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Chapter I

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

B. Matters brought to the attention of the Council

Recommendations of the Permanent Forum

Dialogues with indigenous peoples, Member States and the funds, programmes and specialized agencies of the United Nations system (items 5-7)

1. The Permanent Forum conducted three focused, interactive dialogue sessions with indigenous peoples, Member States and the funds, programmes and specialized agencies of the United Nations system to provide an opportunity to focus on specific issues and identify ways forward.
2. The sessions were welcomed as an opportunity to enhance dialogue and to have a better understanding of the concerns of indigenous peoples and Member States and the mandate of the funds, programmes and specialized agencies. The Permanent Forum welcomed the idea of holding the dialogue sessions in the future, keeping in mind its mandate.

Dialogue with Member States

3. As a result of the dialogue between the expert members of the Permanent Forum and Member States, the Forum recommends that all Member States:

(a) *[To be inserted]*

Dialogue with the funds, programmes and specialized agencies of the United Nations system

4. On the basis of the constructive dialogue between the Permanent Forum and the Inter-Agency Support Group on Indigenous Peoples' Issues, the Forum recommends that the members of the Support Group demonstrate strong commitment from the highest level.



5. The Permanent Forum welcomes the constructive dialogue with the funds, programmes and specialized agencies, in addition to the information provided about the initial results obtained in terms of the implementation of the system-wide action plan on the rights of indigenous peoples since its launch at the fifteenth session of the Forum, in 2016. In particular, the Forum welcomes the development of joint programming and activities by United Nations entities and activities conducted at the country level under the six action areas of the action plan.
6. The Permanent Forum urges funds, programmes and specialized agencies, in addition to United Nations resident coordinators, to have special focus on the implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the system-wide action plan in a few designated countries in 2017 and 2018. In selecting the countries for joint action, special attention should be given to countries that already are under focus, such as those that are undergoing national voluntary review for the high-level political forum on sustainable development, those that are under review by the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review, those that are in the preparatory phases for a new United Nations Development Assistance Framework or those in which a dialogue process between the State and the indigenous peoples is taking place.
7. The Permanent Forum recalls recommendation 7 of its tenth session, regarding the establishment of the Indigenous Peoples' Forum at the International Fund for Agricultural Development, as an example of good practice that should be followed by other United Nations entities. The Forum urges other United Nations entities to report on their progress in this regard at the seventeenth session of the Forum.
8. In accordance with the outcome document of the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly known as the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples and the system-wide action plan, all funds, programmes and specialized agencies are urged to adopt policies to inform their work with indigenous peoples that include indigenous peoples' right to self-determination and free, prior and informed consent. Progress will be discussed at future sessions of the Permanent Forum.
9. The Permanent Forum requests the Inter-Agency Support Group on Indigenous Peoples' Issues, and specifically those agencies working on land tenure and changes in land use, to step up cooperation in order to operationalize indicators on land tenure and changes in land use pertaining to the traditional territories (lands and waters) of indigenous peoples, as a global multipurpose indicator in order to report on status and trends, in line with the Convention on Biological Diversity, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. All relevant funds, programmes and specialized agencies should update the Forum every year on the results of this work.
10. The Permanent Forum welcomes the first indigenous media zone, established at the sixteenth session of the Forum, and encourages the continuation of this initiative at future sessions, in cooperation with indigenous community media, and, where possible, the strengthening of indigenous community media at the regional and national levels.