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**VOLUNTARY FUND FOR THE INTERNATIONAL DECADE
OF THE WORLD'S INDIGENOUS PEOPLE**

Note by the Secretariat

The present note contains the recommendations of the Advisory Group of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People adopted at its eighth session, held in Geneva from 7 to 11 April 2003, which were approved by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and Coordinator of the Decade, on behalf of the Secretary-General, on 24 April 2003.

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ADVISORY GROUP OF THE UNITED NATIONS
VOLUNTARY FUND FOR THE INTERNATIONAL DECADE OF THE WORLD'S
INDIGENOUS PEOPLE AND REPORT ON ITS EIGHTH SESSION**

(Geneva, 7-11 April 2003)

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I. MANDATE

1. The Voluntary Fund for the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People was established pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 48/163 of 21 December 1993, 49/214 of 23 December 1994 and 50/157 of 21 December 1995, relating to the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People. In accordance with resolution 48/163, the Secretary-General was requested to establish a voluntary fund for the Decade and was authorized "to accept and administer voluntary contributions from Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and other private institutions and individuals for the purpose of funding projects and programmes during the Decade".
2. In accordance with paragraph 24 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 50/157, the Coordinator of the Decade, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, should "encourage the development of projects and programmes, in collaboration with Governments and taking into account the views of indigenous people and the appropriate United Nations agencies, for support by the Voluntary Fund for the Decade".
3. In accordance with paragraph 23 of the annex to resolution 50/157 on the programme of activities for the International Decade, an advisory group was created in April 1996 to assist the Coordinator of the Voluntary Fund.
4. The Advisory Group is currently composed of Mr. Lars Anders Baer (Sami, Sweden), Mr. Ahmed Mahiou (Amazigh, Algeria), Mr. José Carlos Morales Morales (Brunca, Costa Rica), Mr. Nadir Bekirov (Crimean Tatar, Ukraine) and Ms. Victoria Tauli-Corpuz (Igorot, Philippines), who are also members of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations, as well as the Chairperson of the Working Group on Indigenous Populations, Mr. Miguel Alfonso Martínez, and Mr. José Luís Gómez del Prado, appointed by the Coordinator of the Decade. Mr. Morales was elected Chairman.
5. At its eighth session, held from 7 to 11 April 2003 at the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) at the Palais Wilson in Geneva, the Advisory Group held 10 private meetings. It adopted its agenda and timetable at its 1st meeting. The High Commissioner for Human Rights invited the members of the Advisory Group to brief him orally on the provisional recommendations adopted during the session.
6. The Advisory Group continued to review its mandate regarding the funding of projects (see E/CN.4/Sub.2/AC.4/2002/7, para. 7), and confirmed its view concerning its mandate regarding the funding of projects, the Advisory Group and the Fund were fulfilling a unique role which no other fund, foundation, or governmental, intergovernmental or non-governmental organization was currently fulfilling. Most of these institutions consider that the small amounts required for projects submitted by indigenous peoples were not worth financing because the setting in motion of their "cumbersome" procedures was more expensive than the amounts requested.

7. Contrary to many national development agencies and international financial agencies, the Fund utilizes simple forms and criteria understandable by the indigenous peoples, thereby encouraging them to submit projects. The highly sophisticated criteria and complicated sets of tools employed by the majority of the agencies for evaluating the methodology of projects prevented indigenous communities from applying to them.

8. The Advisory Group of the Fund, composed of seven international experts, including five indigenous individuals, is a unique body possessing specialized expertise not only in the field of human rights but also in all matters concerning the indigenous peoples of the world.

9. The Fund plays a role not covered by other funds. It is different from other funds in that it permits the communities, associations and organizations of some 300 million indigenous peoples around the world to decide, elaborate and implement human rights projects at the community level, in addition to promoting human rights awareness. Integrating indigenous peoples' projects into country projects and other strategies could not only deprive these communities of this expertise, but might give them the impression that they were being deprived of an activity which contributes to strengthening their autonomy, self-sustainability and involvement in United Nations activities which they have acquired after many struggles and efforts at the international level.

10. In order to prove their commitment in the field of human rights to the international community, Governments have an interest in developing and implementing, in cooperation with OHCHR, generally through signed agreements, projects which can be financed by the Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation in the Field of Human Rights promoting training, capacity- and institution-building, as well as many other activities at the national level. The activities of the Decade Fund are not covered by the Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation in the Field of Human Rights. Indeed, the direct beneficiaries of the Decade Fund are grass-roots organizations and indigenous communities in the most remote corners of the world. This is one of the few activities of OHCHR (others include the funds to assist victims of human rights violations) which benefit individuals directly and can be compared, *mutatis mutandis*, to the humanitarian activities carried out by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

11. The small grants provided to indigenous communities very often produce synergetic effects, in the sense that the members of indigenous communities have to cooperate and combine their efforts in order to implement and achieve the aims of the human rights projects. These projects are designed, elaborated and implemented by the indigenous people themselves and have yielded highly positive results both in promoting human rights awareness and in enhancing the capacities of small indigenous communities. The Fund has thus contributed towards the implementing of a large number of small but effective projects at the local level. In addition, the small amounts granted to indigenous communities often produce a "snowball effect", allowing these communities to obtain additional funding from other sources.

12. The Fund has also, to a large extent, provided funding to programmes of the International Decade implemented by OHCHR.

13. Knowledge of the Fund and the possibility of applying to the United Nations without any intermediaries, governmental or non-governmental, has spread among indigenous communities which are submitting an increasing number of projects for financing - some 200 projects in 2003. This is due in large part to the simplicity of the application procedure. The Fund is an inexpensive tool generating publicity for OHCHR.

14. The Fund has enabled indigenous communities facing difficult relations with their national authorities to carry out human rights activities in very challenging circumstances. Some of these activities would not be implemented. For instance, after many years of marginalization and submission of unsuccessful funding applications to international agencies, the Sengwer community in Kenya was able to carry out a human and indigenous rights training and educational project with a project grant from the Fund.

15. The Fund has promoted smooth cooperation between indigenous peoples and national authorities in their respective countries. National authorities have been informed by indigenous communities of the activities that the latter have implemented thanks to the financial assistance of the Fund, thereby achieving the essence of partnership between indigenous peoples and Governments. For instance, national authorities regularly receive updates on projects implemented by indigenous communities. Since the establishment of the Fund in 1994, no Government has questioned the validity of the projects financed by the Fund.

16. The main donors to the Fund are States Members of the United Nations. At their annual meeting with the Advisory Group, they expressed appreciation for the distinctiveness of the activities carried out by the Fund, as described in the brochure on the Fund (UNVFIDWIP/AG/2003/9/Rev.3). In the report of the Secretary-General to the General Assembly (A/57/387, para. 171), it is proposed to consolidate some 200 trust funds administered by the Secretariat in order to rationalize administration and cut costs. The rationalization of voluntary funds dealing with indigenous issues has already been achieved by keeping the same core membership of experts of the two Funds administered by OHCHR and by programming their annual meetings to take place one after another. Such organizational procedures have produced not only considerable achievements, but a substantial reduction in costs.

17. The Advisory Group recommends to the Secretary-General not to merge this particular Fund with any other fund, as this would likely discourage some donors from directly assisting small projects submitted by indigenous organizations and communities. Indeed, it is the Advisory Group's impression that many donors give particular importance to identifiable activities carried out by each specific fund, and that they therefore would not wish to see their contributions amalgamated in a common fund.

II. IMPLEMENTATION OF PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS

18. The Advisory Group noted with satisfaction that most of the recommendations adopted at its previous session and by the Chairperson during the intersessional period had been approved by the High Commissioner for Human Rights on behalf of the Secretary-General and implemented by the Secretariat (see E/CN.4/Sub.2/AC.4/2002/7; A/57/395, paras. 17-22; E/CN.4/2003/89, paras. 9-12).

A. Review of reports received on project grants approved in 2001 and 2002

19. The Advisory Group expressed satisfaction with the fact that the grants disbursed in 2001 and 2002 had been well spent.

20. The Advisory Group underlined that the vast majority of financial and narrative reports received by its secretariat on the use of previous grants had met all reporting obligations. In some instances reporting had not been adequate for reasons that included delays in payment, difficulties concerning communications, lack of infrastructure and, typically, banking transaction problems.

21. The secretariat of the Fund should send reminders to those project leaders who still had to submit satisfactory final narrative or financial reports and ask them to submit their reports before 30 September 2003, for consideration by the Group at its next session.

