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DISCRIMINATION AGAINST INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

Mrs. Daes: draft resolution

1993/... DISCRIMINATION AGAINST INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

The Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities,

Bearing in mind that one of the purposes of the United Nations, as set forth in the Charter, is the achievement of international cooperation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural or humanitarian character, and in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without discrimination as to race, sex, language or religion,

Recognizing the urgent need to recognize, promote and protect more effectively the human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous peoples,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/34 of 7 May 1982, in which the Council authorized the Sub-Commission to establish annually a working group on indigenous populations,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 47/75 of 14 December 1992 on the International Year of the World's Indigenous People, 1993,

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Taking note with appreciation of the report of the Working Group on its eleventh session (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1993/29 and Add.1 and 2), and, in particular, of the conclusions and recommendations,

Mindful of the relevant recommendations adopted by the World Conference on Human Rights, in particular those contained in Part I, paragraph 20 and Part II, paragraphs 28 to 32 of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action (A/CONF.157/23),

1. Expresses its deep appreciation to the Working Group on Indigenous Populations and in particular to its Chairperson-Rapporteur, Ms. Erica-Irene A. Daes, for the work it has accomplished during its eleventh session;

2. Endorses, in particular, the recommendation contained in Part II, paragraph 32 of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action of the World Conference on Human Rights, referring to the proclamation by the General Assembly of an international decade of the world's indigenous peoples, to begin from January 1994;

3. Decides to recommend to the Commission on Human Rights the holding of a seminar on indigenous land rights and claims, in which representatives of indigenous peoples, Governments and experts will participate, with a view to considering obstacles and problems related to these issues, and to analysing and evaluating innovative legal procedures and recent court decisions, as well as positive measures taken by States in this area;

4. Also decides to request the Commission on Human Rights to recommend to the Economic and Social Council that the annual report of the Working Group be made more widely available by being issued as a United Nations sales publication;

5. Further decides to recommend to the Commission on Human Rights that it recommend to the Economic and Social Council to approve the participation of the Chairperson-Rapporteur, Ms. Erica-Irene A. Daes, in the closing ceremony of the International Year of the World's Indigenous People, which will take place in New York;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to consider establishing, as soon as possible, a permanent forum for indigenous peoples in the United Nations system;

7. Also requests the Secretary-General to prepare an annotated agenda for the twelfth session of the Working Group containing, inter alia, the following items: standard-setting activities, review of developments, the study of treaties and agreements and other constructive arrangements with indigenous peoples and States, International Decade of the World's Indigenous Peoples, the Voluntary Fund on Indigenous Populations and the United Nations operational activities and indigenous peoples;

8. Decides to recommend to the Commission on Human Rights the following decision for adoption:

"The Commission on Human Rights, noting resolution 1993/... of ... August 1993 of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, decides to recommend to the Economic and Social Council:

(a) That it approve the holding of a seminar on indigenous land rights and claims, in which representatives of indigenous peoples, Governments and experts will participate, to be organized in 1994;

(b) That it approve the participation of the Chairperson-Rapporteur of the Working Group on Indigenous Populations of the Sub-Commission, Ms. Erica-Irene A. Daes, in the closing ceremony of the International Year of the World's Indigenous People, which will take place in New York;

(c) That it approve the annual report of the Working Group being made more widely available by being issued as a United Nations sales publication."
