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Rights of Indigenous Peoples

Draft resolution submitted by the President of the General Assembly*

Enhancing the participation of Indigenous Peoples' representatives and 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 Peoples¹ 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,

Reaffirming further the outcome document of the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly known as the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples,² 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](#) of 23 December 2015, 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,

* In order for the General Assembly to take action on the present proposal, it will be necessary to decide to reopen consideration of agenda item 68 and to consider it directly in plenary meeting.

¹ Resolution [61/295](#), annex.

² Resolution [69/2](#).



Recalling also its resolution 71/321 of 8 September 2017, 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 recalling further its resolution 77/203 of 15 December 2022, 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, and its resolution 78/189 of 19 December 2023,

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 of adopting 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 advisers from Indigenous Peoples in relation to the above-mentioned 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 in order 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 rules and established procedures of the Fund, to facilitate the participation of Indigenous Peoples' representatives and institutions in such meetings, promoting balanced regional, gender and intergenerational representation.