B. Review of OHCHR workshops and seminars

22. The Advisory Group reviewed the workshops and seminars for which it had recommended financial assistance at its seventh session. These were: the Indigenous Media Project organized by OHCHR at the first session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, held in New York from 13 to 24 May 2002; a consultation and training workshop for Batwa (Pygmy) communities on human rights, development and cultural diversity, held in cooperation with the International Labour Organization and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in Cameroon from 11 to 15 November 2002; and a workshop on indigenous peoples and sustainable development, dealing with technical follow-up to the World Summit on Sustainable Development, held in Washington on 19 and 20 February 2003.

23. The Group expressed its appreciation for these activities undertaken within the Decade, implemented by the OHCHR Indigenous Projects Team during the period May 2002 to April 2003.

III. FINANCIAL SITUATION OF THE FUND

24. The Advisory Group reviewed the financial situation of the Fund and all relevant information available at OHCHR. The list of contributions paid since the seventh session by regular and new donors and duly registered by the United Nations Treasurer is attached as annex I. According to information available at OHCHR, not enough money was available to finance the totality of applications for project grants received for 2003 and new proposals made by the Indigenous Projects Team for workshops and seminars to be held from May 2003 to April 2004. After deducting mandatory provisions for programme support costs and the operating cash reserve, in accordance with the relevant United Nations financial rules, US\$ 181,122 were available.

IV. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PROJECTS AND PROGRAMMES FOR 2003

25. Taking into consideration the amount available, the Group recommended the allocation of the entire amount for projects submitted by indigenous communities and organizations (see annex III, sect. A). The Group also recommended that a contingency list of additional projects submitted by indigenous communities and organizations amounting to US\$ 92,000 be approved (see annex III, sect. B).

26. The Group also recommended that US\$ 46,600 be allocated for programmes, on another contingency list, to be implemented by the Indigenous Projects Team of OHCHR, subject to the receipt of official documentation showing that the pledges by Algeria, Australia, Denmark, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland, amounting to a total of about US\$ 300,000, had been paid and were available in the Fund.

A. Recommendations on project grants

27. In the light of the criteria for the selection of projects and other relevant guidelines (annex III), the Group examined 197 admissible applications for project grants received by the deadline. The organizations that had submitted applications after the deadline or outside the mandate of the Fund were informed accordingly by the secretariat.

28. The Group was not able to satisfy all the requests for project grants received, which represented an amount of approximately US\$ 5 million, in view of the remarkable increase in their number.

29. The Group recommended for approval by the Secretary-General a list of 46 project grants (see annex III), for a total of US\$ 274,000.

30. The Group was obliged to recommend a contingency list of projects that could be paid subject to the receipt of voluntary contributions which donors had pledged and said would be available very soon, but for which no official receipt vouchers had yet been received.

B. Recommendations on OHCHR programmes

31. The Advisory Group recommended the allocation of US\$ 46,600, on a contingency basis, to the following programmes to be implemented by the Indigenous Projects Team: (a) community-led human rights training, to be held at an as-yet-unspecified location, at a cost of US\$ 12,000, upon receipt of satisfactory information concerning the breakdown of expenditures, programme, participants, regions represented and contributions to the costs by the organizers; and (b) participation of 10 indigenous representatives from all regions to attend a thematic seminar on indigenous peoples and the administration of justice at a cost of US\$ 34,600, taking into consideration the recommendations made by the Group concerning relevant themes to be discussed; the Advisory Group should receive the provisional programme, list of speakers and list of the 10 beneficiaries of the Fund's travel assistance; the documents and report of the seminar should be submitted to the Advisory Group as soon as possible.

V. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PROJECTS AND PROGRAMMES IN 2004

32. The Advisory Group will continue to give preference in the allocation of funds in 2004 to project proposals by indigenous communities and organizations. On the basis of the requests received (US\$ 5 million) and activities financed in 2003, it recommended a minimum of US\$ 200,000 to be allocated for new projects submitted by indigenous communities and organizations.

33. The Group reiterated its recommendation to the High Commissioner, adopted at the seventh session, that the regular budget and extrabudgetary resources of OHCHR should cover the costs of workshops and seminars organized by the Indigenous Projects Team. However, subject to the availability of funds, a minimum of US\$ 50,000 should be set aside for the remaining year of the Decade for the organization of at least one workshop or seminar.

VI. FUND-RAISING

34. At the annual meeting with regular and potential donors to the Fund, the Advisory Group met with representatives of the Governments of Canada, Finland, Japan, the Netherlands, Norway and the Russian Federation and of DOCIP (Documentation and Information Centre for Indigenous Peoples). The members of the Group expressed their gratitude for the regular donors' generous contributions. The Group encouraged even symbolic contributions by new donors as an expression of interest in funding projects and programmes during the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People.

