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Chapter I

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

A. Draft decisions recommended by the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues for adoption by the Economic and Social Council

The Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decisions:

Draft decision I

International expert group meeting on the theme “The rights of Indigenous Peoples, including those in voluntary isolation and initial contact in the context of the extraction of critical minerals”

The Economic and Social Council decides to authorize a three-day international expert group meeting on the theme “The rights of Indigenous Peoples, including those in voluntary isolation and initial contact in the context of the extraction of critical minerals”.

Draft decision II

Venue and dates of the twenty-fourth session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

The Economic and Social Council decides that the twenty-fourth session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues shall be held at United Nations Headquarters from 21 April to 2 May 2025.

Draft decision III

Report of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on its twenty-third session and provisional agenda of its twenty-fourth session

The Economic and Social Council:

(a) Takes note of the report of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on its twenty-third session;

(b) Approves the provisional agenda of the twenty-fourth session of the Permanent Forum as set out below:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
3. Discussion on the theme “Implementing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples within United Nations Member States and the United Nations system, including identifying good practices and addressing challenges”.
4. Discussion on the six mandated areas of the Permanent Forum (economic and social development, culture, environment, education, health and human rights), with reference to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
5. Dialogues:

- (a) Dialogue with Indigenous Peoples;
 - (b) Dialogue with Member States;
 - (c) Dialogue with the United Nations agencies, funds and programmes;
 - (d) Human rights dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the rights of Indigenous Peoples and the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples; annual review of progress on the implementation of general recommendation No. 39 (2022);
 - (e) Interregional, intergenerational and global dialogue;
 - (f) Dialogue on Indigenous platforms established within United Nations entities;
 - (g) Thematic dialogue on the financing of Indigenous Peoples' work and participation across the multilateral and regional system.
6. 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.
 7. Provisional agenda of the twenty-fifth session of the Permanent Forum.
 8. Adoption of the report of the Permanent Forum on its twenty-fourth session.

B. Matters brought to the attention of the Council

Decision of the Permanent Forum

2. The following oral decision adopted by the Forum at its 1st meeting, on 15 April, is brought to the attention of the Council:

The Forum decides to continue to nominate seven members to its Bureau henceforth, to better represent each of its seven regional groups.

Recommendations of the Permanent Forum

3. The Permanent Forum has identified the proposals, objectives, recommendations and areas of possible future action set out below and, through the Council, recommends that States, entities of the United Nations system, intergovernmental organizations, Indigenous Peoples, the private sector and non-governmental organizations assist in their realization.

4. It is the understanding of the Permanent Forum that the proposals, objectives, recommendations and areas of possible future action to be carried out by the United Nations as set out below will be implemented to the extent possible within the context of the approved programme of work of the relevant entities.

Discussion on the theme “Enhancing Indigenous Peoples’ right to self-determination in the context of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples: emphasizing the voices of Indigenous youth” (item 3) (REF: E/C.19/2023/L.4)

5. The Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues expresses its profound appreciation to the Vice-President of the Plurinational State of Bolivia, David Choquehuanca Céspedes, and to the Minister for Indigenous Peoples of Brazil, Sônia Guajajara, for their presence and welcomes their interventions at the session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.

6. The right to self-determination and autonomy is central to strengthening Indigenous Peoples politically, socially, culturally and economically, and to enabling Indigenous Peoples to design their own future consistent with their views and cultural norms. The advancement by States of the right to self-determination is essential to enable Indigenous Peoples to protect and fully realize all other rights set forth in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, including the right to make decisions regarding their people, lands, territories and resources.

The Permanent Forum welcomes the study transmitted in the note by the Secretariat entitled “Guiding principles for the implementation of Indigenous Peoples’ rights to autonomy and self-government” (E/C.19/2024/3), which includes global examples of situations in which the rights to autonomy and self-determination come into play and the pivotal role of unified visions and objectives in the quest of Indigenous Peoples towards fully realizing autonomy and self-government.

[The Permanent Forum acknowledges the statements by the Vice President of Bolivia David Choquehuanca, on the establishment of a virtual platform called "Codes of Good Living for Indigenous Peoples of the World", Professor James Anaya calling on States to guarantee Indigenous Peoples’ rights to self-determination and participation in all decision-making processes, and Makalanani Gomes, Co-Chair of the Global Indigenous Youth Caucus calling on States to recognise Indigenous Determinants of](#)

Health for self-determination and the importance of intergenerational transmission of Indigenous knowledge, youth leadership and participation.

~~The Permanent Forum welcomes the statement by former Special Rapporteur on the rights of Indigenous Peoples, James Anaya, that the ongoing exercise of self-determination by Indigenous Peoples entails self-governance or autonomy, along with participation in all relevant decision-making processes, the enjoyment and development of their traditional knowledge and diverse cultures, including languages and religious traditions, and stewardship over lands and resources, among other aspects.~~

The Permanent Forum recalls that the right to self-determination of Indigenous Peoples is grounded in the Declaration, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. The Permanent Forum calls upon all Member States to redouble efforts to fully realize the right of self-determination for Indigenous Peoples by ensuring that Indigenous Peoples remain at the centre of all decision-making processes that affect their Peoples, their communities, their lands, territories, and their resources. Furthermore, States should ensure that the right of Indigenous Peoples to self-determination is honoured and advanced in all instances where law, policies, programmes and funding may affect Indigenous Peoples.

The Permanent Forum reiterates its recommendation that Member States review and revise their constitutions and legal frameworks to comprehensively recognize the rights of Indigenous Peoples, including the right to self-determination. Such review and revision processes should be driven and guided by Indigenous Peoples. The Forum also recommends that Member States develop and adopt specific national action plans to ensure that all policies and laws conform with the recognition and advancement of the right to self-determination, including self-governance and autonomy. The Forum further recommends that States engage in processes focused on decolonization and reconciliation policies that facilitate the path of Indigenous Peoples to self-determination with full and effective participation. ~~The Forum urges Member States to consider Indigenous Peoples as equal partners who can contribute to the development of the countries in which they live.~~

The Permanent Forum emphasizes the essential role of Indigenous Peoples' languages and cultural practices in self-determination and urges Member States to adopt stronger measures to protect them from erosion and negligence-loss. The Forum decries the ongoing destruction of cultural heritage sites and the loss of Indigenous Peoples' languages, urging immediate protective measures through robust legal and policy frameworks aligned with the Declaration.

The Permanent Forum highlights the pivotal role of Indigenous women and elders in transmitting cultural values and traditions, recognizing their critical influence on the sustainability of Indigenous cultures. The Forum calls upon Member States to support the establishment of mechanisms for the empowerment of Indigenous women and girls, and calls for their equal involvement and participation in decision-making processes at all levels.

The Permanent Forum is concerned by the adverse effects of climate change and irresponsible resource extraction on Indigenous Peoples' lands and territories. The Forum calls upon Member States, the United Nations and other international organizations to support Indigenous-led initiatives to mitigate these impacts and stresses the importance of self-governance of Indigenous Peoples in managing these natural resources.

Indigenous ~~young people~~ youth

Indigenous young people are proactively championing Indigenous Peoples' right to self-determination, intertwining ~~traditional Indigenous knowledge and ecological stewardship with modern governance~~ to ensure that Indigenous Peoples' ~~world views~~ cosmovisions are integral in shaping policies at all levels. ~~It is vital to enhance legal frameworks, policymaking processes and international collaboration to ensure the full and effective participation of Indigenous young people in self-determination efforts.~~

Indigenous young people face significant barriers, including discrimination and marginalization, which critically impede their ability to practise and sustain their culture, traditions, languages and identities. The Forum draws attention to the high rates of suicide among Indigenous young people ~~in some countries~~, and reiterates its call for addressing Indigenous determinants of health, focussing on youth and children. ~~States to increase support for culturally appropriate prevention programmes and leadership development. It is vital to enhance legal frameworks, policymaking processes and international collaboration to ensure the full and effective participation of Indigenous young people in self-determination efforts.~~

The Permanent Forum recommends that Member States and the United Nations system develop and support educational and leadership programmes tailored to the needs of Indigenous young people, enabling them to fulfil their potential as leaders and protectors of their cultures and territories.

The Permanent Forum urges Member States to make significant investments in bilingual and culturally appropriate primary, secondary and higher education programmes, including mobile education initiatives for nomadic, ~~and semi-nomadic~~ and mobile communities. Furthermore, the Forum calls upon Member States to establish effective mechanisms to ensure Indigenous young people occupy central roles in policy and political arenas and to break down barriers to their full political participation and leadership.

