



United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Report on the fifteenth session

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**Recommendations Specifically Pertaining to the
2030 Agenda, adopted by the Permanent Forum
on Indigenous Issues**

Draft decisions recommended by the Permanent Forum for adoption by the Council

Under Draft decision III “Report of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on its fifteenth session and provisional agenda for its sixteenth session”, Agenda Item 9 of the provisional agenda for the sixteenth session of the Permanent Forum reads: “**2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**”.

Recommendations of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

International expert group meeting on the theme “Indigenous languages: preservation and revitalization (articles 13, 14 and 16 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples)”

8. There are successful examples, but too few, of indigenous-led efforts on language preservation and revitalization, such as those by native Hawaiians. The Permanent Forum welcomes the new Indigenous Peoples Language Caucus, established by indigenous peoples to ensure ongoing guidance on initiatives for the preservation and revitalization of indigenous languages and to provide for the development of the necessary mass of public knowledge and support. The caucus needs to be supported by the United Nations system, States and civil society. The Sustainable Development Goals demand that no one should be left behind. In this spirit, given that languages are integral to the well-being of all peoples, no indigenous language should be left behind or allowed to die.

Implementation of the six mandated areas of the Permanent Forum with reference to the United Nations Declaration

Human Rights

28. Consistent with articles 18 and 19 of the United Nations Declaration and in line with the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, with the call to “leave no one behind”, the Permanent Forum strongly recommend that States and funds, programmes and specialized agencies of the United Nations system ensure the disaggregation of data on the basis of indigenous identifiers/ethnicity and the full and effective participation of indigenous peoples in developing and monitoring national action plans and in all processes relating to the follow-up to and review of the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, including at the high-level political forum on sustainable development.

Environment

42. In relation to the food security and food sovereignty of indigenous peoples, the Permanent Forum acknowledges indigenous peoples’ traditional knowledge, in particular that of indigenous women, and recognizes their cultural, social and environmental practices, which contribute to global efforts and initiatives such as the Sustainable Development Goals.

Future work of the Permanent Forum, including issues considered by the Economic and Social Council and emerging issues

74. Given the holistic and integral vision of indigenous peoples, the Sustainable Development Goals must be implemented in a comprehensive way, taking into account that the absence of a single element would lead to a lack of equilibrium and harmony in relationships between human beings and Mother Nature. The Permanent Forum recommends that States and United Nations agencies widely disseminate the Goals to indigenous peoples, using culturally appropriate educational tools and in indigenous languages, observing protocols and times suitable for such dissemination, given the lack of knowledge about them.

75. Building upon the study prepared by members of the Permanent Forum on the situation of indigenous persons with disabilities, with a particular focus on challenges faced with respect to the full enjoyment of human rights and inclusion in development (see [E/C.19/2013/6](#)), and in the light of the call in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development to “leave no one behind”, the Forum is concerned that the experiences and rights of indigenous persons with disabilities require further study and examination. In that regard, the Forum calls upon the secretariat of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, as the focal point within the United Nations system on matters relating to disability, to conduct a qualitative study with regard to indigenous persons with disabilities, in all seven regions of the world.