35. The Advisory Group noted that New Zealand, a regular donor to the Fund since 1996, had stopped contributing directly to the Fund and made an unearmarked contribution to OHCHR of which no portion was allocated to the Fund, despite the wish expressed by the Government that that be done. The Group therefore discussed the issue of unearmarked contributions in general with the High Commissioner.

36. The Advisory Group also recommended that the High Commissioner continue to send, in September, a letter appealing to all Governments to contribute to the Fund before 1 February, in order to allow the Advisory Group to implement its mandate in March 2004.

37. Taking into consideration the remarkable increase in applications for grants by indigenous communities and organizations in 2003, the Group recommended that the High Commissioner for Human Rights and Coordinator of the Decade allocate to the Fund some portion of unearmarked contributions received in 2003 and 2004.

38. On 10 April 2003, the Chairperson of the Group made a statement under the relevant agenda item at the fifty-ninth session of the Commission on Human Rights, in which he provided information on the financial status of the Fund and appealed for new contributions for the ninth session of the Group.

39. The Advisory Group reiterated its recommendation, adopted at the seventh session, that the secretariat of the Fund investigate the possibility of encouraging contributions from new donors, including from the private sector, indigenous communities and organizations, the World Bank, the World Trade Organization and private foundations.

VII. PUBLICATION OF THE ADVISORY GROUP ON ACTIVITIES FINANCED BY THE FUND DURING THE DECADE

40. The Advisory Group recommended that its secretariat study the feasibility and possibility of financing, at no cost or minimum cost to the Fund, an expanded new version of the brochure on the Fund, taking into consideration all the recommendations made at the eighth session, including: an updated map indicating countries in which projects have been implemented with the Fund's assistance; testimonies by beneficiaries of the impact of the Fund, based on replies to a questionnaire to be drafted in consultation with members of the Advisory Group; similar assessments of the impact of the Fund by donors, also on the basis of a questionnaire. The feasibility study and the publication should be undertaken by staff of the Fund and the Indigenous Projects Team. The Indigenous Projects Team would be responsible for drafting the sections relating to workshops and seminars and other activities implemented by it and financed by the Fund. The publication should be based on the table of contents of the present brochure on the Fund (UNVFIDWIP/AG/2003/9/Rev.3). The content of the publication would also include extracts of good reports received on the implementation of the projects.

41. This publication could receive support from an indigenous organization in the Philippines for editing and layout, as well as from an organization in Ukraine for translation into Russian. The Advisory Group encouraged relevant input from other indigenous organizations and communities. Thus, the publication would be the fruit of a partnership between the Advisory Group, the Fund and interested indigenous communities and organizations. In some countries, and where relevant, the United Nations Development Programme resident representatives could be contacted for their input. The members of the Advisory Group would make a pre-selection of financed projects in the various regions which will be included in the publication. The publication should be issued in English, French, Russian and Spanish. The Advisory Group emphasized that this publication should not duplicate or in any way overlap with the final report on the Decade requested in General Assembly resolution 57/192. The projects described in the publication should be selected with a view to serving as examples to be followed by other indigenous communities and organizations.

VIII. DATES OF THE NINTH SESSION

42. The Advisory Group recommended that the ninth session be held in the beginning of March 2004.

Annex I

CHART OF NEW CONTRIBUTIONS AND PLEDGES

The following new contributions paid after the seventh session are available at the eighth session, according to information available at OHCHR as at 4 April 2003

| Donors | Amount in US\$ | Paid on | Paid in |
|----------------------|----------------|------------------|---------|
| Canada | 9 746 | 30 January 2003 | Geneva |
| Cyprus | 2 000 | 6 August 2002 | Geneva |
| Estonia | 9 786 | 24 December 2002 | Geneva |
| Germany ^a | 25 000 | 9 October 2002 | Geneva |
| Greece | 3 000 | 1 November 2002 | Geneva |
| Japan | 18 000 | 3 February 2003 | Geneva |
| Thailand | 10 000 | 24 March 2003 | Geneva |
| Total | 77 532 | | |

