



American Model United Nations  
General Assembly Third Committee

GA Third/1/3

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Rights of indigenous peoples

SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly Third Committee

*The General Assembly Third Committee,*

1        *Noting* the rights of indigenous peoples laid out by the United Nations Declaration of the Rights  
2 of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP),

3        *Highlighting* United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 10, reducing inequalities, and the  
4 importance of doing so for all Member States and all peoples, including indigenous peoples,

5        *Deeply concerned* about the dangers of living within conflict zones and the lack of resources  
6 necessary for life available to those affected by conflict,

7        *Emphasizing* the dangers of displacement due to conflict and the long history of the displace-  
8 ment of indigenous peoples and communities due to discriminatory policies or armed conflict,

9        *Noting* the intersection of indigenous peoples and conflict, recognizing that indigenous peo-  
10 ples are often innocent bystanders dismayed by conflicts between Member States, and acknowledg-  
11 ing their disproportionate vulnerability to the impacts of war, land disputes, resource extraction and  
12 political marginalization,

13        *Recognizing* the danger that conflict zones pose to heritage sites of cultural and religious sig-  
14 nificance,

15        *Noting with appreciation* General Assembly resolution 73/328 of 25 July 2019 on promoting in-  
16 terreligious and intercultural dialogue and tolerance in countering hate speech, and General Assembly  
17 resolution 75/309 of 21 July 2021, which proclaimed 18 June as the International Day for Countering Hate  
18 Speech, to be observed annually,

19        Call for Member States that violate the designation of these zones and destroy cultural heritage  
20 sites to be read to the International Court of Justice which will work to settle disputes,

21        *Inspired* by the #UniteforHeritage campaign launched on 15 March 2015 with its goal to protect  
22 and safeguard heritage in areas where it is threatened by extremists,

23        *Deeply disturbed* by the widespread persistence of conflicts which force the displacement of  
24 indigenous people,

25        1. *Urges* Member States to discuss conflicts between Member States with indigenous peoples,  
26 representatives and their governments:

27                (a) Calls upon Member States and UNESCO to discuss the rights that indigenous peoples  
28 hold during conflict and war;

29                (b) Implores Member States to recognize indigenous peoples have the right to under-  
30 stand the history of the conflict;

31                (c) Encourages Member States to meet with indigenous peoples in order to hear their  
32 opinions on wartime procession;

33                (d) Requests that Member States give indigenous governments and peoples a voice in  
34 ongoing conflicts and the outcomes of said conflicts;

35        2. *Calls upon* the UNESCO World Heritage Committee that works toward the protection of cul-  
36 tural heritage during and after crises to:

37 (a) Continue to designate cultural heritage sites as demilitarized zones to protect cul-  
38 tural heritage, religious identity and economic prosperity, highlighting those of indigenous importance;

39 (b) Asks that indigenous peoples submit cultural heritage sites to the UNESCO World  
40 Heritage Committee to be considered to become a heritage site;

41 (c) Call for Member States that violate the designation of these zones and destroy cul-  
42 tural heritage sites to be read to the International Court of Justice which will work to settle disputes;

43 3. *Strongly encourages* that Member States collaborate with indigenous peoples during wartime  
44 and conflict in order to stop displacement due to violence or persecution.

Passed, Yes: 43 / No: 8 / Abstain: 24