~~The Permanent Forum notes the significant impact of conservation policies on the lands and territories of Indigenous Peoples. Conservation efforts worldwide, while often laudable, must recognize and respect Indigenous Peoples' collective rights to their lands, territories and resources. The Forum also notes that Indigenous Peoples have long been sustainable and responsible stewards of their lands, territories and resources; and effective and sustainable management must include and benefit from the leadership and knowledge of Indigenous Peoples and incorporate the principles of free, prior and informed consent.~~

The Permanent Forum regrets the outcome and impact of the "Indigenous Voice" referendum on Indigenous Peoples, particularly Indigenous youth, held in Australia in 2023, which undermines their journey towards the full realization of the right to self-determination for Indigenous Peoples. The Forum urges Australia to implement the UNDRIP. ~~and underscores the significance of international awareness, solidarity and support.~~

~~The Permanent Forum notes with concern the retreat by the Government of New Zealand from the principles of the Declaration and the rights of Indigenous Peoples, as enshrined in the Te Tiriti o Waitangi (Treaty of Waitangi).~~

The Permanent Forum recognizes the grave unique challenges faced by the Indigenous Peoples of Ukraine – the Crimean Tatars, Karaites and Krymchaks – as a result of the Russian aggression against Ukraine ~~of the Russian Federation against Ukraine and the occupation of the Crimean Peninsula~~, which greatly affects their right to self-determination.

The Permanent Forum welcomes the proposal by initiative of the Government of the Plurinational State of Bolivia to adopt on a law on free, prior and informed consent. The Forum urges that this law ~~be adopted~~ and reflecting the UNDRIP in line with the

~~highest standards with regard to the rights of Indigenous Peoples, including the Declaration,~~ ensuring the full and effective participation of Indigenous Peoples throughout the process and promoting the recognition of Indigenous Peoples' own FPIC protocols.

The rights of Indigenous Peoples in voluntary isolation and in initial contact continue to face grave threats of dispossession and destruction of their ancestral territories, as well as the risk of genocide, owing to the lack of recognition of their rights. These threats include encroachment by extractive industries and the rapid imposition of monocultures, deforestation, violence, and the presence and proselytism of missionaries, including Mennonite groups. The Permanent Forum urges the application and observance of guidelines and recommendations by regional and international entities, including the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, for the protection of the rights of Indigenous Peoples in voluntary isolation and in initial contact.

The Permanent Forum recommends that Member States and the United Nations make additional and more steadfast efforts to collect data and perform research regarding Indigenous Peoples in voluntary isolation and in initial contact and the effects of such data and research. The Forum reiterates its recommendation that the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, in cooperation with regional bodies and Indigenous Peoples, advance the protection of Indigenous Peoples living in voluntary isolation and in initial contact.

The Permanent Forum recognizes the history of Indigenous children in boarding and residential schools without FPIC~~that, where Indigenous children have been placed in boarding and residential schools without first obtaining the free, prior and informed consent of the affected Indigenous Peoples, where~~ there have been dramatically grave negative impacts on the well-being and identity development of Indigenous students, on their families, and on the communities and cultures of Indigenous Peoples in all socio-cultural regions, numerous places around the world, including Australia, Canada and the United States of America, as well as in French Guiana. The Forum recommends that that States find mechanisms to redress the harms caused by boarding and residential schools, and engage in effective reconciliation efforts. With respect to French Guiana specifically, the Forum calls upon the Government of France establish a truth commission to investigate the conditions of boarding and residential schools in France and its overseas territories. The Government of France should adopt measures for healing, reparation and rehabilitation. The commission should guarantee gender equality in terms of inclusion and ensure the full participation of the Indigenous Peoples affected.

~~The Permanent Forum recommends that all States take full and effective measures to embed policies and practices, including consultation, to ensure that the right of Indigenous Peoples to self-determination is honoured and advanced in all instances where law, policies, programmes and funding may affect Indigenous Peoples.—~~

Discussion on the six mandated areas of the Permanent Forum (economic and social development, culture, environment, education, health and human rights), with reference to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (item 4) (REF: E/C.19/2023/L.7)

Health of Indigenous Peoples, including Indigenous women and girls

The Permanent Forum recognizes targeted measures including healthcare services and culturally safe policies are essential to address that Indigenous Peoples experience

disproportionately high rates of suicide, poverty and incarceration, ~~requiring the use of culturally safe, appropriate and adequate health care services and policies to address Indigenous health appropriately.~~

The Permanent Forum welcomes the study transmitted in the note by the Secretariat entitled “Improving the health and wellness of Indigenous Peoples globally: operationalization of Indigenous determinants of health” (E/C.19/2024/5). The Forum recognizes that the Indigenous determinants of health framework contains 33 risk and protective factors that empower United Nations entities and Member States to improve the health and wellness of Indigenous Peoples. Those entities and Member States must adopt the framework to operationalize the Indigenous determinants of health globally.

The Permanent Forum reiterates the recommendation it made at its twenty-second session that Member States ratify and uphold the Convention on the Rights of the Child and its Optional Protocol on a communications procedure. The Forum expresses deep concern over the high incidences of suicide, trauma from harsh incarceration conditions, and adverse experiences in out-of-home care affecting Indigenous children and adolescents in Australia and globally.

The Permanent Forum recognizes the urgent need to increase commitment to the health of Indigenous women globally, as their health needs are often underserved and they lack culturally appropriate care, including as a result of the criminalization of traditional childbirth practices. The Forum urges Member States and United Nations entities, ~~in particular the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women), the World Health Organization (WHO), and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), and UNICEF~~ to collaborate in developing programmes and allocating funds that prioritize the health of, and midwifery services and in strengthening the visibility of the situation of Indigenous Women’s health through more disaggregated data, for, Indigenous women. The Forum calls for the revision of discriminatory laws affecting Indigenous women. The Forum invites ~~UN Women, WHO, and UNFPA and UNICEF~~ to partner in identifying and documenting good practices of culturally appropriate health interventions from their work ~~at country level in developing countries~~, including supporting Indigenous women and girls in exercising their health, sexual and reproductive rights. The Forum requests that the entities compile a comprehensive progress report, to be submitted at the 2025 session of the Forum.

~~The Permanent Forum heard alarming reports from Māori Indigenous Peoples that the Government of New Zealand had departed from the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi (Treaty of Waitangi) and taken measures against the rights of Indigenous Peoples, including the disbandment of Te Aka Whai Ora, the Māori health authority. The Forum urges the State and Government of New Zealand to uphold the distinct rights of Māori Indigenous Peoples.~~

The Permanent Forum remains concerned that Indigenous women and girls experience widespread discrimination and violence. The Forum congratulates the Government of Australia for its commitment to end violence against Indigenous women by undertaking to establish a national action plan consistent with the advice of United Nations treaty bodies and experts. The Forum reiterates its call for Member States that have not yet done so to implement the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and general recommendation No. 39 (2022) ~~(on the rights of Indigenous women and girls of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women)~~; to ensure the rights of Indigenous women to full, effective and meaningful participation in decision-making at national and United Nations system agencies; and to ensure the availability of sustainable financing and resources to support initiatives for Indigenous women and youth.

Indigenous Peoples' rights: economic and social development, culture, environment, education and human rights

The Permanent Forum welcomes the report transmitted in the note by the Secretariat entitled "International expert group meeting on the theme 'Indigenous Peoples in a greening economy'" (E/C.19/2024/4) and urges Member States to integrate the proposed innovative practices and sustainable economic models into national policies while supporting Indigenous entrepreneurship with a view to upholding traditional knowledge and sustainable development.

