to hold the general debate of its sixty-ninth session from Wednesday, 21 September 2014, on the understanding that these arrangements shall in no way constitute a precedent for the general debate at future sessions;

3. Decides further that the organizational arrangements of the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples shall be as follows:

a) The World Conference will be composed of two plenary meetings, in the form of an opening and a closing session, and three consecutive informal interactive round tables and one informal panel discussion;

b) The speakers at the opening plenary will be the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General, the High Commissioner for Human Rights, the President of the Permanent Forum and two representatives of indigenous peoples both of whom will be identified by the President of the Assembly after consultations with indigenous peoples;

c) The informal round tables and the interactive panel discussion will be chaired by one Member State and one representative of indigenous peoples at the invitation of the President of the General Assembly after consultations with Member States and indigenous peoples;

d) The procedures of the round tables and interactive panel discussion shall be webcast;

e) The co-chairs of the round tables and the panel discussion will present summaries of the discussions at the closing plenary meeting;

f) The outcome document of the World Conference will be adopted at the closing plenary meeting;

g) In order to promote interactive and substantive discussions participation in the round tables and the interactive panel will include Member States, observers, representatives of entities of the United Nations system, representatives of indigenous peoples and civil society organizations; a list of speakers will not be maintained in this regard;

h) Organizations and institutions of indigenous peoples interested in participating in the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples should be invited to submit applications to the Secretariat through an open and transparent accreditation procedure, in accordance with established practice for the accreditation of representatives of organizations and institutions of indigenous peoples observed by the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues and the UN Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples , which will provide for the timely information on participation and consultation with States concerned;

i) Requests the President of the General Assembly to draw up a list of representatives of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council who may participate in the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples;

j) Requests also the President of the General Assembly to draw up a list of representatives of other relevant non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, the academia, and the private sector who may participate in the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples and to submit the list to Member States for their consideration;

4. Encourages all Member States to be represented in the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples at the Head of State or Government Level;

5. Invites the Holy See, in its capacity as observer State, Palestine, in its capacity as observer, and the European Union, in its capacity as observer, to participate in the preparatory activities and in the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples;

6. Encourages United Nations agencies, funds and programs, and regional commissions of the United Nations, in accordance with their mandates, to actively engage in the process leading to the World Conference, including by preparing or updating relevant thematic reports on the realization of the rights of indigenous peoples, on the basis of disaggregated statistics and data to the extent possible, and to identify possible ways to provide technical and other type of support to the process, in particular to promote the full and effective participation of indigenous peoples in the World Conference,

7. Requests the President of the General Assembly to organize, no later than June 2014, informal interactive hearings with representatives of indigenous peoples, representatives of entities of the United Nations system, academia, civil society and nongovernmental organizations, to provide a valuable input to the preparatory process for the World Conference;

8. Encourages Member States to participate in the interactive hearings at the ambassadorial level to facilitate best possible interaction and dialogue between Member States and representatives of indigenous peoples as well as representatives of non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations;

9. Requests also the President of the General Assembly to establish during the 67th session of the General Assembly an inclusive process of consultations with Member States and with representatives of indigenous peoples within the framework of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, as well with the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the Special Rapporteur in order to prepare an action oriented document for its adoption during the World Conference;

10. Decides also that the action oriented document of the World Conference of Indigenous Peoples should contribute to the realization of the rights of indigenous peoples, pursue the objectives of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and promote the achievement of internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals;

11. Decides also that the results of the international, regional or thematic conferences organized by Member States and Indigenous Peoples in preparation of the World Conference should be included in a official compilation and made available to all relevant stakeholders prior to the World Conference in order to contribute to its preparation;

12. Requests the President of the General Assembly, in consultation with Member States and representatives of Indigenous Peoples, to finalize the organizational arrangements of the World Conference, including the definition of the specific themes for the round tables and the interactive panel, the identification of keynote speakers, taking in to account the relevant provisions of this resolution and the inclusive process of discussion for the outcome document of the World Conference and the identification of the Chairs for the round tables and panel discussion taking into account the level of representation as well as adequate geographical representation;

13. Decides also to expand the mandate of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations so it can assist representatives of indigenous peoples organizations, institutions and communities to participate in the World Conference, including in the preparatory process, in accordance with relevant rules and regulations;

14. Urges Governments and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to continue to contribute to the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations and invites indigenous organizations and private institutions and individuals to do likewise;

15. Encourages Member States, organizations and institutions of indigenous peoples, entities of the United Nations system, private sector, non-governmental organizations, and others to organize side-events and other relevant thematic and cultural activities in New York that would add to the value and visibility of the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples;