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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

Future work of the Permanent Forum, including issues considered by the Economic and Social Council and emerging issues (item 14)

1. The Permanent Forum congratulates the International Labour Organization (ILO) on its one hundredth anniversary, as well as the thirtieth anniversary of the ILO Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Convention, 1989 (No. 169).
2. Given the anniversary of this important milestone for Member States and indigenous peoples, the Permanent Forum encourages those Member States that have not yet ratified or acceded to the ILO Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Convention, 1989 (No. 169) to consider doing so.
3. The Permanent Forum welcomes the invitation extended by the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General on Climate Change for indigenous peoples' representatives and members of the Permanent Forum to engage in activities to formulate concrete actions related to the climate summit which is to be held on 23 September 2019, and beyond.
4. The Permanent Forum expresses its thanks to the Governments of Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Canada, China, the Congo, Denmark, Guatemala, Mexico, Nicaragua, Norway, the Russian Federation, Spain and the United States of America, as well as the government of Greenland, for having hosted previous pre-sessional and intersessional meetings of the Forum. The Forum stresses the importance of organizing pre-sessional and intersessional meetings of the Forum and reiterates its recommendation that States that have not yet done so consider hosting such meetings



in the future. It also requests the secretariat of the Forum to organize pre-session meetings for future sessions of the Forum.

5. Indigenous peoples, in exercising their right to self-determination, have the right to autonomy or self-government in matters relating to their internal and local affairs, as well as ways and means of financing their autonomous functions. The Permanent Forum welcomes the international seminar to assess the global status and trends with regard to indigenous autonomies, held in Mexico in March 2019, which was organized by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, the Special Rapporteur of the Human Rights Council on the rights of indigenous peoples, the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the Permanent Forum and the International Work Group for Indigenous Affairs. The Forum calls upon Member States and the agencies, funds and programmes of the United Nations system to continue to discuss these issues in each region. The Forum also encourages the convening of a global conference on the state of indigenous autonomies by the three United Nations mechanisms on indigenous issues (the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples) and invites Member States to host the event.

6. The Permanent Forum recalls its recommendation 97, issued at its twelfth session, and reaffirms the urgent need to continue discussing the right of indigenous peoples to self-determination, autonomy and self-governance, together with their right to determine their own priorities for their development, to participate in governance and policy decision-making processes at the local, national, regional and international levels and to develop mechanisms for consultation and participation of indigenous peoples, building on the fundamental right to free, prior and informed consent and full participation in the development process. The role of the United Nations country teams in this regard is crucial.

7. The Permanent Forum welcomes the new practice of the Indigenous Peoples and Development Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of organizing international expert group meetings outside United Nations Headquarters so that indigenous peoples from various regions can fully participate and provide their expertise on the themes under discussion.

8. The Permanent Forum recognizes the role of indigenous elders in advancing the rights of indigenous peoples at all levels. The Forum invites indigenous elders from all regions to establish an advisory council of elders to assist the Forum and participating delegations, as requested.
