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The Commission on Human Rights,

Taking note of resolution 2002/17 of 14 August 2002 of the Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights and of the report of the Working Group on Indigenous Populations on its twentieth session (E/CN.4/Sub.2/2002/24), in particular, its programme of work,

Noting that the respective mandates of the Working Group on Indigenous Populations of the Sub-Commission, the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues and the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous people of the Commission are complementary and do not give rise to duplication,

Convinced of the continuing need for the Working Group on Indigenous Populations on account of its present mandate, which is distinct from those of the Permanent Forum and the Special Rapporteur,

1. *Endorses* recommendations 5 and 8 of the Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights contained in the report on its fifty-fourth session (E/CN.4/2003/2-E/CN.4/Sub.2/2002/46, chap. I);

2. *Recommends* that the Economic and Social Council take duly into account the contents of the present resolution when holding, at its substantive session of July 2003, the review of all existing mechanisms, procedures and programmes within the United Nations concerning indigenous issues mandated in paragraph 8 of Council resolution 2000/22 of 28 July 2000 and Council decision 2002/286 of 25 July 2002.
