



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

19 May 2017

Excellency,

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter dated 18 May 2017 from the Advisers of the consultation process concerning the ways to enable the participation of indigenous peoples' representatives and institutions in meetings of relevant United Nations bodies on issues affecting them, containing the first revised draft text for upcoming negotiations scheduled for 25 and 26 May, 2017.

I encourage the active participation of your delegation, and I trust that you will continue to extend your full cooperation and support to the Advisers of the process.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest considerations.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Thomson'.

Peter Thomson

All Permanent Representatives and  
Permanent Observers to the United Nations  
New York

New York 19<sup>th</sup> May

Excellency,

With the reference to your letters dated 28 September, 18 October and 2 and 23 December 2016 and 23 January, 16 February and 11 and 21 April 2017 with respect to the consultation process associated with Indigenous peoples' participation in the United Nations, we are pleased to send you the revised text on the participation of Indigenous peoples at the United Nations.

We wish to note that we still have attempted to include a variety of proposals in the revised text, while also narrowing down ways forward within the mandate of the General Assembly. In the revised text we have noted a reference to existing resolutions and reports, where applicable, reflecting the proposals made during the negotiations. When a reference is not added, the proposal is based on the discussions so far.

We note that discussions on many important issues are still needed, including the decisiveness of some criteria, as well as the possibility for consensus in decision making. We look forward to finding a best possible way forward on all these issues. We have made some changes in the text that in our assessment could move the discussion forward, as well as still keeping options open in order for us to be able to continue our discussions towards reaching a consensus on this issue.

This 1<sup>st</sup> revision of the text will be the basis on which the negotiations will continue on 25<sup>th</sup> May (10 AM – 1 PM and 3 PM- 6 PM). We have also reserved 26<sup>th</sup> May (10 AM - 1 PM and 3 PM – 6 PM) in case we do not finish the second reading on 25<sup>th</sup> May. The meetings will take place in the ECOSOC chamber.

We are happy to inform you that we are pleased with how the discussions proceeded during the previous session on 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> May and wish to convey our appreciation to the participants for their constructive approach to the discussions.

The final compilation and addendum (A/70/990) is available in all official UN languages at: [www.undocs.org/a/70/990](http://www.undocs.org/a/70/990). The revised text is attached to this letter.

It is our view that a successful outcome can only be achieved in partnership together with Member States and Indigenous Peoples. We encourage Member States to continue consulting with Indigenous Peoples in their regions throughout the process.

We are looking forward to continual engagement on this important subject with all stakeholders and to your continued support.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.



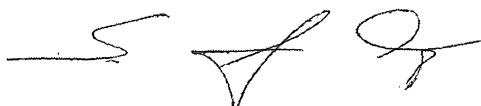
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Additions/changes to previous text suggested by advisors are marked in bold; brackets indicate particular need for further discussions; rev1 presented on the on the understanding that the text as a whole still under discussion.

**DRAFT RESOLUTION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON ENABLING THE PARTICIPATION OF  
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' REPRESENTATIVE INSTITUTIONS IN MEETINGS OF RELEVANT UNITED  
NATIONS BODIES ON ISSUES AFFECTING THEM**

**PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPHS:**

**PP1** Guided by the purposes and principles contained in the Charter of the United Nations[, including developing friendly relations among nations based on respect for the principle of equal rights and self-determination of peoples, achieving international cooperation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural or humanitarian character and in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all as well as the sovereign equality, territorial integrity and political independence of all its Members.](Based on A/RES/60/251 PP1 and UN Charter article 2)

**PP2** Reaffirming the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (hereinafter "the Declaration") adopted by the General Assembly on 13 September 2007 [, and our commitments made in this respect to consult and cooperate in good faith with the Indigenous Peoples concerned through their own representative institutions.] (Based on WCIP outcome document A/RES/69/2 article 3)

**PP3** Reaffirming 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 rights to self-determination and participation at national levels as well as in UN decision-making that affects them, in accordance with articles 3, 5, 18, 19, 20, 32, 33, **37**, 39, 41 and 42 of the Declaration.] (Based on WCIP outcome document A/RES/69/2 article 4)

**PP4** Reaffirming the Outcome document of the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly known as the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples [, by which it committed / **and its decision**] to consider ways to enable the participation of Indigenous Peoples' representatives and institutions in meetings of relevant United Nations bodies on issues affecting them. (Based on A/RES70/232 PP8)

