

***Draft resolution: Enhancing the participation of Indigenous Peoples' representatives and institutions in meetings of relevant United Nations bodies on issues affecting them***

*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 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 (Based on A/RES/71/321, PP2; and Article 18 of UNDRIP);

*Reaffirming further* the Outcome document of the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly known as the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples and recalling the commitment by member states to consider ways to enable the participation of Indigenous Peoples' representatives and institutions in meetings of relevant United Nations bodies on issues affecting them;

*Recalling* its resolution 70/232 whereby it requested the President of the General Assembly to conduct timely, inclusive, representative and transparent 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, including procedural and institutional steps and accreditation criteria, to enable the participation of Indigenous Peoples' representatives and institutions in meetings of relevant United Nations bodies on issues affecting them;

*Recalling also* its resolutions 71/321 in which member states acknowledged the need to find ways and means of promoting the participation of Indigenous Peoples' representatives and institutions within the United Nations system on issues affecting them, and *further recalling* its resolutions 77/203 and 78/189 whereby it decided to continue the consideration of possible further measures necessary to enhance the participation of Indigenous Peoples' representatives and institutions in relevant United Nations meetings on issues affecting them at the seventy-eighth session, as originally requested in resolution 71/321;

1. *Decides* to continue its consideration of possible further measures necessary to enhance the participation of Indigenous Peoples' representatives and institutions in relevant United Nations meetings on issues affecting them at its eightieth session, taking into account the achievements in that regard of other bodies and organizations throughout the United Nations system, with the aim to adopt procedural and institutional steps;

2. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to appoint, at the beginning of the eightieth session, two co-facilitators from Member States and two advisors from Indigenous Peoples in relation to the abovementioned process, which shall include consultations with Indigenous

Peoples' representatives and institutions from all regions of the world as an input to the intergovernmental process;

3. *Continues to encourage* further efforts to facilitate the participation of Indigenous Peoples' representatives and 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 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;

4. Urges Governments and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to continue to contribute to the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Peoples to assist Indigenous Peoples representatives and institutions to participate in the consultation process on the procedural and institutional steps to enable the participation of Indigenous Peoples representatives and institutions in meetings of relevant United Nations bodies on issues affecting them, and invites the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Peoples, within the Fund's rules and established procedures, to facilitate the participation of Indigenous Peoples' representatives and institutions in such meetings, promoting balanced regional, gender and intergenerational representation.