

Annex I

Recommendations of the Permanent Forum that specifically deal with indigenous youth

First Session

31. The Forum intends to make indigenous children and youth a focal point of its work in the years to come. **[GENERAL]**

Second Session:

7. The Forum recommends that the Inter-Agency Support Group discuss how to promote the cross-cutting issue of children and youth. **[GENERAL]**

15. Aware of the massive exodus of indigenous youth to the alien environments of cities around the world and the discrimination, socio-economic hardships, weakened family networks and drug abuse, inter alia, affecting those youngsters and .street children., the Forum requests the World Bank, the ILO and UNICEF to conduct an in-depth comparative study of legal frameworks and social programmes addressing indigenous urban youth in selected countries. The study should assess key problems and best practices and should provide recommendations for the formulation of policies and strategies for future action. **[GENERAL-CONDUCT STUDY ON INDIGENOUS YOUTH]**

19. The Forum, taking into account the large number of incarcerated indigenous children and youth and the need to assist them in reintegrating into society as soon as possible through socio-educational measures, recommends that the Economic and Social Council urge Governments to ensure greater protection and humane treatment of those children and youth while in prison and youth detention centres, and to provide them with socio-educational measures for their rehabilitation. **[INCARCERATION]**

22. The Forum recommends that both States and indigenous peoples' organizations consider the inclusion of youth representatives in their delegations attending the annual session of the Forum. **[PARTICIPATION]**

23. The Forum recommends that in staffing the secretariat of the Forum, due consideration be given to qualified indigenous youth applicants. **[PARTICIPATION-STAFFING OF SPFII]**

82. The Forum recommends that WHO, in conjunction with indigenous health providers, undertake a study on the prevalence and causes of suicide among indigenous youth, and efforts being undertaken, including culturally based approaches, to address suicide prevention and the promotion of mental health and wellness. **[SUICIDE]**

99. The Forum recommends that Governments and the United Nations system, through its country presences, support indigenous media and promote the engagement of indigenous youth in indigenous programmes. **[PARTICIPATION-MEDIA]**

Third Session

19 (p) Given the overrepresentation of indigenous youth and adults in detention, the Forum urges States to consider culturally relevant and appropriate education for indigenous peoples in detention centres; **[INCARCERATION]**

Fourth Session

96. The Forum recommends that the Inter-Agency Support Group on Indigenous Issues organize a workshop on policies and best practices of engaging indigenous youth and children on prevention of suicide among them and report to the Forum at its next session (2006). **[SUICIDE]**

97. United Nations agencies should provide incentives and funding opportunities for indigenous youth organizations to initiate non-formal education activities targeting girls and women. Where initiatives already exist, they should develop replication strategies and scale up existing initiatives. **[NON-FORMAL EDUCATION]**

98. The Millennium Campaign should raise awareness about the Millennium Development Goals and indigenous peoples, providing space for indigenous youth to express their views and share experiences

related to Millennium Development Goals issues, enable young indigenous people to interact with their national leaders, and facilitate networking between youth groups to crystallise new projects. The campaigns should include several elements including school-based outreach, national conferences, local workshops, media activities, including phone-in radio programmes and televised debates, essay and expression contests and service days. **[PARTICIPATION-MDGs]**

100. Youth employment poverty-reduction strategies of States and the intergovernmental system should especially focus on indigenous youth, women and men, who are among the most marginalized within the current economic system. Addressing the needs of indigenous youth will also help to achieve Millennium Development Goal 3 and address pressures and problems arising from mass rural-to urban migration. **[MDGs]**

102. Special emphasis should be placed by States on the involvement of city and local government authorities in engaging and supporting young indigenous people to achieve the Millennium Development Goals at the local level. Priorities for local authorities should include the creation of local youth councils with the participation of indigenous youth in decision-making, the provision of meeting spaces for young people to gather and coordinate projects, develop youth leadership, support for youth artistic and cultural expression, promotion of sport for development and peace and access to information and communication technologies. **[PARTICIPATION]**

104. The Forum urges States and United Nations agencies to support the attendance and participation of indigenous youth at future sessions of the Permanent Forum. **[PARTICIPATION]**

105. The Forum urges the members of the advisory council for the Voluntary Fund for the Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People to allocate funds to indigenous youth-initiated projects and activities. **[FUNDING FOR PROJECTS-PARTICIPATION]**

Fifth Session

60. The Permanent Forum reiterates its recommendation to the Inter-Agency Support Group on Indigenous Issues to organize a workshop on policies and best practices in engaging indigenous youth and children on the prevention of suicide among them and to report to the Permanent Forum at its next session (2007). **[SUICIDE]**

66. The Permanent Forum urges United Nations organizations, non-governmental organizations, States and other supportive organizations to facilitate, support and fund local, regional and international youth activities and other upcoming training workshops and forums. **[PARTICIPATION]**

Sixth Session

65. Calling attention to the high rates of suicide among indigenous youth in some countries, the Permanent Forum reiterates its call for States and relevant national aboriginal health bodies to convene a meeting to assess the root causes of indigenous youth suicide and to formulate preventive strategies. The Forum reiterates its call on UNICEF and WHO to convene a meeting on youth suicide. **[SUICIDE]**

153. The Permanent Forum reiterates it calls on States to provide funds for indigenous youth for language training courses to enable their full and effective participation in United Nations meetings. **[PARTICIPATION/CAPACITY BUILDING]**

154. The Permanent Forum intends to develop a working practice for its next session that will engage the Youth Caucus more actively in its work. **[PARTICIPATION- YOUTH CAUCUS]**