The Permanent Forum welcomes the study transmitted in the note by the Secretariat entitled "Criminalization of Indigenous Peoples' human rights" (E/C.19/2024/6) and is alarmed by the disproportionate criminalization of Indigenous Peoples for defending their rights ~~and calls on Member States to end such practices. The Forum urges Member States to end the criminalization of Indigenous Peoples.~~

~~The effects of climate change, poverty, discrimination and violence have a disproportionately negative impact on Indigenous Peoples.~~ The Permanent Forum is deeply concerned about circumstances in which Indigenous Peoples are deprived of essential services and experience violence, including gender-based violence. The Forum urges Member States and United Nations entities to protect displaced, including refugees, Indigenous Peoples, under international human rights law and

~~The Permanent Forum calls on the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) to conduct global and regional studies, by 2026, on the unique needs and challenges experienced by of displaced Indigenous Peoples as a result of displacement, and . The Forum requests a progress update the Forum at its 2025 session. Furthermore, the Forum urges UNHCR to join the Inter-Agency Support Group on Indigenous Issues.~~

~~The Permanent Forum welcomes the decision by the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization to establish a mechanism for the participation of the Indigenous Peoples of the Amazon with a view to strengthening dialogue between Governments and Amazonian Indigenous Peoples on issues that concern them. The Permanent Forum recommends that States members of the Treaty Organization guarantee the effective participation of Indigenous Peoples in all negotiation processes.~~

~~The Permanent Forum recognizes that violations of Indigenous treaty rights, including from mining in the name of climate change mitigation, all too often occur in the treaty lands of Indigenous Peoples in Canada, New Zealand and the United States of America. The Permanent Forum is alarmed that violations against Indigenous leaders and exploitation of lands and territories, including treaty lands and other forms of land titles of Indigenous Peoples continue due to extraction including critical minerals for the clean energy transition without their free, prior and informed consent of Indigenous Peoples, affecting the right of Indigenous Peoples to health, culture, sustainable development and environment.~~

The Permanent Forum supports the call of the Special Rapporteur on the rights of Indigenous Peoples ~~to create just and bilateral processes to redress treaty violations. as required by the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (arts. 27, 28 and 40).~~ Indigenous Peoples deprived of treaty rights are also at risk; the Forum urges relevant States to adopt constructive agreements and appropriate laws to ensure Indigenous lands and territories and heritage are protected in the face of mineral extraction mining and development, ~~which have posed significant risks to Indigenous culture.~~

The Permanent Forum recognizes the need for the United States to honour its treaty obligations with tribes ~~through the Department of Justice and state governments.~~ The Forum calls on the United States for the return of lands of ~~that house~~-boarding schools

to ~~Indigenous Peoples tribal governments, in line with federal law and given the associated profound trauma and harm.~~

~~The Permanent Forum reiterates the recommendation it made at its twenty-second session, in view of the disregard by transnational and national extractive corporations for Indigenous Peoples' rights, that Member States, as duty bearers, ensure that private sector entities respect Indigenous Peoples' rights. The Forum calls upon all entities involved in green economy projects to implement an immediate moratorium until the rights of affected Indigenous Peoples are respected, recognized and assured.~~

The Permanent Forum reiterates that the Enbridge Line 5 oil pipeline jeopardizes the Great Lakes and poses a real and credible threat to the human rights of Indigenous Peoples in Canada and the United States. The Forum reiterates ~~its the call it made at its twenty-second session~~ for Canada and the United States to decommission Line 5.

The Permanent Forum is concerned over the decision of the Supreme Administrative Court of Finland to include 65 individuals not recognized by the Sami community in the Sami Parliament's electoral roll. The Forum urges the Parliament of Finland to amend the Sami Parliament Act in line with Sami Parliament proposals to protect the Sami People's right to self-determination and ensure that their electoral processes reflect their standards of community membership.

The Permanent Forum urges the Governments of Chile and France to adhere to their international obligations under the UNDRIP Declaration, and to engage in meaningful dialogue with the Rapa Nui People (Chile) and the Kanak People Indigenous Peoples of the overseas territories of France of New Caledonia (France) and resolve ongoing conflicts.

The Permanent Forum notes the proactive measures of the Governments of Honduras and Indonesia to integrate Indigenous Peoples' rights within national land rights and environmental conservation frameworks. Furthermore, the Forum reiterates its concerns regarding the ongoing situation in West Papua, in particular ~~the violence and discrimination against conflict with~~ Indigenous Peoples, and ~~encourages implores the Government of Indonesia to allow extend invitations to United Nations Special Procedures independent monitoring by the United Nations.~~

The United Nations Summit of the Future should ensure mechanisms for the full and effective participation of Indigenous Peoples. ~~The Permanent Forum urges Member States to include Indigenous Peoples' world views in their discussions.~~

~~The Permanent Forum reiterates that truth and reconciliation commissions are important mechanisms for raising awareness of past traumas and histories of Indigenous Peoples, increasing the understanding of colonial harm, and creating means to repatriate cultural heritage and human remains.~~

~~The Permanent Forum recognizes that~~ Education systems must be culturally safe, ~~be based on Indigenous Peoples' world views~~ and support Indigenous Peoples' languages. The Permanent Forum reiterates the urgent need for Member States to protect Indigenous Peoples' languages, both spoken and written, during the International Decade of Indigenous Languages, ~~through the integration of these languages into daily activities~~ by adopting appropriate laws and policies. ~~drafted in close collaboration with Indigenous Peoples.~~

Dialogues: Dialogue with the United Nations agencies, funds and programmes (item 5 (c)) (REF: E/C.19/2023/L.10)

The Permanent Forum heard from United Nations agencies, funds and programmes on their activities to implement the system-wide action plan for ensuring a coherent

approach to achieving the ends of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, as well as the recommendations issued by the Forum. The Forum appreciates the continued work to support the rights of Indigenous Peoples including the outcome document of the meeting held in Rome in February 2024 of the Forum, the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and the increased focus on including Indigenous youth and financing for Indigenous Peoples.

The Permanent Forum urges United Nations entities to strengthen and facilitate the engagement of Indigenous youth in decision-making processes across all United Nations processes. Initiatives should focus on mentorship, capacity-building, knowledge exchange and the creation of advisory roles specific to Indigenous youth and Indigenous youth caucuses that facilitate active participation and leadership.

The Permanent Forum welcomes the 2023 Indigenous youth Rome Declaration on Safeguarding Seven Generations in times of Food, Social, and Ecological Crisis that resulted from the second session of the Global Indigenous Youth Forum organized by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). The Forum encourages FAO and the Global Indigenous Youth Forum to hold regional consultations in all seven Indigenous regions before the third session of the Global Indigenous Youth Forum in 2025.

The Permanent Forum urges the States members of the World Intellectual Property Organization to ensure the full participation of Indigenous People, including developing safeguards to protect their knowledge and adopting a treaty to protect Indigenous Peoples' genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge and medicine, at the Diplomatic Conference on Genetic Resources and Associated Traditional Knowledge to be held in 2024.

The Permanent Forum recommends that the World Bank strengthen platforms for dialogue with Indigenous Peoples at all levels ~~so as to open to create enabling spaces~~ strategic opportunities that will ~~foster strategic visibility and~~ give a voice to Indigenous Peoples' priorities and concerns ~~in a timely manner~~. The Forum further calls on the World Bank to enhance and expand direct financing mechanisms for Indigenous Peoples, specifically linking these to national programmes, policy dialogue, and investments for sustainability in all ecosystems.

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The Permanent Forum invites the Development Coordination Office to include Forum members in its future meetings with resident coordinators for Indigenous Peoples' issues to be heard and to share experiences on the implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples at the national level.

The Permanent Forum recommends that the United Nations system establish a regional inter-agency working group on Indigenous Peoples' issues in regions which have not done so, Asia to enable a coherent regional approach, ~~as has been done in similar to Africa and~~ Latin America.

~~The Permanent Forum welcomes the constructive response of United Nations entities to the Rome meeting outcome document on avoiding the conflation of Indigenous Peoples with other non-Indigenous groups, as well as the use of terms such as "local communities", "minorities", "vulnerable" and "marginalized", and their commitment to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in their~~

~~policies and programmes. The Forum calls on United Nations entities to raise awareness on the issue by using and sharing the Rome Declaration widely.~~

~~The Forum thanks the network of Public Development Banks for its invitation to the 4th edition of the Finance in Common Summit. It encourages the continuation of collaborative efforts to enhance support for Indigenous Peoples' rights, aligning with the mission and contribute to achieving the 2030 Agenda.~~

The Permanent Forum calls on the Global Environment Facility, the Green Climate Fund, the new Global Biodiversity Framework Fund, the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility Readiness Fund and the locally led Adaptation Fund, among others, to establish a mechanism for enhanced direct access for Indigenous Peoples by limiting intermediary organizations, with flexible access and transparent criteria that correspond to the needs of Indigenous Peoples.

11. The Permanent Forum welcomes the initiative of the Inter-Agency Support Group on Indigenous Issues to create a working group on finance. The Forum encourages the working group to consult Forum members regularly and to build initiatives to strengthen the capacity of Indigenous Peoples to manage finance and access financial institutions.

Human rights dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the rights of Indigenous Peoples and the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples; annual review of progress on the implementation of general recommendation No. 39 (2022) (item 5 (d)) (REF: E/C.19/2023/L.8)

The Permanent Forum welcomes the reports of the Special Rapporteur on the rights of Indigenous Peoples and the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, in which green financing and a just transition to protect the rights of Indigenous Peoples are explored and the impact of militarization on the rights of Indigenous Peoples is assessed.

Extractive industries and green energy projects often lead to the dispossession and militarization of Indigenous Peoples' lands, territories and resources. Indigenous leaders and human rights defenders opposing such initiatives become targets of reprisals, with Indigenous women at risk of sexual assault, gender-based killings and trafficking.

