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Future work of the Forum

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“Another issue was the substantive engagement of indigenous peoples in the work of both the Permanent Forum and the United Nations agencies. More effective ways for indigenous peoples to participate in sessions of the Permanent Forum needed to be explored. Likewise, agencies should be aware of how difficult it was for indigenous peoples to reach United Nations country offices, which were often located in capital cities. In addition, agencies sometimes preferred to work with non-governmental organizations and other to deliver programmes rather than dealing directly with indigenous communities. For participation to be genuine and informed, more training and capacity-building activities should be undertaken with indigenous peoples. Those peoples were often uninformed of their rights and did not always have access to information on development at global level. Agencies should therefore make efforts to disseminate information and enhance the capacities of indigenous peoples to claim their rights. Further, the recommendations of the Permanent Forum should be better communicated to indigenous peoples. Towards that goal, regional directors should support the recommendations of the Permanent Forum and elaborate a strategy to implement them and to promote the rights of indigenous peoples at regional level. It should also be emphasized that there were other United Nations mechanisms dealing with indigenous issues, in particular the Special Rapporteur on the situation of the human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous peoples, and the Working Group on Indigenous Populations.” *E/C.19/2006/3; Report of the Inter-Agency Support Group on Indigenous Issues on its 2005 session.*

Recommendation

The Caribbean Antilles Indigenous Peoples Caucus & the Diaspora (CAIPCD) calls on the Inter-Agency Support Group on Indigenous Issues to establish an appropriate mechanism whereby the Permanent Forum allow for:

- (a) accountability and transparency;
- (b) interaction between indigenous peoples and Members of the Forum during sessions of the Forum;
- (c) interaction between indigenous peoples and their Regional Representatives on the Forum, during their term of office;
- (d) appointment of regional focal points for the Secretariat of the Forum to liaise between the Secretariat and respective Regional Caucus;
- (e) collaboration between and among indigenous peoples' caucuses accredited to various United Nations Agencies and the Forum;
- (f) the creation of an appropriate participatory mechanism for indigenous peoples to become functionaries of the United Nations Draft Declaration on the Rights of indigenous peoples;
- (g) the prioritization of recommendations arising out of Sessions of the Permanent Forum and the effective implementation of the same.

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ANNEX

Recognizing the significance of the theme of the six session of the Permanent Forum, "Lands, Territories and Resources" to the indigenous peoples of the Caribbean Antilles, the Caribbean Antilles Indigenous Peoples Caucus & the Diaspora (CAIPCD) calls on the Forum to seek the support of the UN Inter-Agency Support Group, and other UN Agencies, the Governments of the CARICOM and Donor Agencies, to facilitate a three-day capacity-building working session for Caribbean Antilles, CARICOM and SIDS national indigenous representatives to be held in Saint Lucia from 19-21 February 2007, and hosted by the Forum and the Secretariat of the Caribbean Antilles Indigenous Peoples Caucus & the Diaspora (CAIPCD), and that the results be submitted as an advanced Regional Report containing collective recommendations to the sixth session of the Permanent Forum.