**PP5** Recalling its resolution 70/232 of 23 December 2015 in which it requested the President of the General Assembly to conduct consultations with Member States, Indigenous Peoples' representatives and institutions from all regions of the world, and existing relevant mechanisms of the United Nations, on the possible measures necessary to enable the participation of Indigenous Peoples' representatives and institutions in meetings of relevant United Nations bodies on issues affecting them, and also requested the President to prepare a compilation of the views presented during the

consultations, including good practices within the United Nations regarding Indigenous Peoples' participation, which will form the basis for a draft text to be finalized and adopted by the General Assembly during its seventy-first session. *(Based on OP 19 A/RES/70/232 and OP24 and OP25 of A/RES/71/178)*

**PP6** Recalling relevant Human Rights Council resolutions, including its resolution 18/8 (A/HRC/RES/18/8) of 29 September 2011 and resolution 21/24 (A/HRC/RES/21/24) of 28 September 2012.

**PP7** Recalling the reports by the Secretary-General on ways and means of promoting participation in the United Nations of Indigenous Peoples' representatives on issues affecting them<sup>1</sup> and on the progress made in the implementation of the outcome document of the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly known as the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples<sup>2</sup> [, in which the Secretary-General encouraged Member States to move forward on developing measures to enable the effective participation of indigenous peoples' representatives and institutions in meetings of relevant United Nations bodies on issues affecting them, through representatives chosen in accordance with their own procedures.] *(Partly based on paragraph 48 of Secretary-General's report A/70/84-E/2015/76)*

**PP8** Noting the outcome document of the Alta Conference<sup>3</sup>, in which Indigenous Peoples made recommendations for consideration at the United Nations high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly known as the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples and called for, at a minimum, an observer status for Indigenous Peoples within the United Nations system, and other contributions made by Indigenous Peoples to the consultations conducted on the possible measures necessary to enable the participation of Indigenous Peoples' representatives and institutions in meetings of relevant United Nations bodies on issues affecting them. *(Based on WCIP outcome document A/RES/69/2 article 2)*

**PP9** Recalling the arrangements made for participation by Indigenous Peoples, including in the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues and the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as well as arrangements made for UN Conferences, Summits and UN General Assembly High-Level Events.

**PP10** Noting that the deliberations at the United Nations meetings have become richer, **more solutions-based** and more diverse with the participation of Indigenous Peoples.

**PP11** Convinced that the participation of Indigenous Peoples, including indigenous women, youth, older persons and persons with disabilities, from all regions contributes to knowledge and expertise in the United Nations as well as to facilitating the strengthening of cooperation between States and Indigenous Peoples in a peaceful and constructive fashion. *(Partly based on SG report A/HRC/21/24 paragraph 13)*

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<sup>1</sup> A/HRC/21/24

<sup>2</sup> A/70/84-E/2015/76

<sup>3</sup> A/67/994, annex

**PP12** Noting the efforts by the UN system, through the System-Wide Action Plan for ensuring a coherent approach to achieving the ends of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, to take concrete and practical steps towards increased full, **direct** and effective participation by Indigenous Peoples in processes that affect them. *(Based on System-wide Action Plan on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in document E/C.19/2016/5, in particular paragraph 35).*

**PP13** Further noting that existing arrangements for participation by non-State Entities within the United Nations system do not adequately enable Indigenous Peoples' representatives participation in decision making affecting them, as **they are not always organized as non-governmental organizations** *(Based on SG report A/HRC21/24, paras 3 and 7; HRC resolution A/HRC/RES21/24 PP7 and A/HRC/RES/18/8 OP13)*

**[PP14 Recognizing/Concerned that indigenous peoples have suffered from historic injustices as a result of, inter alia, their colonization and dispossession of their lands, territories and resources, thus preventing them from exercising, in particular, their right to development in accordance with their own needs and interests. (Based on PP6 of UNDRIP)]**

**[PP15 Acknowledging that there is no internationally agreed upon definition of "indigenous peoples", 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.]**

**PP16** Conscious that any new arrangements of participation of Indigenous Peoples within the United Nations system shall not undermine the existing participation by Indigenous Peoples.

