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DISCRIMINATION AGAINST INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

Mr. Bengoa, Mr. Boutkevitch, Mr. Chernichenko, Mr. Eide,  
Mr. El-Hajjé, Mr. Hatano and Ms. Mbonu:  
draft resolution

1995/... United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations  
The Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of  
Minorities,

Bearing in mind Article 71 of the Charter of the United Nations and  
resolution 1296 (XLIV) of 23 May 1968 of the Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 40/131 of 13 December 1985  
establishing the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations,

Recalling also paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 49/214 of  
23 December 1994 in which the Assembly encouraged the Commission on Human  
Rights to consider the draft United Nations declaration on the rights of  
indigenous people with the participation of representatives of indigenous  
people, on the basis of and in accordance with appropriate procedures to be  
determined by the Commission, with a view to achieving the adoption of a draft  
declaration by the General Assembly within the International Decade of the  
World's Indigenous People,

Noting Commission on Human Rights resolution 1995/32 of 3 March 1995, in which the Commission decided to establish an open-ended inter-sessional working group with the sole purpose of elaborating a draft declaration,

Convinced that the participation of indigenous people in the meetings and discussions relating to the text of the draft declaration will constitute an important development for the future promotion and protection of the human rights of indigenous people,

1. Recommends that the Commission on Human Rights recommend, through the Economic and Social Council to the General Assembly, that the Assembly amend its resolution 40/131 of 13 December 1985 by adding in subparagraph (b) the words "as well as the working group established by the Commission on Human Rights in its resolution 1995/32 of 3 March 1995" after the words "Working Group on Indigenous Populations";

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

"The Commission on Human Rights, noting resolution ... of ... of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, recommends to the Economic and Social Council that it recommend that the General Assembly amend its resolution 40/131 of 13 December 1985 on the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations by adding in paragraph (b) the words 'as well as the working group established by the Commission on Human Rights in its resolution 1995/32 of 3 March 1995' after the words 'Working Group on Indigenous Populations'."

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