

Pacific Caucus on Indigenous Issues

2nd Consultations Workshop

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Resolution 13

2nd Decade for the World's Indigenous Peoples

We, the Indigenous delegates attending the 2nd Consultations Workshop of the Pacific Caucus on Indigenous Issues, in preparation for the 4th Session of the United Nations' Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues; and having given due consideration to the issues under the topic of the Second Decade of the World's Indigenous Peoples:

- 1) Recommend the Permanent Forum remind States of the General Assembly resolution which calls upon States to financially support the activities of the 2nd Decade within their nations and regions;
- 2) Recommend the Permanent Forum adopt a standing agenda item for future Permanent Forum sessions, entitled "Reports on the Progress of the 2nd Decade", to receive reports from all relevant stakeholders including States;
- 3) Recommend the Permanent Forum promote the immediate development and implementation of 5-year national action plans by States for the 2nd Decade, and ask States to report annually to the Coordinator of the 2nd Decade on the implementation of those plans;
- 4) Recommend the Permanent Forum encourage States, in partnership with Indigenous Peoples, to develop national action plans that can assist Indigenous communities to fulfill their aspirations;
- 5) Recommend the Permanent Forum encourage States to establish national offices to promote and coordinate programmes and activities for the 2nd Decade;
- 6) Recommend the Permanent Forum urge the United Nations to integrate Indigenous women in all decision-making, coordination and implementation of plans, programmes and activities for the 2nd Decade;
- 7) Recommend the Permanent Forum support the immediate development of an international publicity and communication strategy for the 2nd Decade;
- 8) Recommend the Permanent Forum urge the United Nations to employ Indigenous staff in all UN agencies and international programmes, especially areas dealing with Indigenous issues;

- 9) *Recommend* the Permanent Forum promote the establishment of a Pacific Regional Committee, by agreement between States and Indigenous Peoples, to coordinate the Decade at the regional level, and which has mandate to promote and pursue:
 - a) a Pacific Human Rights Commission,
 - b) a Pacific Human Rights Court,
 - c) an Indigenous friendly 'Pacific Plan',
 - d) a Pacific Indigenous Peoples Forum, and
 - e) development, trade and cultural exchanges between Indigenous Peoples of the Pacific;
- 10) *Recommend* the Permanent Forum urge the UN to adopt the Draft Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as soon as possible, and within the first five years of the Decade;
- 11) *Recommend* the Permanent Forum support the proposal that the UN Intersessional Working Group on the Draft Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples exist and operate independently from the activities of the 2nd Decade;
- 12) *Recommend* the Permanent Forum request the United Nations General Assembly to urge UN bodies, specialized agencies and States to incorporate the Millennium Development Goals in the framework for the 2nd Decade Plan of Action and Programme of Activities;
- 13) *Recommend* that a Special Rapporteur be appointed to undertake a comprehensive study on the Impacts of Colonisation on Indigenous Peoples, as a substantive project for the Programme of Activities for the UN 2nd Decade of the World's Indigenous Peoples. The Study must include regional consultations.
- 14) *Recommend* the Permanent Forum encourage all States which have not yet done so, to ratify ILO Convention No. 169;
- 15) *Recommend* the Permanent Forum encourage States to implement programmes for the revitalisation, recognition, maintenance and transmission of Indigenous languages;
- 16) *Recommend* the Permanent Forum encourage States to work with Indigenous Peoples and the mining industry in order to establish best practice in the mining industry, in particular regarding restoration and rehabilitation of mining areas;
- 17) *Recommend* the Permanent Forum encourage States to commit to an equal partnership with Indigenous Peoples, to address particular issues within, and related to, the Millennium Development Goals such as:
 - a) access to clean water,
 - b) sanitation and climate change,
 - c) primary education,
 - d) eradication of poverty and hunger, and
 - e) self-governance.

[Adopted by consensus]