## **OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS**

Cognizant of the need to make arrangements to enable Indigenous Peoples' effective participation in relevant meetings of United Nations bodies on issues affecting them, through their representative institutions,

**OP1** Approves the following modalities for Indigenous Peoples' representative institutions participation at the UN:

**OP2** Agrees that the **identification and registration** of Indigenous Peoples' representative institutions to attend and participate in the United Nations in accordance with the principles and criteria set herein does not imply recognition of those institutions under international or domestic law or policy for any purpose other than participation in meetings of relevant United Nations bodies on issues affecting them **and** does not imply that the represented peoples are 'indigenous' or 'peoples' for any other purpose.

## *Venues of participation*

### [OP 3 Alternative 1

Decides to invite Indigenous Peoples' representative institutions to attend and participate in all meetings of the General Assembly and its Main Committees on issues affecting them and to invite the Human Rights Council, **no later than by the end of the 72nd session of the General Assembly**, to make the necessary arrangements for Indigenous Peoples' representative institutions to attend and participate at its meetings.

Invites the Economic and Social Council, no later than by the end of the 72nd session of the General Assembly, to ensure that Indigenous Peoples' representative institutions can attend and participate in all its meetings on issues affecting them, including in all its functional commissions. ]

### [OP3 Alternative 2

Decides to invite Indigenous Peoples' representative institutions to attend and participate in all meetings of the General Assembly as well as the General Assembly's Second Committee and Third Committee on issues affecting them and to invite the Human Rights Council, **no later than by the end of the 72nd session of the General Assembly**, to make the necessary arrangements for Indigenous Peoples' representative institutions to attend and participate at its meetings.

Also decides that the President of the General Assembly may invite Indigenous Peoples' representative institutions to attend and participate in additional meetings on issues affecting them in the General Assembly Main and other Committees and its subsidiary bodies to be determined by the President of the General Assembly in consultation with **Indigenous Peoples' representative institutions and Member States**.

Invites the Economic and Social Council, no later than by the end of the 72nd session of the General Assembly, to ensure that Indigenous Peoples' representative institutions can attend and participate in all its meetings on issues affecting them, including in all its functional commissions. ]

### [OP3 Alternative 3

Invites the Economic and Social Council, no later than by the end of the 72nd session of the General Assembly, to ensure that Indigenous Peoples' representative institutions can attend and participate in all its meetings on issues affecting them, including in all its functional commissions.

Also invites the Human Rights Council, no later than by the end of the 72nd session of the General Assembly, to make the necessary arrangements to ensure that Indigenous Peoples' representative institutions can attend and participate in its meetings in accordance with this resolution. ]

### Text after all OP3 alternatives

**OP4** Reaffirms that Indigenous Peoples' representative institutions may be invited to attend conferences, summits and other meetings convened by the General Assembly on issues affecting them, in accordance with the relevant decisions established by the General Assembly for those meetings.

**OP5** Commits to ensure that in modalities for future conferences convened by the General Assembly, Indigenous Peoples' representative institutions are granted, as a minimum, similar rights to attend and participate in those conferences as established in the modalities herein.

**OP6** Urges other bodies and organisations throughout the UN system, including United Nations funds, programmes and specialized agencies, to enable the participation of Indigenous Peoples' representative institutions on issues affecting them.

### ***Participation modalities and arrangements***

**OP7** Decides that:

- a) Indigenous Peoples' representative institutions attending United Nations meetings prescribed in this resolution **can inscribe** on the list of speakers and make oral statements in one of the official languages of the United Nations. They shall furthermore have the right to submit written statements in one of the official languages of the United Nations.
- b) Where appropriate, and when invited by the chairperson of the meeting, Indigenous Peoples can be offered the right to reply.
- c) The allocation of speaking slots for Indigenous Peoples' representative institutions attending meetings of the United Nations shall be arranged in a balanced way, taking into account efficiency, geographic representation and fairness between all participants. The arrangements should not be such as to overburden the work of the concerned body.
- d) Indigenous Peoples' representative institutions will not be permitted to vote, raise points of order, co-sponsor resolutions, move amendments to resolutions, submit resolutions, or take decisions or other prerogatives of Member States.
- e) Indigenous Peoples' representative institutions shall be allocated appropriate seating arrangements in meetings they attend. These seating arrangements shall not be overly burdensome for the Organization, but shall, however, seek to accommodate regional representation of Indigenous Peoples' representative institutions. *(Based on ECOSOC resolution 1996/31, paragraph 67)*



### *Selection mechanism*

**OP8** Decides to establish a new mechanism to **identify and recommend the registration of Indigenous Peoples'** representative institutions for participation at the United Nations, called hereinafter the **[Registration/Indigenous Peoples' Participation/Application]** Committee.