The Permanent Forum is ~~extremely~~ concerned about the harms and injustices caused ~~in certain instances~~ by carbon markets ~~and biodiversity credit~~ on Indigenous Peoples' lands and territories ~~and biodiversity~~. The Forum urges the ~~secretariats of the~~ United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, ~~and~~ the Convention on Biological Diversity, ~~and~~ the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, to ~~demand high integrity projects that have clear accountability for impose an immediate moratorium on all~~ carbon ~~and biodiversity as well as a measured benefits for Indigenous Peoples. The Forum invites the aforementioned entities to report on their actions at its session in 2025.~~ ~~markets in line with the Paris Agreement, and to promote carbon dioxide removal techniques, such as carbon capture and storage; forest, soil and ocean offsets and credits; nature based solutions; biodiversity credits and offsets and other geoengineering technologies; and REDD plus. The Forum invites the aforementioned entities to report on their actions at its session in 2025.~~

~~The Permanent Forum notes the significant impact of conservation policies on the lands and territories of Indigenous Peoples. Conservation efforts worldwide, must recognize and respect Indigenous Peoples' collective rights to their lands, territories and resources. The Forum also notes that Indigenous Peoples have long been sustainable and responsible stewards of their lands, territories and resources; and~~

effective and sustainable management must include and benefit from the leadership and knowledge of Indigenous Peoples and incorporate the principles of free, prior and informed consent.

The Forum welcomes the presentation by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) on its joint work with the Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights on intimidation and reprisals. It expresses concern over the intimidation of Indigenous leaders and human rights defenders for their participation in this year's session of the Forum. ~~Intimidation, reprisals, arbitrary arrests, enforced disappearances, torture and killings of Indigenous Peoples must not be tolerated, and~~ Their right to freedom of expression and opinion must be upheld. The Forum will refine its procedures to monitor and redress instances of reprisals against participants.

~~Indigenous Peoples have a fundamental right to use their mother tongue to receive essential public services or to access appropriate interpreters as stipulated in article 13 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Providing well-funded, skilled interpreters in Indigenous Peoples' languages enables Indigenous Peoples to make informed decisions regarding their health care and access to justice.~~

The Forum urges international bodies and national Governments to allocate funding and develop policies for training and certifying interpreters in Indigenous Peoples' languages, ensuring that they receive equitable compensation and support. These measures are vital for maintaining linguistic heritage and promoting inclusivity and equity in public services and judicial proceedings, ~~thus upholding the human rights of Indigenous Peoples globally.~~

Emphasizing the importance of Indigenous Peoples' access to media as a collective right, the Permanent Forum endorses General Assembly resolution 78/189 and Human Rights Council resolution 54/12, including the call for the promotion of national policies, practices and funding programmes that enable capacity-building and content production in Indigenous Peoples' languages, international cooperation among Indigenous media and other partners, including mainstream media and Governments.

The Forum commends ~~the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)~~ on its progress in following up on the Forum's recommendation ~~made by the Forum at its twenty-second session~~ that UNESCO conduct a study on Indigenous media and invites ~~it-UNESCO~~ to present its findings at the ~~twenty-fourth session of the Forum's next session, in 2025 and to take part in dialogue on implementing article 16 of the Declaration on Indigenous media.~~

The Permanent Forum urges the European Union to include the standards of the Declaration within its corporate sustainability due diligence regulations and rules, in particular in the context of implementing the Critical Raw Materials Act, ~~including through balanced treatment and throughout the entirety of value chains without distinguishing as to whether~~ on the territories of Indigenous Peoples, ~~both are located inside and or~~ outside the European Union.

The Permanent Forum heard reports from Māori Indigenous Peoples that the Government of New Zealand had departed from the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi (Treaty of Waitangi) and taken measures against the rights of Indigenous Peoples, including the disbandment of Te Aka Whai Ora, the Māori health authority. The Forum urges the State and Government of New Zealand to uphold the distinct rights of Māori Indigenous Peoples.

The Permanent Forum welcomes the efforts by the Government of Tanzania to engage with the Maasai people from the Ngorongoro Conservation Area. recalls its recommendation to the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania to ~~The Forum calls on the government to~~ immediately cease efforts to evict the Maasai people from

the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, and to enable the country visit of the SRIP, allow for their peaceful return to their territories.

~~At its twentieth session, the Permanent Forum recommended that the Government of Kenya implement a sustainable system of equitable land tenure to prevent any further forced evictions of the Ogiek community in the Mau forest. The Forum deplores the continued evictions of the Ogiek community and calls upon the Government to enhance the participation of Indigenous Peoples in the sustainable management of forests and to comply with the decision of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights.~~

The Permanent Forum welcomes the Community Land Act of Kenya, ~~which represents a critical step towards~~ in securing the land rights of Indigenous Peoples. The Forum ~~reiterates its recommendations~~ that the Government of Kenya implement a sustainable system of equitable land tenure to prevent further evictions of the Ogiek in the Mau forest, and calls upon the Government to enhance the participation of Indigenous Peoples in the sustainable management of forests and comply with the decision of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights. ~~partner with Indigenous Peoples to include Indigenous youth in land registration processes and decisions, including through the promotion of educational and capacity building programmes.~~

The Permanent Forum calls upon ~~the Security Council Member States~~ to address conflicts on Indigenous land and territories in ~~its meetings of the Security Council~~ under the peace and security agenda, with the full and effective participation of Indigenous Peoples, women and youth in peace processes. ~~The Forum also recommends that the Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs actively monitor the implementation of peace accords involving Indigenous Peoples globally.~~

The Permanent Forum is concerned about reports highlighting the devastating impacts of armed conflicts on Indigenous Peoples, including displacements and conscription, seen in Myanmar and the Russian Federation, and the territories the latter occupies.

The Permanent Forum reiterates the recommendation it made to the United States of America at its twenty-second session to grant clemency to Leonard Peltier.

The Permanent Forum acknowledges the existence of gender diverse Indigenous Peoples, including two-spirit peoples worldwide and calls on ,lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning and intersex plus (2SLGBTQI+) Indigenous Peoples and the importance of their experiences and roles played in many parts of the world. ~~The Forum welcomes the attention of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Peoples to ensure that two-spirit Indigenous Peoples are not prevented from 2SLGBTQI+ Indigenous Peoples have resources to actively participatinge in United Nations processes.~~

The Permanent Forum recommends that the Pan American Health Organization and all regional United Nations health entities ensure ~~that their new strategic plans include rights based mandates in line with the 2023 World Health Assembly resolution on improving the health of Indigenous Peoples and the Declaration, their mandates address Indigenous Peoples' rights, separate from minority, diversity, and intercultural approaches to comply with UNDRIP and the WHO Resolution on Indigenous Health.~~

The Permanent Forum appreciates the organization of a seminar on advances and challenges in the implementation of the Declaration, which was held in Mexico City and attended by Indigenous experts from Latin America, and which resulted in a series of recommendations included in the document "Mexico-Tenochtitlán Agreements on the Implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples". The Forum calls for it to report on progress made on these recommendations

~~in its Outcome Document, supports the proposal to change the name of the “Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues” to the “Permanent Forum of Indigenous Peoples.”~~

~~The Permanent Forum welcomes the work of the Government of Bangladesh to support peace in the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT), recalls the recommendation it made at its eighteenth session, as well as the recommendations made by the Special Rapporteur in the study on the status of implementation. The Forum calls on the Government of Bangladesh to prioritise implementation of the CHT Peace of the Chittagong Hill Tracts Accord of 1997 and to assess its implementation status through full, meaningful, and effective participation of the Accord signatory party, the PCJSS, CHT regional institutions, and traditional governing bodies. (E/C.19/2011/6, sect. VIII), in particular the calls to set a time frame for the full implementation of the Accord, including devolution of authority to the Chittagong Hill Tracts Regional Council and three Hill District Councils; and to withdraw all temporary military camps. The Forum calls upon the Government of Bangladesh to prioritize resolving the Chittagong Hill Tracts crisis and to review and assess the Accord implementation process through the full, meaningful and effective participation of the Accord signatory party, the Parbatya Chattagram Jana Samhati Samiti, Chittagong Hill Tracts regional institutions and traditional governing bodies.~~

Annual review of progress on the implementation of general recommendation No. 39 (2022)

~~The Permanent Forum welcomes and endorses paragraph 34 of General Assembly resolution 78/189 and~~ calls upon the Commission on the Status of Women to consider the issue of gender equality and the empowerment of Indigenous women and girls as a priority theme in its next multi-year programme of work in 2025.