Seventh Session

101. The Permanent Forum expresses its appreciation to the Indigenous Youth Caucus and calls for its continued, effective participation in the sessions of the Forum, as well as in other decision-making processes concerning indigenous peoples' rights. The Forum requests its secretariat and the United Nations Youth Unit in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs to continue facilitating the involvement of the Youth Caucus in its annual sessions. **[PARTICIPATION- YOUTH CAUCUS]**

113. The Permanent Forum notes the intention of the members of the North American indigenous caucus to hold a conference on indigenous children and youth in detention, custody, adoption and foster care, and urges members of the caucus to invite members of the Forum, Government representatives and youth representatives to discuss model programmes and effective measures to address the disproportional representation of indigenous children and youth in detention, custody, adoption and foster care. **[INCARCERATION]**

Eighth Session

Ninth Session

77. The Permanent Forum notes that in supporting indigenous youth, the Indigenous Youth Caucus has been a consistent voice at the sessions of the Permanent Forum, while the United Nations Programme on Youth has dedicated a chapter of its 2009 report to the theme “Indigenous youth and climate change”. **[YOUTH CAUCUS]**

Tenth Session

15. The Permanent Forum recommends that the Inter-Agency Support Group on Indigenous Peoples’ Issues compile a database on case studies showing the progress made by Member States and organizations regarding indigenous youth rights in the implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. **[RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS YOUTH]**

49. The Permanent Forum calls upon all member States and United Nations agencies to respond to the annual questionnaire from the secretariat of the Permanent Forum in order to provide information on reliable practices that lead to the full and effective implementation of the Declaration. Further, the Forum recommends that the secretariat of the Permanent Forum include questions that particularly focus on indigenous children and youth. **[RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS YOUTH]**

51. The Permanent Forum recommends that the secretariat of the Permanent Forum, the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, UNDP and the United Nations Programme on Youth cooperate closely with the Global Indigenous Youth Caucus to conduct and support regional and international human rights training programmes to build the capacity and advocacy skills of indigenous youth. **[CAPACITY BUILDING – YOUTH CAUCUS]**

64. The Permanent Forum requests that UNICEF, when completing its strategic policy framework on indigenous peoples, include indigenous youth in the design of the policy. In addition, particular attention is needed to reflect the diversity among indigenous children and to focus on vulnerable groups, such as victims of human trafficking and child pornography, as well as groups facing manifold discrimination based on gender, disability or sexual orientation. **[PARTICIPATION]**

67. The Permanent Forum recommends that UNICEF allocate at least one fellowship to an indigenous young person from each region every year for a term of at least three months, to empower indigenous youth and promote knowledge and experience regarding the United Nations system and the work of the Fund, and including financial support. **[PARTICIPATION-CAPACITY BUILDING]**

70. The Permanent Forum requests that UNICEF coordinate its activities and operations with the United Nations Programme on Youth, the secretariat of the Forum and the Global Indigenous Youth Caucus to ensure the participation of indigenous youth in the upcoming high-level meeting on youth. **[PARTICIPATION]**

74. The Permanent Forum recommends that UNICEF establish a particular budget and strengthen programmes and projects for indigenous children and youth. **[FUNDING-PROGRAMMES]**

Eleventh Session

11. The Permanent Forum recommends that States and the United Nations system, with particular attention to the activities of the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) and the World Health Organization (WHO), introduce indigenous youth perspectives into existing youth policies and plans, including the five-year action agenda of the Secretary-General to address health issues. In addition, there should be a distinct focus on indigenous youth by improving participation in decision making and by introducing and including mental health services for young people, with particular efforts to address suicide among indigenous youth. **[HEALTH – SUICIDE]**

15. The Permanent Forum recommends that the relevant United Nations agencies and Member States with reindeer herding peoples support training and education programmes for indigenous reindeer herding youth and communities in order to secure the future sustainability and resilience of the Arctic and sub-Arctic indigenous pastoral reindeer herding societies and cultures in the face of climate change, land-use change and globalization. **[CAPACITY BUILDING-REGIONAL]**

36. The Permanent Forum reiterates the call, made at its tenth session, to United Nations agencies and funds to conduct and support regional and international human rights training programmes aimed at building the capacity and advocacy skills of indigenous youth. Furthermore, the Forum recommends the use of social media, youth forums and other popular cultural forms of communication to disseminate information and training material on the rights of indigenous youth and to facilitate consultation processes at the national and international levels. **[CAPACITY BUILDING]**

93. The Permanent Forum notes that indigenous youth in the region are often forced to leave their home and lands to receive an education, which can pose an obstacle to the right to education. The Permanent Forum urges States in Central and Eastern Europe, the Russian Federation, Central Asia and Transcaucasia to take measures to ensure the enjoyment of the right to education by indigenous youth. The Permanent Forum encourages States of the region to facilitate the development of indigenous peoples' self-administration, the development of their inner potential and human resources, forming parliaments following the example of the Sami people; and decent representation of the small-numbered indigenous peoples in the bodies of legislative and executive power on all levels. **[PARTICIPATION – REGIONAL]**

121. The Permanent Forum takes note of the UNDP Global Programme for Electoral Cycle Support initiative, with its focus on indigenous women and youth in Latin America, and appreciates the contributions provided by donors to ensure the success of the initiative. The Forum recommends that Member States, UN-Women and UNICEF provide financial support for this important initiative for indigenous women and youth. **[FUNDING-PROGRAMMES]**