**OP9** Decides that the composition of the **[Registration/Indigenous Peoples' Participation/Application]** Committee shall be:

#### **OP9 alternative 1:**

A committee made up of 14 [or 10] experts on the rights of indigenous peoples. Seven [five] experts shall be appointed by the President of the General Assembly in consultation with, and consisting of, indigenous peoples from all seven socio-cultural regions [five geographical regions]; and seven [five] experts from each of the seven socio-cultural regions [five geographical regions] shall be appointed by the President of the General Assembly in consultation with Member States.

Decides that the recommendations of the Committee shall be taken by a majority of the members present and voting [simple majority OR two-thirds majority]

#### **OP9 alternative 2:**

A committee appointed by the President of the General Assembly comprised of [ 7 or 5] state-appointed experts/state representatives, one representative from [each of the seven indigenous socio-cultural regions / the five geographical regions ]

Decides that the **[Registration/Indigenous Peoples' Participation/Application]** process shall be comprised of two stages: first, review by seven [or five] experts selected by the President of the General Assembly, on the basis of proposals by and consultation with Indigenous Peoples from all 7 socio-cultural Indigenous regions; second, decision by five [7] state experts/representatives taking into account the stage one review. The experts in the first and second stages shall take decisions with a majority.

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**OP10** Encourages the President of the General Assembly , in appointing members to the **[Registration/Indigenous Peoples' Participation/Application]** Committee, to give due consideration to the candidates' competence and experience on the rights of Indigenous Peoples, as well as **balanced gender representation and the participation of experts with disabilities.** (based on OP13 A/RES/68/268)

**OP11** Decides that the expert members of the **[Registration/Indigenous Peoples' Participation/Application]** Committee shall serve for a three year term, and may be reappointed for one additional term.

**OP12** Also decides that, within its mandate established by this resolution, the [Registration/Indigenous Peoples' Participation/Application] Committee shall determine its own methods of work, guided by the need for financial responsibility, fairness and efficiency.

**OP13** Decides that the relevant Member States are notified when there is an application from an Indigenous Peoples' representative institution to the Committee and that they are invited to provide information with respect to the applicant.

[ **OP14** Decides that the [Registration/Indigenous Peoples' Participation/Application] Committee will be guided by the need for geographical and regional balance among Indigenous Peoples' representative institutions. To this end, it shall seek to ensure commensurate representation from each Indigenous socio-cultural region.

**OP15** Emphasizes that the [Registration/Indigenous Peoples' Participation/Application] Committee, in considering applications, should ensure, to the extent possible, participation of Indigenous Peoples' representative institutions from all regions, in order to help achieve just, balanced, effective and genuine involvement of Indigenous Peoples' representative institutions from all regions and areas of the world. *(Based on ECOSOC resolution 1996/31 paragraph 5) ]*

**[Alternative to geographical balance in OP14 and OP15:**

Decides that the [Registration/Indigenous Peoples' Participation/Application] committee shall strive to promote parity among indigenous peoples from the seven sociocultural regions [five geographic regions] by considering, in its agenda, an equal number of indigenous peoples' representative institutions for accreditation from each of the seven [five] regions/groups.

Decides that, in order to be considered for accreditation, an indigenous people shall apply as part of a cross-regional slate of candidates, composed of one indigenous peoples' representative institution from each of the seven socio-cultural regions [five regions].

Further underlines that each indigenous peoples' representative institution forming part of a slate will be considered for accreditation independently and objectively, without prejudice to the standing of the other candidates on the slate.]

**OP16** Stresses that the recommendations of the [Registration/Indigenous Peoples' Participation/Application] Committee must be transparent and based on the application of objective criteria as set out in this resolution. Applications shall be handled without undue delay and decided upon efficiently and expeditiously. The application process should not be overly onerous for the applicants.

**OP17** Decides that the [Registration/Indigenous Peoples' Participation/Application] Committee shall provide written **justification** when an applicant institution is denied participation as an Indigenous Peoples' representative institution and that the applicant

shall have the opportunity to present its response for appropriate consideration by the Selection Committee as expeditiously as possible.

***[Appeal procedure***

**OP18** Member States and Indigenous applicants shall have an equal opportunity to appeal recommendations to grant or decline participation as Indigenous Peoples' representative institutions through a written submission. Written submissions must contain rationale for the appeal and be submitted to the **[Registration/Indigenous Peoples' Participation/Application]** Committee within 30 days of the issuing of the recommendation under appeal.