The Permanent Forum welcomes the progress made by OHCHR in translating ~~Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women~~ general recommendation No. 39 (2022) into Aymara, Nahuatl, Moxeño Trinitario, Q’eqchi, Kaqchikel and Guaraní, and calls upon OHCHR to continue ~~and~~ to expand its efforts to translate the recommendation into Indigenous languages throughout the International Decade on Indigenous Peoples’ Languages, before the end of 2032.

Regional dialogues (item 5 (e)) [Informal paper]

The Permanent Forum held seven dialogues, Africa; the Arctic; Asia; Central and South America and the Caribbean; Eastern Europe; Russian Federation; Central Asia and Transcaucasia; North America; and the Pacific, aimed at engaging participants in deeper dialogue on relevant issues and on challenges faced by Indigenous Peoples in the various regions.

Africa

The Forum welcomed progress made by Ghana, Namibia and the Democratic Republic of Congo to advance Indigenous Peoples’ rights in their countries.

The lack of recognition of Indigenous Peoples violates their right to self-determination. Their legal recognition should be aligned with UNDRIP and the Report of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights. The Forum invites African governments to join Groups of Friends of Indigenous Peoples.

The Forum notes that the concern expressed elsewhere in this report on the extraction of critical minerals applies equally to Indigenous Peoples’ in Africa. The Forum also underscores the importance of fully integrating Indigenous Peoples’ knowledge systems into conservation initiatives.

The dialogue highlighted the challenges Indigenous Peoples from Africa face in participating in UN meetings, including logistical obstacles in obtaining visas and a lack of financial resources. The Forum invites African States to contribute to the UN Voluntary Fund on Indigenous Peoples and called for common efforts to facilitate visa processes to ensure the participation of African Indigenous Peoples, including women and youth.

The Forum is concerned about the impacts of climate change in the Sahel, Great Lakes region, which has triggered armed conflict and displacement and heightened the vulnerability of Indigenous Peoples. The Forum calls for regional climate action.

The Forum calls on African states and UNESCO to safeguard Indigenous Peoples' languages and to develop culturally appropriate education systems for Indigenous children and youth. The Forum also encourages the development of initiatives to prioritize Indigenous Peoples' knowledge systems, especially for women and girls.

The Permanent Forum reiterates its call on African Member States to extend invitations to the Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and other mandate holders for country visits to foster transparent and constructive dialogue. The Forum notes the invitations from Tanzania and Namibia to the Special Rapporteur to undertake country visits and invites Member States for financial support to realize these visits.

The Forum highlights the importance of creating direct and accessible finance for African Indigenous Peoples to implement the 3 Rio conventions and SDGs as elaborated in the forum report E/C.19/2024/7.

Arctic

In the Arctic Region, Indigenous Peoples constitute the public majority population in certain jurisdictions. Thus, it is important not to refer to Indigenous Peoples as minorities. However, there is a disparity in the ways in which Indigenous Peoples rights are protected and supported across the region. In certain areas, Indigenous Peoples freely exercise autonomy and self-government, while in other parts, these rights are restricted. The Forum urges the need to focus on women's' equal participation in decision-making at all levels.

The Forum urges the governments of Canada, Denmark and Greenland to follow up and implement the recommendations of the Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples following his country visits in 2023. The Forum recommends that a human rights-based approach is taken when investigating and addressing the practices and impacts of the so called IUD campaign affecting Greenland Inuit women and adolescents.

The Forum urges actions by States to address the racism suffered by Inuit, particularly those residing outside Inuit Nunaat. The Forum is concerned about the high incidence rates of child removals by Child welfare systems legitimized by psychometric tests adapted to the non-Inuit.

The Forum is deeply alarmed by the impact of war and armed conflict. The Permanent Forum calls on Member States to put an immediate moratorium on military conscription among Arctic Indigenous peoples.

The Forum supports the invitation from OHCHR's Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Peoples for applicants from Arctic youth for travel grants as well as for the Indigenous Fellowship Programme.

The Forum urges the full participation of Indigenous Peoples in Environmental Assessment Processes, including in the context of possible deep-sea mining, as this also guarantees the contributions of Indigenous Peoples' knowledge. Given the long

Arctic coastlines, Indigenous Peoples need to be involved in the monitoring of the international shipping routes and their impacts on the marine biodiversity and the seabeds.

The Forum notes the pertinent relevance of UNDRIP in the context of the International Decade of Indigenous Languages and recommends the active use of the Indigenous Peoples languages in the description of and names for the homeland and its landscapes and environmental features as this strengthens the sense of belonging and identity as well as making Indigenous Peoples language visible and omnipresent.

Asia

The Asia Regional Dialogue highlighted issues including Indigenous Peoples' right to self-determination, particularly the right to lands, territories and resources, the recognition of Indigenous Peoples' identity, Indigenous Peoples' meaningful participation in decision-making, and, in particular the issues that directly impact their well-being such as the implementation of UNDRIP at the national and international levels with practical outcomes, actions in addressing climate change and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

The Forum heard that the lack of recognition of Indigenous Peoples by Member States leads to inadequate legal protection and enforcement. For instance, the ASEAN Declaration on Environmental Rights (ADER) is now being drafted by the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission for Human Rights (AICHR) with no representation from Indigenous Peoples. Indigenous Peoples have profound concerns regarding this and appeal for urgent global support and solidarity to ensure Indigenous Peoples' rights are aligned with the UNDRIP.

Indigenous Peoples noted the ongoing challenges faced by Indigenous media and Indigenous journalists and called for better protection and freedom of expression in the Asia region.

The dialogue emphasized the significance of collaborating with the SRIP on the effects of conflicts on Indigenous Peoples, focusing on safeguarding the rights of Indigenous Peoples in conflict-affected areas, especially with Indigenous women, children, and youth.

The Forum notes that Indigenous Peoples in Asia must not, under any circumstances, be deprived of their fundamental human rights under UNDRIP or direct access to international financial support.

Central and South America and the Caribbean

The Permanent Forum calls on States to revise national public policies and programmes with a culturally appropriate perspective, particularly in policies and programs for reproductive health services so Indigenous women receive quality health services.

The Indigenous Peoples of the region stressed on the complex relationship between cultural diversity and democracy, since they experience limitations to meaningful and effective participation in the institutions of the legislative, executive and judicial bodies, where norms, budgets and public policies are established, without adequate consultation to obtain their free, prior and informed consent. Regulation of prior consultation has also been generalized, diminishing its effectiveness, increasing extractivism and deforestation of indigenous peoples' lands and territories.

Indigenous Peoples of the region pointed out the complex relationship between cultural diversity and democracy. Indigenous Peoples experience limited avenues for meaningful participation in institutions and lack decision-making capacity in legislative, executive, and judicial bodies, which are the scenarios where norms,

budgets and public policies are defined for their application. This has led to a lack of respect for autonomy and self-determination, increased criminalization of Indigenous Peoples' leaders and human rights defenders, a lack of proper consultation to obtain free, prior and informed consent, extractivism, and deforestation of Indigenous Peoples lands and territories.

The Forum heard that, in the name of safeguarding democracy, governments in the region have issued exceptional measures that favor repression and criminalization, promote authoritarianism and suppress protest voices and demands for self-governance. Indigenous Peoples expressed concern that the results of electoral mechanisms such as referendums are not respected.

Indigenous Peoples also pointed out the alarming increase in the criminalization, attacks, killings and arbitrary detention of Indigenous Peoples' leaders and human rights defenders, ignoring Indigenous Peoples' justice systems. The Forum was informed about hate speech and stigmatizing rhetoric that associates Indigenous movements with illegal armed groups, thereby putting the lives of Indigenous Peoples at risk.

Central and Eastern Europe, the Russian Federation, Central Asia and Transcaucasia

Indigenous Peoples' languages in Russia are endangered and may face extinction. It is imperative to enforce the UNDRIP to preserve these languages. Member States must commit to supporting and funding comprehensive programs to preserve Indigenous Peoples' languages.

The Forum heard that Russia's aggression against Ukraine has exacerbated numerous risks for Indigenous Peoples, posing severe existential threats. These include forced conscription, massive displacement, and attacks targeting their identities. The increase in the criminalization of Indigenous leaders undermines Indigenous Peoples' representative institutions, further jeopardizing their collective rights.

Failing to consider the rights of Indigenous Peoples during the transition to green economies could perpetuate historical injustices and lead to further marginalization, discrimination, and loss of lands, territories and resources for Indigenous Peoples.

The Forum notes that boarding schools in Russia continue to impact Indigenous Peoples. Cases brought to the attention of the Forum highlighted discrimination in educational settings and the urgent need for equitable education policies. Member States must develop educational programs tailored to meet the specific needs of Indigenous Peoples, particularly in remote areas. The Russian government's superficial measures fail to empower Indigenous Peoples.