The following pledges were registered as at 24 March 2003

| Donor | Amount in US\$ | Pledged on | Pledged in |
|--------------------------|----------------|------------------|------------|
| Algeria | 5 000 | 23 December 2003 | Geneva |
| Australia ^b | 15 182 | 10 April 2003 | Geneva |
| Denmark | 115 942 | 27 March 2003 | Geneva |
| Netherlands ^b | 55 334 | 1 January 2004 | Geneva |
| Norway | 48 279 | 4 April 2003 | Geneva |
| Norway ^b | 51 758 | 4 April 2003 | Geneva |
| Sweden ^b | 18 727 | 7 April 2003 | Geneva |
| Switzerland ^b | 14 666 | 11 April 2003 | Geneva |
| Total | 324 888 | | |

^a The German contribution was granted on the condition that the amount be spent within the fiscal year 2002, for an activity described in the Annual Appeal for that year. Hence, it is not available for the eighth session, even though the contribution was made after the seventh session.

^b The pledges from Australia, the Netherlands, Norway (2), Sweden and Switzerland refer to the transfer of the remaining balance of the contributions of these countries to the United Nations Voluntary Fund for the International Year of the World's Indigenous People to the United Nations Voluntary Fund for the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People. Owing to the administrative process relating to the transfer of the remaining balance from one Fund to the other, the money will not be available immediately.

Annex II

GUIDELINES OF THE UNITED NATIONS VOLUNTARY FUND FOR THE INTERNATIONAL DECADE OF THE WORLD'S INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

I. OBJECTIVES OF THE FUND

In conformity with General Assembly resolutions 48/163, 49/214, and 50/157, the objectives of the Fund are:

- (a) To support the Programme of Activities of the Decade adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 50/157;
- (b) To provide financial assistance to projects and programmes advancing the goal of the Decade: international cooperation for the solution of problems faced by indigenous people in such areas as human rights, the environment, development, health, culture and education.

II. WHO CAN APPLY FOR PROJECT GRANTS?

- (a) Indigenous peoples, communities and organizations, non-governmental organizations and academic and other similar institutions; organizations should be non-profit-making;
- (b) National committees for the Decade;
- (c) The organization submitting the project for funding should have the capacity to raise needed additional money from other sources and have applied to other donors for grants.

III. MAIN PROJECT AREAS

The following major project areas identified by the Advisory Group at its second session (see E/CN.4/Sub.2/AC.4/1997/5):

- (a) The Programme of Activities and objectives of the Decade (see General Assembly resolution 50/157) as well as the recommendations of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action adopted on 25 June 1993 by the World Conference on Human Rights (paras. 28-32) as they relate to indigenous people;
- (b) Indigenous organizational structures and procedures and their strengthening through education, training and institution and capacity-building, bearing in mind the need to respect their relevant traditions;
- (c) Education and training in human and indigenous rights;
- (d) Information about indigenous peoples and the Decade;

(e) Communications and exchanges between the United Nations system and indigenous peoples, and between indigenous peoples;

(f) Fund-raising initiatives to promote the objectives of the Decade.

IV. CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

(a) Projects should be of direct benefit to indigenous people in all parts of the world;

(b) Projects should be prepared by or in full support and consultation with indigenous people;

(c) Projects will be considered taking into account gender balance;

(d) Particular consideration will be given to projects from underdeveloped areas in different regions;

(e) Projects will be approved in relevant areas including in particular those relating to the promotion, protection and implementation of human and indigenous rights;

(f) In order to be admissible, budgets should be based on realistic local costs and salaries;

(g) Organizations applying for a project grant should seek funding from appropriate United Nations specialized agencies, funds and programmes, in the country or region concerned, which would be better suited to provide sustainable assistance to the project. Examples of such United Nations organizations include: UNDP (development), WHO (health), UNICEF (children), UNESCO (education, literacy, science and culture), FAO (agriculture, fisheries, etc.), WFP (food assistance), Habitat (housing), UNAIDS (HIV/AIDS), etc. If needed, the secretariat will provide the applying organization with the relevant contact details.

V. DEADLINE AND CONSIDERATION OF PROJECTS

(a) Project proposals should be sent to the secretariat of the Fund before 1 October;

(b) Complete applications must be submitted to the Fund in English, French or Spanish, dated and signed by the project leader or a member of the executive body of the organization;

(c) Applications to the Fund will be considered at the annual session of the Advisory Group in April.