**OP19** Appeal submission(s) will be published on the United Nations website concerning Indigenous Peoples (Secretariat/DSPD/Indigenous Peoples) issues and distributed to Member States and Indigenous Peoples through appropriate channels, electronically wherever possible.

**OP20** Appeal submission(s) will be considered by the **[Registration/Indigenous Peoples' Participation/Application]** Committee within 90 days of receiving it. The **[Registration/Indigenous Peoples' Participation/Application]** Committee may discuss the appeal with the objecting Member State and Indigenous applicant to obtain further information. The **[Registration/Indigenous Peoples' Participation/Application]** Committee will issue its final recommendation based on **any** further information presented **through** the appeals submissions. The final recommendation of the **[Registration/Indigenous Peoples' Participation/Application]** Committee will be disseminated in the same manner as appeals in paragraph 19.

**OP21** Member States and Indigenous Peoples' representative institution applicants can object to the **[Registration/Indigenous Peoples' Participation/Application]** Committee's final recommendation to grant or decline participation. Member States and Indigenous Peoples' representative institution applicants must formally advise the **[Registration/Indigenous Peoples' Participation/Application]** Committee, the President of the General Assembly and the Chair of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous issues of their objection to the final decision within 30 days of the final recommendation being issued. ]

***Decisions of the General Assembly on the basis of the recommendations of the [Registration/Indigenous Peoples' Participation/Application] Committee***

**OP22** Confirms that the **[Registration/Indigenous Peoples' Participation/Application]** Committee submits its recommendation to the **General Assembly** to grant or decline an Indigenous Peoples' representative institution the right to attend and participate at the United Nations.

**[OP22 ALT Confirms that the [Registration/Indigenous Peoples' Participation/Application] Committee submits its recommendation to grant or decline an Indigenous Peoples' representative institution the right to attend and participate at**

the United Nations to the General Assembly for its endorsement. The General Assembly will seek to adopt the recommendations of the [Registration/Indigenous Peoples' Participation/Application] Committee by consensus. Any objections must be openly and transparently communicated to the General Assembly and the relevant applicant institution in writing.]

**OP23** Decides that the [Registration/Indigenous Peoples' Participation/Application] Committee may recommend to revoke or suspend an Indigenous Peoples' representative institution, with final action to be taken by the General Assembly, where there is credible evidence that the concerned Indigenous Peoples' representative institution is **not in conformity with the requirements of this resolution**.

**OP24** Further decides that applicants denied participation as Indigenous Peoples' representative institutions may re-apply.

**OP25** Decides that the [Registration/Indigenous Peoples' Participation/Application] Committee shall meet up to [15] days a year, allowing for flexibility in accordance with the number of applications for Indigenous Peoples' representative institution participation over time. Meetings could be immediately prior or subsequent to relevant meetings at the UN for cost efficiency. Videoconferencing should be used whenever possible.

**OP26** Decides that the [Registration/Indigenous Peoples' Participation/Application] Committee is supported by the **Office of the Secretary-General, [which]/who will provide logistical and technical support and** requests the Secretary-General to provide human, technical and financial assistance to **enable the [Registration/Indigenous Peoples' Participation/Application] Committee to** fulfil its mandate fully and effectively. *(based on A/HRC/RES/33/25 Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, OP17)*

**OP27** Requests the Secretary-General to make every effort to enhance and streamline, as appropriate, Secretariat support arrangements, to improve practical arrangements on such matters with greater use of modern information and communication technology, **including webcasts**, establishment of an integrated database of Indigenous Peoples' representative institutions, wide and timely dissemination of information on meetings, distribution of documentation, provision of access and transparent, simple and streamlined procedures for the attendance of Indigenous Peoples' representative institutions at United Nations meetings and to facilitate their broad based participation.

### ***Selection criteria***

**OP28** Decides that Indigenous Peoples' representative institutions selected for participation as such should be genuinely representative of one or more **community, nation or people** that qualify as indigenous.

