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Chapter I

Matters calling for action by the Economic and Social Council or brought to its attention

B. Matters brought to the attention of the Council

Recommendations of the Permanent Forum

Dialogue with United Nations agencies, funds and programmes (Item 5 (c))

1. The Permanent Forum welcomes the work of the Inter-Agency Support Group (IASG) on Indigenous Issues on the implementation of the call to action “Building an inclusive, sustainable, and resilient future with Indigenous peoples”, to revitalize the system-wide action plan on the rights of Indigenous peoples. In particular, the Forum notes also the work being carried out with and by UN Resident Coordinators to raise awareness among UN country teams. The Forum encourages the IASG continue its work to strengthen implementation of Indigenous Peoples' rights frameworks at the national level and guarantee the full and effective participation of Indigenous Peoples at the country level.
2. The Permanent Forum calls on UN entities to elevate the discussion on Indigenous Peoples to the highest possible governance level of their entities to ensure system-wide ownership and support for Indigenous Peoples rights. It encourages UN entities' focal points to facilitate the commencement of dialogues between the Permanent Forum and the heads of UN entities. The objective of such dialogues could include reviews of their entities' internal policies and safeguards guaranteeing the right to self-determination of Indigenous Peoples, respect for their free, prior and informed consent and due diligence in accordance with the UNDRIP and other relevant international standards by the end of 2022.
3. The Permanent Forum requests UN entities, in particular those working on land tenure and changes in land use, to advance the research on securing land and



territorial rights of Indigenous Peoples taking into account the negative impacts of, inter alia, the COVID-19 global pandemic and regional conflicts.

4. The Permanent Forum recalls its recommendation in the twentieth session, emphasizing that existing mechanisms to support the participation of Indigenous Peoples in processes that affect them must adapt to the new environment and support the online participation of indigenous peoples. This includes purchasing data packages and facilitating access to electricity and necessary hardware and in-country travel to gain access to stable Internet connections. The Forum recommends that the existing mandate of the Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Peoples as reflected in General Assembly resolution A/70/486 be expanded to that effect and calls on Member States to ensure the proposal for the expansion of their mandate be introduced in the annual resolution on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples at the 77th session of the UN General Assembly.
5. The Permanent Forum acknowledges the important work of the Fund for the Development of Indigenous Peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean (FILAC) on its 30th Anniversary. The Permanent Forum encourages Member States, UN agencies, cooperation agencies and Indigenous Peoples to support the strengthening of FILAC'S work.
6. The Permanent Forum invites the European Commission by its General Directorates on International Partnerships (INTPA) and Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection (ECHO) to follow and engage in the work of the Permanent Forum including by the designation of focal points.
7. The Permanent Forum highlights the need to protect Indigenous children as defenders of human rights. The Permanent Forum recognizes the right of the Indigenous child to express freely their views in all matters affecting them at the local, regional, and global levels. The Permanent Forum further underlines the importance of human rights education of the Indigenous child including on the Convention of the Rights of the Child and UNDRIP.
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