VI. GRANTS OF THE FUND

(a) Taking into consideration the limited contributions received by the Fund, the practice of the Advisory Group, in past years, has been to approve project grants up to about US\$ 10,000. Grants of the Fund to projects will not exceed US\$ 50,000;

(b) Organizations applying for a grant should provide their banking details. Grants are paid in United States dollars by bank-to-bank transfer. Therefore, the organization's bank must be able to accept payment in United States dollars. The bank account must be registered in the name of the applying organization. A bank account in the name of a private individual cannot be accepted;

(c) The Fund grant can cover up to a 12-months budget;

(d) Project leaders are encouraged not to submit several projects for grants, in view of the limited contributions received by the Fund. They may however submit projects with different components (e.g. education, legal assistance, training about human rights, etc.).

VII. REPORTING ON THE USE OF GRANTS

(a) If awarded a grant, the organization shall provide the secretariat of the Fund with **a narrative report and a financial report** on the use of this grant by 1 October at the latest. The Fund's framework for the drafting of narrative and financial reports, titled "Narrative and financial report", indicates the information to be provided. The organization should submit information on every item listed in that document, using separate pages if needed, but no more than eight pages overall;

(b) The list is not exhaustive and should be considered only as an indication of the type of information required;

(c) The organization should provide a copy of any concrete result obtained with the grant, such as a publication, a database, a web site, etc.;

(d) In case of any unexpected change in an approved project, the project leader should submit it for new approval by the secretariat of the Fund before any expenditure is made with the grant from the Fund;

(e) As a rule, the Advisory Group will not consider a new application by an organization which has not submitted a satisfactory narrative and financial report on the use of a prior grant within one year since the latest communication of the secretariat. Depending on the case, the Advisory Group may recommend the refunding of the grant. If the organization does not refund the grant within the time indicated by the Group, a new application from the organization concerned will automatically be judged inadmissible;

(f) The member of the Advisory Group appointed for the geographical region concerned may contact project leaders directly to obtain information that is lacking (acknowledgement of receipt of the grant, information on any remaining balance, satisfactory narrative and financial reports, etc.);

(g) Members of the Advisory Group and the secretariat of the Fund may visit any project and meet staff members of the organization implementing the project, as well as members of the indigenous community directly or indirectly benefiting from the grant, in order better to understand and evaluate the work done and planned. The secretariat will inform the organization concerned in advance that such a visit may take place.

VIII. COOPERATION WITH THE UNITED NATIONS IN THE FIELD

(a) The secretariat of the Fund may request information on projects subsidized by the Fund from OHCHR or other United Nations staff in the field and representatives of other United Nations agencies, funds or programmes such as the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). If those officials agree to visit a project and submit to the Fund an evaluation of the project, the Fund's secretariat shall inform the project leader in advance. The cooperation of the project leader is requested;

(b) The Fund's secretariat may inform the United Nations representatives in the field about grants awarded to projects in their country, so that they are aware of the Fund's relationship with the organizations in charge of the projects. If project leaders do not wish other United Nations agencies, funds or programmes operating in their country to be informed of their project, they should notify the Fund's secretariat and provide an explanation.

IX. WITHHOLDING OF PAYMENTS

On the basis of information received after the session of the Advisory Group, the secretariat can decide to withhold the payment of a grant or ask a project leader to set aside a grant, if there are doubts about overbudgeting or mismanagement, or for any other motive.

X. REFUND

Upon a recommendation by the Group, the secretariat may request organizations to refund a grant when (a) the project was not implemented in full or in part; (b) the grant was spent for expenditures other than those mentioned in the budget proposal submitted to and approved by the Group; (c) no narrative and/or financial report was submitted within the deadline established by the Group or the secretariat; (d) a narrative report and/or a financial report submitted within the deadline was not declared satisfactory (see also section VII (e) above).

