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## Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

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### Draft report

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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

##### **Future work of the Permanent Forum, including issues considered by the Economic and Social Council, the outcome document of the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples and emerging issues (Item 6)**

1. The Permanent Forum welcomes the request for the President of the General Assembly, through resolution A/Res/79/455, to convene a high-level meeting to commemorate the twentieth anniversary of the UNDRIP in September 2027. This meeting should be entitled “Second World Conference on Indigenous Peoples” and should review the implementation of the outcome document of the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples 2014 and recent developments pertaining to the rights of Indigenous Peoples. The event must ensure the enhanced participation of Indigenous Peoples. The Forum urges UN entities, financial partners, and others to support Indigenous Peoples in organising the preparatory meetings for the high-level events.
2. The Permanent Forum reiterates the recommendations of its 18th session and urges the Secretary-General to appoint a special envoy or special adviser, in consultation with Indigenous Peoples, to raise awareness of and promote the rights of Indigenous Peoples and to provide support in the follow-up to the outcome document of the World Conference.
3. The Permanent Forum notes that Indigenous Peoples have long struggled to have their voices heard in the United Nations in New York, Geneva and other venues. The



Secretary General's UN80 Initiative, which reviews all the United Nations activities and the current liquidity crisis, should not result in the diminished participation of Indigenous Peoples' representatives at the UN; rather it should serve as an opportunity to enhance the full and effective participation of Indigenous Peoples including by finalising the processes outlined in A/Res/71/321.

4. The Permanent Forum supports the organisation of a 4th Seminar on Treaties and Agreements between States and Indigenous Peoples, organised in conjunction with the EMRIP.
5. The Permanent Forum welcomes Indigenous Peoples' inclusion in UNGA resolution 78/327 and requests that States ensure their effective and meaningful participation throughout the preparatory processes leading up to the 2026 and 2028 UN Water Conferences. This includes facilitating registration for Indigenous Peoples' organisations and representatives, promoting full engagement in all process stages, and adopting a UNDRIP-aligned approach.
6. The Permanent Forum urges IUCN, ahead of its 2025 World Conservation Congress, to reaffirm Indigenous Peoples' inherent rights to their lands and territories as per UNDRIP, including where these overlap with Protected Areas. The Permanent Forum rejects conservation models that undermine Indigenous Peoples' governance and customary law.
7. The Permanent Forum recognises the practical difficulties of organising its sessions in New York due to barriers to participation faced by Indigenous Peoples. In line with ECOSOC Resolution 2000/22, it will consider alternate venues.
8. The Permanent Forum requests that Member States donate to the Trust Fund on Indigenous Issues, managed by the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs. This fund provides crucial support to the Permanent Forum and its follow-up on recommendations to fully implement UNDRIP.
9. The Permanent Forum welcomes Mexico's initiative to hold an expert seminar in August 2025 to explore best practices for implementing the UNDRIP.
10. Artificial Intelligence (AI) poses challenges and opportunities for Indigenous Peoples. The Forum recommends that UN entities involved in developing, governing, and applying AI and digital technologies ensure the meaningful inclusion of Indigenous Peoples in their processes for their benefit. The Forum offers assistance in identifying experts in AI and Indigenous Peoples' rights.
11. The Permanent Forum decided to comprehensively assess its work to improve and strengthen the Forum's effectiveness. It will be carried out by a volunteer group of current Forum members at no cost, who can invite some former Members from the seven socio-cultural regions to contribute. The Forum will report on this process at its 25th session.
12. The Permanent Forum decided to conduct 4 studies and to present them at its twenty-fifth session.

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