**OP 29** Recognizes 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.

**OP30** Underlines that the [Registration/Indigenous Peoples' Participation/Application] Committee shall **balance** relevant factors in determining whether the applicant qualifies as an Indigenous Peoples' representative institution. Such factors are to be flexibly considered in accordance with current practice within the United Nations system and in light of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

**OP31** Decides that

- a) factors **to be considered include the following**, which can be present to a varying degree **taking into account the relevant context**:
  - **recognition by the state concerned of Indigenous people with a status distinct from other non-Indigenous people in the state**
    - self-identification;
    - history of dispossession and/or colonisation;
    - cultural distinctiveness including Indigenous languages;
    - where applicable, recognition under domestic laws and policies
    - a unique relationship with lands, territories and resources;
  - [Other factors that can be applied are: ]**
    - the exercise of collective rights as recognized, inter alia, by the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples;
    - the practice of self-government;
    - traditional authority under Indigenous law;
    - occupation of ancestral lands, or at least part of them, territories and resources over a long period of time; often reflected in prior occupancy;
    - entry into treaties, agreements or other constructive arrangements;
    - recognition as Indigenous by other Indigenous Peoples historically and/or now;
- b) Institutions seeking selection as Indigenous Peoples' representative institutions must show persuasive evidence that they are the legitimate representative of an Indigenous people, **community or nation**. Relevant evidence includes **inter alia**:
  - authority under Indigenous law and customs;
  - election as the representative body.
  - permanent physical presence of the institution and its personnel within the territory of the people they represent and the representative institution should be based there;
- c) The aims and purposes of Indigenous Peoples' representative institutions selected must be in conformity with the spirit, purposes and principles of the Charter of the

United Nations and should pursue the goals of promotion and protection of human rights. The institution shall undertake to support the work of the United Nations and to promote knowledge of its principles and activities in accordance with its own aims and purposes and the nature and scope of its competencies and activities. They shall not, either directly or through its affiliates or representatives, abuse their participatory rights by engaging in a pattern of acts contrary to the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations.

- d) Relevant evidence may include written documentation and, where appropriate, oral testimony. Evidence must not be so difficult to establish as to limit the ability of an Indigenous Peoples' representative institution to be selected.

**OP32** Confirms that once selected, the Indigenous Peoples' representative institutions shall have full authority to select their own delegates.

**OP33** Strongly encourages Indigenous Peoples' representative institutions to consult with indigenous women, youth, older persons and persons with disabilities, as well as include them on their delegations. *(Based on GA resolution A/RES/66/296. Organization of the high-level plenary meeting of the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly, to be known as the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples OP5.)*

### ***General principles***

**[OP35 Consistently with article 46(1) of the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples notes** that nothing in this resolution 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. *(Based on Article 46 of UNDRIP)]*

**[OP36 Reaffirming our 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. (Based on article 4 of the WCIP outcome document)]**

### ***Implementation of the resolution***

**[OP37** Decides that the provisions of the present resolution shall, in addition to the UN General Assembly, apply to its Main Committees *mutatis mutandis* and invites the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and its functional commissions, within their respective mandates, and the Human Rights Council to apply the provisions of the present resolution *mutatis mutandis* [with respect to issues affecting Indigenous peoples] *(Based on ECOSOC resolution 1996/31, paragraph 16)]*

**OP38** Decides to expand the mandate of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Peoples so that it can assist participation of Indigenous Peoples' representative institutions in the meetings [of the General Assembly and its Main

Committees and the Economic and Social Council ] as determined by this resolution.  
(Based on A/RES/70/232, OP8)

**OP39** Urges Governments and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to continue to contribute to the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Peoples.  
(Based on A/RES/70/232, OP7)

[**OP40** Requests the Secretary General together with the Presidents of the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and the Human Rights Council to ensure that the arrangements decided upon in this resolution shall be fully implemented at the latest by the end of the 72<sup>nd</sup> session of the General Assembly. ]

**OP41** Requests the Secretary-General to make the present resolution widely known, through proper channels, to facilitate the involvement of Indigenous Peoples' representative institutions from all regions and areas of the world. (Based on ECOSOC resolution 1996/31, paragraph 70)

#### ***Reporting and Review***

**OP42** Further requests the Secretary General to report, by its 75th session, on the implementation of this resolution, including on the possible modern information and communication technology measures taken by the Secretariat to enhance the participation of Indigenous Peoples in relevant meetings of the United Nations.

**OP43** Decides to review the arrangements for Indigenous Peoples' representative institutions participation as established by this resolution within 5 years of the arrangements having been put into place with a view to assessing whether they adequately ensure Indigenous Peoples' participation in the United Nations.