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DISCRIMINATION AGAINST INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

Mr. Alfonso Martínez, Mr. Boutkevitch, Ms. Daes,
Mr. Guissé and Mr. Hatano: draft resolution

1996/... United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations
          and Voluntary Fund for the International Decade of the
          World's Indigenous People

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

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

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

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 48/163 of 20 December 1993
establishing the advisory group for the Voluntary Fund for the International
Decade of the World's Indigenous People,

Welcoming the creation by the Coordinator of the Decade of an advisory
group for the Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations composed of the
members of the Board of Trustees of the Voluntary Fund for Indigenous

Populations, the Chairperson-Rapporteur of the Working Group on Indigenous Populations, a representative of the United Nations Development Programme and representatives of three donor Governments,

Noting the concern expressed by some indigenous and governmental delegations at the fourteenth session of the Working Group on Indigenous Populations about the need for transparency in the management of the two Voluntary Funds,

Recommends that the relevant United Nations departments establish separate accounts and separate bodies for the Voluntary Fund for the International Decade and the Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations and, if possible, transfer the financial management of the Funds from New York to Geneva.