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DISCRIMINATION AGAINST INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

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and Mr. Yimer: draft resolution

Participation of indigenous persons and organizations
in higher bodies of the United Nations

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

Recalling its resolution 1993/46 of 26 August 1993, in which it recommended to the Commission on Human Rights and to the Economic and Social Council that they take special measures to enable indigenous peoples to participate fully and effectively, without regard to consultative status, in the consideration of the draft United Nations declaration on the rights of indigenous peoples,

Noting General Assembly resolution 48/163 of 21 December 1993 and Commission on Human Rights resolution 1994/26 of 4 March 1994,

Noting also Economic and Social Council resolution 1296 (XLIV) of 25 May 1968 on arrangements for consultation with non-governmental organizations,

Noting further that 12 indigenous organizations enjoy consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and that of these only one has its head office in the South,

Bearing in mind the request made by indigenous persons and organizations and certain observer Governments during the twelfth session of the Working Group on Indigenous Populations that steps be taken to ensure effective indigenous participation in future deliberations on the draft United Nations declaration on the rights of indigenous peoples in higher bodies of the United Nations regardless of consultative status with the Economic and Social Council,

Decides to recommend that the Commission on Human Rights approve the participation of indigenous persons and organizations, without regard to consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, in meetings of higher bodies of the United Nations, including the Commission itself, at which the draft United Nations declaration is discussed;

Decides also to recommend the following draft decision:

"The Commission on Human Rights, noting resolution ... of .. August 1994 of the Sub-Commission, decides to recommend to the Economic and Social Council that it approve the participation of indigenous persons and organizations, without regard to consultative status, in meetings of higher bodies of the United Nations, including the Commission itself, at which the draft United Nations declaration is discussed."