The Youth Council of the Krasnoyarsk Krai exemplifies engagement in preserving Indigenous Peoples' cultures and languages. Initiatives like the Siberian Argish Youth Forum and collaborations with academic institutions highlight the importance of integrating traditional practices with modern technologies to maintain cultural continuity.

The Forum hear that industrial companies and authorities in Russia promote certain "authorized bodies of Indigenous Peoples," which in reality are run by state representatives claiming that only these organizations have the right to negotiate on behalf of Indigenous Peoples. In this regard, the Forum proposes that the Russian government revise the federal law "On Guarantees of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples of the Russian Federation".

The Forum recommends that the Member States in the region enhance the protection of Indigenous Peoples through recognition and autonomy in line with UNDRIP by revising legal and policy frameworks. Governments should rectify the injustices of

the colonial past with Indigenous Peoples and their perspectives, particularly those of Indigenous Youth, ensuring their participation in decision-making.

North America

The Forum welcomes the very rich contributions from Indigenous Peoples and Member States during the North American Regional Dialogue. Clearly, Indigenous Peoples have many strengths that can contribute positively to a diverse array of areas, such as health, sustainable development, and environmental stewardship.

The Forum urges Canada and the United States to fund, expand, and improve initiatives to end the epidemics that impact Indigenous Peoples, such as the alarming rates of HIV/HepC/STI, especially amongst women, youth, persons with a disability, and gender diverse and two-spirited members.

Indigenous Peoples' rights to govern lands, manage resources and protect lands, territories, and ecosystems must be upheld in line with the UNDRIP. The Forum is concerned that the bilateral agreements between Canada and the United States to divert or export water from Canada to the United States do not take into consideration Indigenous Peoples' rights and need for water.

The Forum calls for support to be provided to displaced Mayan and other Indigenous Peoples permanently settled in Canada and the United States so that they are visible to authorities and culturally safe as per UNDRIP, while upholding the treaty and trust rights of Indigenous Peoples in North America.

With many continuing areas of conflict, globally, the Forum urgently calls on Member States to focus on ways to achieve peace by utilizing Indigenous Peoples as peacebuilders.

The Forum supports the call for the establishment of an informal Elders Council to the Permanent Forum.

The Forum acknowledges the benefits of evaluating the Forum's program of work, operations, participation, and tenure in preparation for the 20th anniversary of the passage of the UNDRIP.

Pacific

The Indigenous Peoples' of the Pacific region spans a quarter of the globe. From Hawai'i in the north to the southernmost island of Aotearoa, to Rapa Nui in the east and over the Island of Papua to the shores of the Australian continent. The Forum heard Indigenous Peoples stories about violence, racism, discrimination and asserted their right to self-determination under the UNDRIP.

The Forum is alarmed about the removal of Indigenous children, based on policies and practices not suited to Indigenous Peoples, due to a culture of discrimination and perceived risk aversion, rather than care and concern. This harmful practice disconnects Indigenous children from their culture, homes and family with little ramification for institutional decision-makers.

The Forum heard about calls for a campaign in New Zealand to decrease the voting age globally to 16 years, because youth have a greater stake in the future, yet very little influence over it.

The Forum is also concerned about reprisals against Indigenous youth land and environment defenders in the Pacific facing the destruction of their sacred sites and ecosystems. Also, the impacts of the extractive industries on Indigenous women and girls, noting the report of Hawaii on Murdered and Missing Indigenous women and girls.

The OHCHR also urged Pacific Indigenous Peoples to utilize the Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Peoples and Indigenous Fellowship Programme to increase representation at UN meetings and within the UN system.

The Forum invites Member States to consider adopting a UN International Day of the Arts at the 79th session of the General Assembly in recognition of arts in all its expressions, including Indigenous arts.

Dialogue on Indigenous platforms established within United Nations entities (item 5 (f)); (REF: E/C.19/2023/L.6)

The Permanent Forum encourages United Nations entities that have platforms for Indigenous Peoples to continue to contribute to the deliberations of the Forum, including through the submission of conference room papers to further update the Forum. The Forum reiterates the importance of the sustained and consistent engagement of Indigenous Peoples at every stage of decision-making across the United Nations. ~~The Forum encourages United Nations entities to respond to recommendations previously made at the Forum in their statements.~~

~~The Permanent Forum recognizes the importance of financing for Indigenous Peoples and appreciates the Global Environment Facility's target of allocating 20 per cent of its funds to support initiatives for Indigenous Peoples. The Forum urges the Facility to create direct financing mechanisms for Indigenous Peoples focused on climate change adaptation and mitigation. The Forum calls for the prioritization of Indigenous led initiatives to ensure the equitable participation and involvement of Indigenous Peoples in decision making, including in the Conferences of the Parties to, and processes under, the Convention on Biological Diversity, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa.~~

The Permanent Forum appreciates the joint work of the ~~Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples~~EMRIP and ~~SRIP the Reintegration and Local Settlement Section~~ in following up on the recommendations regarding the conflation of the terms "local communities" and Indigenous Peoples. In joint declarations issued in July 2023 and February 2024 Member States, United Nations entities, foundations, funders and non-governmental organizations were called upon to cease the conflation of the terms. The Forum thanks the United Nations entities that have responded to that call and encourages their continued efforts in that regard.

The Permanent Forum reiterates ~~the recommendation it made at its twenty second session, whereby that~~ it urged all United Nations entities and States parties to treaties concerning the environment, biodiversity and climate change to eliminate the use of the term "local communities" in conjunction with Indigenous Peoples, and to distinguish between the terms, in ongoing processes, policies and new international agreements at all levels.

~~The Permanent Forum reiterates the recommendation it made at its twenty second session to adopt a programme of work on article 8 (j) and other provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity and strengthened institutional arrangements through a permanent subsidiary body to take forward the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and to ensure a human rights based approach, and full and effective participation of Indigenous Peoples, by the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention.~~

The Permanent Forum invites the Conference of Parties to requests the secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity to ensure progress on institutional arrangements guaranteeing human rights-based approaches to the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework with the full and effective participation of Indigenous

~~Peoples. In addition, the Forum calls on the Conference of Parties to request its relevant subsidiary bodies to convene an ad hoc expert group meeting with the participation of experts of the three United Nations mechanisms on Indigenous Peoples to address the conflation of Indigenous Peoples with other groups of society within the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and to develop specific actions to avoid such conflation. Participants in the meeting should include Indigenous Peoples and representatives of the three United Nations mechanisms related to Indigenous Peoples. The Forum also requests the secretariat of the Convention to report on the implementation of the Framework in line with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.~~

~~The Permanent Forum welcomes the establishment of an ad hoc working group on terminology related to Indigenous Peoples and local communities by the International Indigenous Peoples' Forum on Climate Change during the twenty-eighth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.~~

~~The Permanent Forum welcomes the efforts of the International Indigenous Peoples' Forum on Climate Change in addressing terminology related to Indigenous Peoples and local communities. The Forum urges Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Member States to uphold the principles established during the twenty-third session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in for the upcoming review of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform at the twenty-ninth session, ensuring equal status and financial support for Indigenous Peoples within the Platform at all levels. In addition, the Forum supports the establishment of a separate platform for Indigenous Peoples, calls upon the International Indigenous Peoples' Forum on Climate Change to establish a separate platform for Indigenous Peoples that reflects their self-determination.~~

~~The Permanent Forum welcomes the commitment of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Peoples to enhance Indigenous Peoples' participation within United Nations entities, and urges it to continue its fellowship programme. The trust fund of the Forum and the Voluntary Fund are distinct funding mechanisms; the Forum encourages Member States and other donors/funders to support the VFIP and the Trust Fund on Indigenous Issues, which will enable the Forum to implement its recommendations through the Economic and Social Council and fund essential activities under its mandate.~~

~~The Permanent Forum urges Member States and relevant United Nations entities to strengthen and facilitate the engagement of Indigenous young people in decision-making across all United Nations processes, including the Summit of the Future. Initiatives should include mentorship, capacity building, knowledge exchange and the creation of advisory roles specific to Indigenous young people that facilitate active participation and leadership.~~

~~The Forum calls on international financial institutions, multilateral development banks, including the World Bank Group, the Inter-American Development Bank, the Asian Development Bank and the African Development Bank, to align policies and safeguards with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Those banks must ensure direct access to finance for Indigenous-led projects across all territories. Disputes involving banks and Member States should not compromise the rights of Indigenous Peoples but actively support them in achieving the ends of the Declaration.~~

~~The Permanent Forum recognizes the efforts of the Green Climate Fund and its Indigenous Peoples' advisory group, and recommends that the Fund develop a road map for dedicated, predictable funding for Indigenous Peoples, including through~~

~~capacity building at the national level to ensure that the Fund's Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme[†] supports Indigenous Peoples. The Forum requests a progress report at its next session in 2025.~~

Dialogues: thematic dialogues, including on the financing of Indigenous Peoples' work and participation in the context of, inter alia, development, climate, environment and biodiversity (item 5 (g)) (REF: E/C.19/2023/L.5)

Worldwide, Indigenous Peoples are at the forefront of the protection and management of the environment and biodiversity of, as well as climate change mitigation and adaptation in, on and around, their own lands and territories. Their management of 80 per cent of the world's biodiversity underlines the importance of strengthening their participation in environmental governance and resource management at the local, national and international levels. The Permanent Forum commends the many positive and encouraging examples of impactful projects and programmes for Indigenous Peoples related to the environment, sustainable development, cultural heritage, climate change, and biodiversity management and conservation.

