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80/303. Enhancing the participation of Indigenous Peoples' representatives and representative institutions in meetings of relevant United Nations bodies on issues affecting them

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the purposes and principles contained in the Charter of the United Nations,

Reaffirming also the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples[1] and the solemn commitment to respect, promote and advance and in no way diminish the rights of Indigenous Peoples and to uphold the principles of the Declaration, including the right to participate in decision-making in matters which would affect their rights, through representatives chosen by themselves in accordance with their own procedures,

Recognizing that the situation of Indigenous Peoples varies from region to region and from country to country and that the significance of national and regional particularities and various historical and cultural backgrounds should be taken into consideration,

Reaffirming the principle of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples that nothing in the Declaration may be interpreted as implying for any State, people, group or person any right to engage in any activity or to perform any act contrary to the Charter of the United Nations or construed as authorizing or encouraging any action which would dismember or impair, totally or in part, the territorial integrity or political unity of sovereign and independent States,

Reaffirming also the outcome document of the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly known as the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples,[2] and

[1] Resolution 61/295, annex.
[2] Resolution 69/2.

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recalling the commitment by Member States to consider ways to enable the participation of Indigenous Peoples' representatives and representative institutions in meetings of relevant United Nations bodies on issues affecting them,

Recalling its resolutions 70/232 of 23 December 2015, 71/321 of 8 September 2017, 77/203 of 15 December 2022, 78/328 of 6 September 2024 and 80/191 of 15 December 2025, taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on ways and means of promoting the participation of Indigenous Peoples' representatives and representative institutions in relevant United Nations meetings on issues affecting them,[3] and taking note also of the interactions between Member States, Indigenous Peoples' representatives and representative institutions, and relevant United Nations mechanisms on possible measures to enhance such participation, including procedural and institutional steps and accreditation criteria,

Recognizing the important contributions of Indigenous Peoples in addressing a range of issues on the international agenda,

Taking note of the summary report prepared by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the discussions held to make recommendations on the concrete ways to enhance the participation of Indigenous Peoples in the work of the Human Rights Council,[4]

Taking note also of the recommendations of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues contained in the report on its twenty-fifth session regarding enhanced participation of Indigenous Peoples,[5]

1. *Decides* to continue its consideration of possible further measures, including the adoption of procedural and institutional steps, necessary to enhance the participation of Indigenous Peoples' representatives and representative institutions in relevant United Nations meetings on issues affecting them, and requests the President of the General Assembly at the beginning of a session, no sooner than the eighty-fourth session and no later than the eighty-fifth session, to appoint two co-facilitators from Member States, one from a developed country and one from a developing country, taking into account geographical representation, and two advisers from Indigenous Peoples in consultation with Member States;

2. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly, in consultation with Member States and Indigenous Peoples' representatives and representative institutions, to organize, within existing resources and on the margins of the twenty-eighth session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, a workshop of not more than three days on enhanced participation of Indigenous Peoples, open to all Member States and observers of the General Assembly, and Indigenous Peoples with accreditation to the Permanent Forum, and to prepare a record of the discussions of the workshop as an input to the intergovernmental process of the General Assembly;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, within existing resources, to compile information from Member States and Indigenous Peoples from the seven sociocultural regions on existing practices and acknowledgements of Indigenous Peoples' representatives and representative institutions, and on possible barriers to participation, including, inter alia, language barriers, accessibility barriers, technological barriers, financial constraints and procedural challenges, before the eighty-third session of the General Assembly, in support of the implementation of the relevant resolutions;

[3] A/HRC/21/24.

[4] A/HRC/59/35.

[5] See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2026, Supplement No. 23* (E/2026/43).

4. *Encourages* Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and other private and public entities to continue to contribute to the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Peoples in order to assist Indigenous Peoples and institutions to participate in the consultation process on the procedural and institutional steps to enable the participation of Indigenous Peoples' representatives and representative institutions in meetings of relevant United Nations bodies on issues affecting them, and invites the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Peoples, within the established rules and procedures of the Fund, to facilitate the participation of Indigenous Peoples' representatives and representative institutions in such meetings, taking into account and promoting balanced regional, gender and intergenerational representation;

5. *Encourages* the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the Special Rapporteur on the rights of Indigenous Peoples, in promoting the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, to continue to address the enhanced participation of Indigenous Peoples' representatives and representative institutions within the United Nations on issues affecting them;

6. *Continues to encourage* further efforts to facilitate the participation of Indigenous Peoples' representatives and representative institutions in meetings of relevant United Nations bodies on issues affecting them, in accordance with their respective rules of procedure, inter alia, through the inclusion of Indigenous Peoples' representatives and representative institutions in the modalities for relevant conferences, summits and other meetings convened by the United Nations on issues affecting them, in accordance with the relevant decisions established by the appropriate body or organization responsible for those meetings.

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