



American Model United Nations
General Assembly Third Committee

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Rights of indigenous peoples

SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly Third Committee

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1 *Recalling* the affirmation of the equality of indigenous peoples with fellow citizens of Member
2 States within the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP),

3 *Further recalling* the International Labour Organization's (ILO) Indigenous and Tribal People's
4 Convention of 1989, which stresses that human rights be afforded to all indigenous peoples,

5 *Desiring* for United Nations Member States who signed the aforementioned agreements to fur-
6 ther develop their understanding of the ways in which indigenous peoples can be further integrated
7 into their societies and respected as citizens,

8 *Recommends* that the Economic and Social Council pursues the rebranding of the United Na-
9 tions Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII) as the Transnational Assembly for the Protection
10 of Indigenous Rights (TAPIR) to emphasize the significance of indigenous cultures and their connection
11 to the natural world, as well as an enhancement of the current capabilities of UNPFII,

12 *Lamenting* the unilateral loss of indigenous cultural history and language throughout the world
13 as a result of imperialism, colonialism and oppression,

14 Recognizing that indigenous communities have a long history, relationship with and responsi-
15 bility for the environment,

16 *Acknowledging* the outsized effects of climate change on indigenous communities and the vital
17 role indigenous peoples have historically played in protecting the environment and combating climate
18 change,

19 *Further acknowledging* the significance of self-sufficiency that enables indigenous peoples to
20 shape their cultural and social development in a manner that reflects their identity and autonomy,

21 *Stressing* the unilateral preservation of the sovereignty of all Member States,

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24 of Indigenous Rights (TAPIR) to emphasize the significance of indigenous cultures and their connection
25 to the natural world, as well as an enhancement of the current capabilities of UNPFII:

26 (a) *Recommends* that assemblies be held over one week, at the beginning of each an-
27 nual quarter, at various countries willing to host and approved to do so by the body;

28 (b) *Recommends* that Member States that have signed the UNDRIP to create represen-
29 tative subassemblies composed of appointed representatives from local indigenous communities to
30 report on the state of developments in these communities to TAPIR;

31 (c) *Recommends* that membership within the assembly would be increased from 16
32 members to 24 to increase global representation of indigenous groups, protecting their land and ways
33 of life;

34 2. *Encourages* Member States to provide voluntary multilingual education and employment
35 opportunities, emphasizing that indigenous peoples have the choice to remain, work and learn in their
36 own indigenous community or non-indigenous communities;

37 3. *Urges* Member States to promote awareness of indigenous issues and to encourage com-
38 munication between indigenous and non-indigenous groups, so as to discourage prejudice towards
39 indigenous peoples and to encourage the employment of indigenous peoples by raising exposure be-
40 tween employers and indigenous peoples:

41 (a) Recommends that Member States offer work-readiness programs for indigenous
42 populations, training indigenous peoples in common vocational skills and to prepare them for partic-
43 ipation in national economies;

44 (b) Member States are further encouraged to enact multilateral programs aimed at
45 employing and empowering indigenous artistry and craftsmanship, for the purposes of including in-
46 digenous peoples within the economic life of Member States, to raise representation of indigenous
47 artists and for the protection of indigenous forms of commerce;

48 4. *Encourages* Member States to provide opportunities for representation within local and na-
49 tional governments for indigenous voices to be represented and increase possibilities for self-determination;

50 5. *Proposes* that Member States consult indigenous peoples about their historical and environ-
51 mental connections to land when considering development and expansion;

52 6. *Encourages* Member States to consider fair access by indigenous groups to resources, such
53 as food, healthcare, energy and more, when designing their infrastructure:

54 (a) Hospitals and healthcare centers located in areas that are accessible from regions
55 inhabited by indigenous groups;

56 (b) Fair access to shopping centers that offer balanced options and serve diverse nu-
57 tritional needs;

58 (c) Schools, libraries and public works that affirm indigenous practices and languages
59 located in metropolitan hubs, as well as locations easily accessed from rural areas.

Passed, Yes: 50 / No: 15 / Abstain: 15