

Organization of the High-level Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly, to be known as 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, **[This version deletes the reference to the right to self-determination and right to participate in decision-making in matters affecting them]**

Pp2. *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, **[Deletes: and to their participation in United Nation processes and bodies,]**

Pp3. *Reaffirming* its resolution 65/198 of 21 December 2010 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,

Pp4 or 5bis. Encouraging the participation of indigenous peoples in the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples,

PP5. *Recalling* also its resolution 59/174 of 20 December 2004, by which it proclaimed the Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous Peoples (2004-2014), and recognizing that challenges remain in meeting the goals and objectives of the Second Decade,

Pp6. *Inviting* 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,

Pp7. *Taking note of* 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,

Pp8. *Encouraging* **[Deletes: Welcoming]** the continued 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 of September and the afternoon of the Tuesday 23 of September 2014; [The GCG proposed a 3 day conference, the previous draft proposed a 2 day conference, this last draft proposes a 1 ½ day conference.]**

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

3. Decided 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, three interactive round tables and one informal panel discussion. The opening meeting will start at 9:00 a.m and on the afternoon of Monday 22 of September two round tables will take place simultaneously;

b) The speakers at the opening session will be the President of the General Assembly, **Heads of State and Government or High Level Representatives of Member States representing a regional group [This is new text.]**, the Secretary-General, the High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Chair of the Permanent Forum, **three representatives of indigenous peoples who will be proposed by indigenous peoples and subsequently designated by the President of the Assembly after consultations with Member States**; **[Reference to EMRIP and the Special Rapporteur deleted and moved to d) below; 9 Indigenous reps reduced to 3; 'after consultations with Indigenous peoples' replaced with 'after consultations with Member States']**

c) The informal round tables and the interactive panel discussion will be chaired by one Member State and **one representative** of indigenous peoples **who will be proposed by indigenous peoples and subsequently designated by the President of the Assembly after consultations with Member States**, **[requirement for consultation with Indigenous peoples deleted,]**

d) The Chair of the Permanent Forum, the Chairperson Rapporteur of the Expert Mechanism and the Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples should be invited to participate in the interactive panel discussion;

e) The proceedings of the round tables and interactive panel discussion shall be webcast;

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

[The previous item f) has been deleted, which stated: 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 in the round tables and the interactive panel, participation will include Member States, observers, representatives of entities of the United Nations system, representatives of indigenous peoples, civil society organizations and national human rights institutions;

h) Organizations and institutions of indigenous peoples interested in participating in the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly, to be known as the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples, **and whose aims and purposes are in conformity with the spirit, purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations**, 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 comprehensive information on participation of such organizations and institutions of indigenous peoples for consideration by Member States** and consultation with States concerned; ~~[Deletes: Indigenous peoples, nations, councils, parliaments, governments, organizations and institutions, interested in participating in the World Conference are encouraged to register with the Secretariat of the Permanent Forum;; participation of Indigenous peoples organizations and institutions to be decided by Member States;~~

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, national human rights institutions 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 on a non-objection basis and bring to the attention of the General Assembly the finalized list;

4. Encourages Member States to consider including representatives of indigenous peoples in their delegations to the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples;

~~[deletes: 5. Invites the Holy See, in its capacity as an 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;]~~

5. Encourages participation of indigenous women, youth, elders and persons with disabilities in the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples; **[new]**

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; ~~[deletes: 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, an informal interactive hearing with representatives of indigenous peoples, representatives of entities of the United Nations system, academia, national human rights institutions, **parliamentarians** **[new]**, civil society and non-governmental organizations, **in accordance with relevant provisions of**

this resolution **[new]**, to provide valuable input to the preparatory process for the World Conference;

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

9. Decides that the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly, to be known as the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples, shall result in a concise action oriented outcome document, **[New text]** and requests the President of the General Assembly to prepare a draft text on the basis **[Deletes: an inclusive process]** of consultations with Member States, as well as indigenous peoples, **[Deletes reference to UNPFII, EMPRIIP and SR]** and by taking into account the views emerging from the preparatory process and the informal interactive hearing referred to in paragraph 8 of the present resolution **[New text]**, and to convene an inclusive and open informal process of consultations at an appropriate date in order to provide input for sufficient **consideration by Member States and agreement by the** of the outcome document by the General Assembly prior to formal action at the high level meeting **[This sentence makes the outcome document solely in the hands of Member States and replaces previous text: 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 on 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 all internationally agreed development goals; **[Deletes reference to the Millenium Development Goals and the goals and objectives of the Second Decade.]**

11. Encourages Member States and Indigenous Peoples to disseminate the results of international, regional or thematic conferences organized by them in preparation of the World Conference, as widely as possible **[Deletes: should be included in an 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, as well as representatives of Indigenous Peoples, to finalize the organizational arrangements of the World Conference, the definition of the specific themes for the round tables and the interactive panel, the inclusion of a possible indigenous peoples opening ceremony **[new text]**, **[Deletes: identification of keynote speakers;]** taking into account the relevant provisions of this resolution **[New text]** 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, **[Deletes: and the inclusive process of discussion for the outcome document of the World Conference]**

13. Decides also to expand the mandate of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations so it can assist, in an equitable manner **[New text]**, 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 inter-governmental 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 actively support indigenous peoples' activities and events in preparation for the World Conference as well as 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;