As rights holders to their own lands, territories and resources, Indigenous Peoples' knowledge, ~~including their traditional knowledge,~~ is essential for sustainable development, including pertinent international processes and Conferences of the Parties, inter alia, to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and to the Convention on Biological Diversity, UNCCD. The Forum welcomes the study transmitted in the note by the Secretariat entitled "Financing the future: the financial needs of Indigenous Peoples to support their actions for biodiversity, climate and the protection of Mother Earth" (E/C.19/2024/7).

Indigenous Peoples expressed their discontent with the many obstacles to being truly able to protect and manage projects and actions within these fields, including from the encroachment of ~~the~~ extractive industries ~~by private and public of States and private multilateral companies~~ business enterprises that threaten the health of ecosystems and the health and livelihoods of Indigenous Peoples.

Concerns were also expressed about "green colonialism", where Indigenous lands and territories are used for green energy projects, such as for the placement of wind turbines, and for the extraction of minerals that are critical for the green transition, in complete disregard for Indigenous Peoples' rights, including free, prior and informed consent.

~~Indigenous Peoples live in many ecosystems, from the high Arctic to the tropical. It is therefore regrettable~~ The Forum regrets that Indigenous Peoples living in other environmental ecosystems and latitudes ~~other~~ than tropical and subtropical forests are ineligible for funding ~~from donors~~, including ~~the funds of~~ the \$1.7 billion pledge made ~~to Indigenous Peoples~~ at the twenty-sixth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. The Forum advises the Forest Tenure Funders Group to promote a dialogue with UN mechanisms on Indigenous Peoples' rights when defining the ongoing and future process of funding to Indigenous Peoples.

Despite the many good and innovative ~~donor funder~~ practices, there is still scope for private philanthropists and bilateral and multilateral donors to ensure a rights-based approach to funding, in conformity with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

The Permanent Forum recognizes the need for more accountability and transparency of funding for Indigenous Peoples, as only a small fraction of international funding

[†] ~~<https://www.greenclimate.fund/readiness->~~

is directed to Indigenous Peoples and, when it is, such funding is directed through multilateral agencies, large environmental and conservation non-governmental organizations and other non-Indigenous intermediaries. ~~The Forum was reminded that Indigenous Peoples have a right to the financing of their environmental work.~~

The Permanent Forum urges Member States and financial institutions to enhance direct financial support for Indigenous Peoples-led projects with funding mechanisms that are equitable, non discriminatory accessible, flexible and responsive to Indigenous Peoples' self-determined priorities across all seven sociocultural regions without political impediments that could obstruct fair resource allocation. Such support should empower Indigenous Peoples to manage their environmental resources and engage in sustainable economic activities without reliance on intermediaries.

The Permanent Forum recognizes the efforts of the Green Climate Fund and its Indigenous Peoples' advisory group, and recommends that the Fund develop a road map for dedicated, predictable funding for Indigenous Peoples, including through capacity-building at the national level to ensure that the Fund's Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme² supports Indigenous Peoples. The Forum requests a progress report at its next session in 2025.

The Permanent Forum recognizes the importance of financing for Indigenous Peoples and appreciates the Global Environment Facility's target of allocating 20 per cent of its funds to support initiatives for Indigenous Peoples. The Forum urges the Facility to create direct financing mechanisms for Indigenous Peoples.

The Permanent Forum recommends that ~~Governments~~ Member States strengthen and implement legal and institutional frameworks that recognize and protect the rights of Indigenous Peoples to their lands, territories and resources and ensure their participation in decision-making processes. Such frameworks should adhere to ~~the Declaration~~ UNDRIP and Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Convention, 1989 (No. 169) of the International Labour Organization, ensuring Indigenous Peoples' free, prior and informed consent when development, environment, biodiversity and climate change programmes and projects are conducted on their lands and territories.

The Permanent Forum emphasizes the need for improved data collection and transparency in distributing funds designated for Indigenous Peoples. Such improvements will facilitate better tracking of financial flows and ensure that investments are aligned with the priorities identified by Indigenous Peoples, thus enhancing the accountability and effectiveness of funded projects.

~~Furthermore, financing for Indigenous Peoples must be equitable, non-discriminatory, proportionate and considerate of Indigenous Peoples residing in all seven socio-cultural regions, without political impediments that could obstruct fair resource allocation.~~

The Permanent Forum reiterates its calls to Member States and international organizations to include Indigenous Peoples actively in policymaking forums and development agendas. This inclusion should extend to negotiations and management forums under the multilateral environment agreements, climate change negotiations, biodiversity conservation and management forums, and other relevant platforms and processes focusing on issues affecting Indigenous Peoples and where their voices and knowledge guarantee significant contributions and outcomes for global sustainable development and the health of global ecosystems.

The Permanent Forum calls for increased investments in educational programmes and capacity-building initiatives that empower Indigenous Peoples to navigate legal and bureaucratic processes in managing their resources in keeping with their cultural and

² <https://www.greenclimate.fund/readiness>.

spiritual values and self-determined development. These initiatives should support the transmission of Indigenous knowledge and skills across generations, enhancing resilience and sustainability.

The Permanent Forum encourages and commends the development and implementation of environmental monitoring systems led by Indigenous Peoples that utilize their traditional knowledge and modern technology to oversee and manage natural resources effectively. Such approaches that are aligned with Indigenous Peoples' autonomy objectives provide valuable data for global environmental efforts.

The Permanent Forum encourages collaborative research initiatives for innovative solutions to environmental challenges that engage Indigenous Peoples as equal partners, respecting and integrating Indigenous Peoples' knowledge systems with so-called "Western" scientific research and fostering mutual learning and respect between Indigenous Peoples and the mainstream scientific community.

The Permanent Forum supports the initiatives that empower Indigenous women, recognizing their roles as custodians of biodiversity and Indigenous knowledge. Programmes should address the specific needs and leadership roles of women within Indigenous Peoples' communities in order to ensure equitable participation in all funded projects.

The Permanent Forum welcomes the Paris Roadmap for Tracking of Funds, which sets out collaborative and coordinated action to address the systemic funding gaps for Indigenous Peoples. In this regard, the Forum reiterates the recommendation of its twenty-second session to Development Assistance Committee of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development to facilitate the tracking of funds in its statistical system by establishing relevant indicators, and invites the Development Assistance Committee to present on progress in this regard at the twenty-fourth session of the Forum in 2025.

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) (REF: E/C.19/2023/L.9)

The Permanent Forum ~~fully endorses~~supports the enhanced participation of Indigenous Peoples and their representative institutions at the General Assembly and looks forward to the Human Rights Council. The Permanent Forum welcomes the appointment of Robert Rae, Víctor García Toma, Claire Winfield Ngamihi Charters and Belkacem Lounes to lead consultations during the seventy-eighth session of the General Assembly on the enhanced participation of Indigenous Peoples and their representative institutions. ~~intersessional meetings with the participation of Indigenous Peoples from all seven socio-cultural regions.~~ The Forum recommends that urges the Council and the Assembly and the Council ensure the full and effective participation of Indigenous Peoples in these processes to promote the enhanced participation of Indigenous Peoples and representative institutions and calls upon Member States to financially support the Indigenous Coordinating Body for Enhanced Participation in the United Nations.

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The Permanent Forum recommends that the General Assembly conduct a high-level meeting in September 2027 to evaluate the implementation of the outcome document

of the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples and to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, with the enhanced participation of Indigenous Peoples as a key deliverable of the event. The Forum advocates for the support of Indigenous Peoples' preparatory efforts for that event by ensuring their full and effective participation and funding from Member States and the private sector.

