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## Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

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### Draft report

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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

##### Dialogue on Indigenous platforms established within United Nations entities (Item 5 (f))

1. There has been growing recognition of the need for formal United Nations mechanisms that ensure Indigenous Peoples' meaningful participation in global governance. These platforms must respect Indigenous Peoples' rights, governance, and decision-making bodies, systems and institutions. The Permanent Forum will continue to advise States, Indigenous Peoples and United Nations entities to strengthen Indigenous Peoples' roles in multilateral processes.

2. The Permanent Forum heard from the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change secretariat to the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform; the secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa regarding the Indigenous Peoples' Caucus; the secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity regarding the newly established permanent subsidiary body on article 8 (j); the International Fund for Agricultural Development secretariat regarding the Indigenous Peoples' Forum; and the Coalition on Indigenous Peoples' Food Systems hosted by the World Food Programme.

3. The Permanent Forum strongly encourages United Nations entities to engage directly with Indigenous Peoples where applicable, including at the national and local levels, even in countries where Indigenous Peoples are not officially recognized. This approach aligns with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the right to self-identification and can ensure that programmes are inclusive, culturally appropriate and responsive to Indigenous Peoples' needs.



4. The Permanent Forum urges all United Nations entities to institutionalize engagement with Indigenous Peoples in high-level events. The Forum also encourages the Conferences of the Parties to the Rio conventions to invite the Forum to participate in negotiations in its capacity as an advisory body within the United Nations system.

5. The Permanent Forum urges Member States, and the Convention on Biological Diversity secretariat's permanent subsidiary body on article 8 (j), in its new work programme, to include Indigenous Peoples' leadership at all levels, including as Co-Chairs, working group leads, expert groups and Bureau members from the seven sociocultural regions. The Forum reiterates its call upon United Nations entities and the Parties to biodiversity and climate agreements to recognize the distinct identities and specific rights of Indigenous Peoples. The Forum encourages the use of accurate and differentiated terminology and recommends avoiding the combined or interchangeable use of the terms "Indigenous Peoples" and "local communities" as a single category.

6. The Permanent Forum calls upon Mongolia, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the Convention to Combat Desertification secretariat to ensure the meaningful participation of representatives of Indigenous pastoralists in the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralism (General Assembly resolution [76/253](#)) and in all related events and processes. Adequate and sustained funding must be secured for Indigenous Peoples' participation.

7. The Permanent Forum takes note with appreciation of the Treaty on Intellectual Property, Genetic Resources and Associated Traditional Knowledge of the World Intellectual Property Organization for the benefit Indigenous Peoples. It urges Member States to sign, ratify and implement the Treaty, which contains measures to protect against biopiracy, includes Indigenous Peoples' full and effective participation in the Assembly of the Contracting Parties to the Treaty and acknowledges States' commitments to achieving the ends of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

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