The Permanent Forum welcomes the decision by the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization to establish a mechanism for the participation of Indigenous Peoples. ~~The Forum believes that this mechanism will contribute to the improvement of the recognition of the rights of Indigenous Peoples, strengthen and promote dialogue between Governments and Amazonian Indigenous Peoples, and contribute to the objectives of the Treaty Organization.~~ The Forum recommends that States members of the Treaty Organization guarantee the full and effective participation of Indigenous Peoples in all processes with a view to developing the operational structure of the mechanism. The Forum invites the Treaty Organization to present a progress report at the next session of the Forum in 2025. The Forum welcomes the opportunity to provide its expertise to the Treaty Organization.

The Permanent Forum recalls that, in the outcome document of the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples, Member States committed to “developing, in conjunction with the Indigenous Peoples concerned, fair transparent and effective mechanisms for ... repatriation of ceremonial objects and human remains at the national and international levels”. The Forum urges United Nations entities to accurately identify affected Indigenous Peoples and provide them with advance notice and applicable timelines for both identification and repatriation so that Indigenous Peoples can request the repatriation of their ancestral remains, cultural patrimony and sacred objects.

The Permanent Forum welcomes the expanded use of the Indigenous Navigator tool, providing Indigenous Peoples with the means to monitor the implementation of the Declaration, the commitments made at the World Conference and the Sustainable Development Goals. The Forum invites the Indigenous Navigator consortium to deliver a presentation at the twenty-fourth session of the Forum in 2025 and encourages donors to continue to support this invaluable data collection tool for and by Indigenous Peoples.

~~The Permanent Forum encourages Member States to facilitate and finance the creation and work of Indigenous Peoples' media, avoiding content censorship. Information about and by Indigenous Peoples is essential for safeguarding the right to self-determination.~~

~~The Permanent Forum encourages the participation of two-spirit Indigenous Peoples in future sessions of the Forum, notes the multiple forms of violence they experience, and highlights their fight for sexual and gender diversity.~~

The Permanent Forum decided to conduct the following studies and to present them to the Forum at its twenty-fourth session: ~~appoints expert member Darío José Mejía Montalvo to conduct a study entitled “Reforms of global financial institutions and the rights of Indigenous Peoples”, and to present it to the Forum at its twenty-fourth session.~~

~~The Permanent Forum appoints expert members Aluki Kotierk, Vital Bambanze and Valentina Soykina to conduct a study entitled “Involvement of Indigenous Peoples in truth and reconciliation processes”, and to present it to the Forum at its twenty-fourth session.~~

~~The Permanent Forum appoints expert members Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim, Rodrigo Eduardo Paillalef Monnard and Hannah McGlade to conduct a study entitled “The~~

rights of Indigenous Peoples in the context of critical minerals to ensure a just transition” ~~and to present it to the Forum at its twenty-fourth session.~~

~~The Permanent Forum appoints expert members Hanieh Moghani, Suleiman Mamutov, Hannah McGlade, Vital Bambanze and Geoffrey Roth to conduct a study entitled~~and “Impact of colonization and armed conflicts on Indigenous Peoples’ rights: the imperative of peacebuilding” ~~and to present it to the Forum at its twenty-fourth session.~~

Chapter II

Venue, dates and proceedings of the session

5. By its decision 2023/340, the Economic and Social Council decided that the twenty-third session of the Permanent Forum would be held at United Nations Headquarters from 15 to 26 April 2024.

6. At its 2nd and 7th meetings, on 15 and 19 April, the Permanent Forum considered agenda item 4, entitled “Discussion on the six mandated areas of the Permanent Forum (economic and social development, culture, environment, education, health and human rights), with reference to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”. For its consideration of the item, the Forum had before it three notes by the Secretariat entitled “International expert group meeting on the theme ‘Indigenous Peoples in a greening economy’” (E/C.19/2024/4), “Criminalization of Indigenous Peoples’ human rights” (E/C.19/2024/6) and “Improving the health and wellness of Indigenous Peoples globally: operationalization of Indigenous determinants of health” (E/C.19/2024/5). At its 14th meeting, on 26 April, the Forum considered and adopted its recommendations submitted under that item (see chap. I, sect. B).

7. At its 3rd and 4th meetings, on 16 April, the Permanent Forum considered agenda item 3, entitled “Discussion on the theme ‘Enhancing Indigenous Peoples’ right to self-determination in the context of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples: emphasizing the voices of Indigenous youth’”. At its 14th meeting, the Forum considered and adopted its recommendations submitted under that item (see chap. I, sect. B).

8. At its 5th meeting, on 17 April, the Forum considered agenda item 5 (g), entitled “Thematic dialogues, including on the financing of Indigenous Peoples’ work and participation in the context of, inter alia, development, climate, environment and biodiversity”. For its consideration of the item, the Forum had before it a note by the Secretariat entitled “Financing the future: the financial needs of Indigenous Peoples to support their actions for biodiversity, climate and the protection of Mother Earth” (E/C.19/2024/7). At its 14th meeting, the Forum considered and adopted its recommendations submitted under that item (see chap. I, sect. B).

9. At its 6th meeting, on 18 April, the Forum considered agenda item 5 (a), entitled “Dialogue with Indigenous Peoples”. At its 14th meeting, the Forum considered and adopted its recommendations submitted under that item (see chap. I, sect. B).

10. At its 8th meeting, on 19 April, the Forum considered agenda item 5 (f), entitled “Dialogue on Indigenous platforms established within United Nations entities”. At its 14th meeting, the Forum considered and adopted its recommendations submitted under that item (see chap. I, sect. B).

11. At its 9th and 10th meetings, on 22 April, the Forum considered agenda item 5 (d), entitled “Human rights dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the rights of Indigenous Peoples and the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples; annual review of progress on the implementation of general recommendation No. 39 (2022)”. At its 14th meeting, the Forum considered and adopted its recommendations submitted under that item (see chap. I, sect. B).

12. At its 11th meeting, on 23 April, the Forum considered agenda item 6, entitled “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”. At its 14th meeting, the Forum considered and adopted its recommendations submitted under that item (see chap. I, sect. B).

13. At its 12th meeting, on 23 April, the Forum considered agenda item 5 (c), entitled “Dialogue with the United Nations agencies, funds and programmes”. At its 14th meeting, the Forum considered and adopted its recommendations submitted under that item (see chap. I, sect. B).

14. At its 13th meeting, on 25 April, the Forum considered agenda item 5 (b), entitled “Dialogue with Member States”. At its 14th meeting, the Forum considered and adopted its recommendations submitted under that item (see chap. I, sect. B).

15. At seven informal meetings, including two sets of two meetings held in parallel, on 25 April, the Forum considered agenda item 5 (e), entitled “Regional dialogues”. At its 14th meeting, the Forum considered and adopted its recommendations submitted under that item (see chap. I, sect. B).

16. At three informal closed meetings, on 18, 24 and 26 April, the Permanent Forum met to hold discussions.

Chapter III

Adoption of the report of the Forum on its twenty-third session

17. At the 14th meeting, the Rapporteur introduced the draft decisions and recommendations and the draft report of the Permanent Forum on its twenty-third session.

18. At the same meeting, the Permanent Forum adopted its draft report.

Chapter IV

Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

19. The Permanent Forum held its twenty-third session at United Nations Headquarters from 15 to 26 April 2024. It held 14 formal meetings, including 3 closed meetings, and 10 informal meetings, including 3 other closed meetings and 2 meetings in parallel, twice, to consider the items on its agenda.

20. At the 1st meeting, on 15 April, the session was opened by the temporary Chair, the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs. At the opening ceremony, the traditional Chief of the Onondaga Nation, Tadodaho Sid Hill, delivered a welcoming address.

21. At the same meeting, statements were made by the President of the General Assembly, the President of the Economic and Social Council, the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, the Vice-President of the Plurinational State of Bolivia and the Minister for Indigenous Peoples of Brazil.

B. Attendance

22. Members of the Forum and representatives of Governments, intergovernmental organizations and bodies, United Nations entities and non-governmental and

Indigenous organizations attended the session. The list of participants will be published in due course.

C. Election of officers

23. At its 1st meeting, the Forum elected the following members of the Bureau by acclamation:

Chair:

Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim

Vice-Chairs:

Keith M. Harper

Aluki Kotierk

Hannah McGlade

Hanieh Moghani

Rodrigo Eduardo Paillalef Monnard

Rapporteur:

Suleiman Mamutov

D. Agenda

24. At its 1st meeting, the Forum adopted the provisional agenda contained in document [E/C.19/2024/1](#).

E. Documentation

25. The list of the documents before the Forum at its twenty-third session will be published in due course.

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