Annex III

LIST OF PROJECT GRANTS APPROVED

**A. List of project grants approved by the Advisory Group
at its eighth session for prompt payment**

| Project No. | Organizations | Project title | Community/indigenous community | Amounted recommended in US\$ |
|---------------|---|--|---|------------------------------|
| AFRICA | | | | |
| 6 | TAGAZT | Traduction et diffusion de la Déclaration universelle des droits de l'homme | <u>Algeria</u> Tuareg | 6 000 |
| 12 | PIDP-KIVU Programme d'intégration et de développement du peuple Pygmée au Kivu | « Journée mondiale des peuples autochtones et Assemblée générale du PIDP-Kivu » | <u>Dem. Rep. of the Congo</u> Pygmies | 5 000 |
| 198 | OCASDECO Organisation chrétienne pour l'action sociale et le développement communautaire | Séminaire de formation d'éducation et de vulgarisation des textes des droits de l'homme en milieu rural | <u>Dem. Rep. of the Congo</u> Wongo, Lele, Tshokwe | 8 000 |
| 46 | Paran Integrated Program | Advocacy for Policy Change as regards Indigenous and Ancestral Land Use, Control and Management in Samburu | <u>Kenya</u> Samburu | 6 000 |
| 142 | Waso Trustland Project | Civic Education | <u>Kenya</u> Community of Isiolo District | 10 000 |
| 138 | CAURWA Communauté des Autochtones Rwanda | L'éducation et la formation dans le domaine des droits de l'homme et des droits des autochtones | <u>Rwanda</u> Batwa | 7 000 |
| 165 | Ghonaqua Development and Empowerment Trust | Ghonaqua Development and Empowerment Trust | <u>South Africa</u> Ghonaqua people of the KhoiSan | 5 000 |
| 53 | KURWA Kamuruli United Rural Women's Association | Training of Women against Violence | <u>Uganda</u> Indigenous women in Katwe | 6 000 |
| Total: 53 000 | | | | |

| Project No. | Organizations | Project title | Community/indigenous community | Amounted recommended in US\$ |
|---------------|--|--|--|------------------------------|
| AMERICAS | | | | |
| 212 | SERPAJ Fundación Servicio Paz y Justicia | Pueblos Originarios - Restitución de sus Derechos | <u>Argentina</u> Various Argentine indigenous communities | 5 000 |
| 175 | ORINPUKO Organización Indianista del Pueblo Kolla | Comunicación, Educación, Cultura y Tecnología en el Mundo Kolla | <u>Argentina</u> Kollas | 4 000 |
| 214 | PEWVGEN | En busca de nuestras raíces | <u>Argentina</u> Mapuche | 3 000 |
| 158 | CAMPAC Central Andina de Mujeres Campesinas de Caracollo | Los derechos humanos de los pueblos indígenas y originarios | <u>Bolivia</u> Communities of Oruro | 3 000 |
| 167 | Asociación Mapuche-Urbanos Kaxasaiñ | Taiñ ruka gnütram (Nuestra Casa de Conversaciones) | <u>Chile</u> Mapuche | 5 000 |
| 154 | AKUAIIPA WAAIMAKAT Asociación para la Divulgación, Promoción y Defensa de los Derechos Humanos e Indígenas de los Territorios y Asentamientos Wayuu de la Guajira | Implementación del centro de documentación, promoción y capacitación de derechos humanos e indígenas del Caribe colombiano | <u>Colombia</u> Wayuu community | 5 000 |
| 174 | Comunidad Sarayacu | Formación de mujeres con énfasis en los derechos humanos | <u>Ecuador</u> Kichwa | 6 000 |
| 206 | CEPCU Centro de Estudios Pluriculturales | Fortaleciendo las organizaciones en nuestras comunidades | <u>Ecuador</u> Kichwa | 5 000 |
| 76 | Unión de Comunidades Indígenas de Centla, A. C. | Formación de gestores indígenas | <u>Mexico</u> Chontales | 5 000 |
| 201 | NIS BUNDOR Unión Nacional de Mujeres Kunas | Formación de promotores infantiles y adolescentes en derechos humanos | <u>Panama</u> Kuna | 5 000 |
| 161 | Fundación intercultural Alitasia | Primeras jornadas regionales de actualización en derechos humanos y derechos indígenas | <u>Venezuela</u> Wayuu | 5 000 |
| Total: 52 000 | | | | |

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| ASIA | | | | |
| 155 | CHRO Chin Human Rights Organization | Capacity-Building - Human Rights Documentation Project | <u>Myanmar</u> Chin | 5 000 |
| 88 | AIPP Foundation Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact Foundation | Regional Training for Women Leaders in Decision-Making | <u>Cambodia</u> Representation of several indigenous groups in Asia: Ainu, Arkan, Chins, Borok, Nagas, Jharkandis, Tao, etc. | 5 000 |
| 101 | Mulnivasi Mukti Manch | Protection of Human Rights and Cultural Identity of Tribal/Indigenous People of India and International Decade of the World's Indigenous People | <u>India</u> Gond, Pardhan, Madia, Kolam, Korku, Pardhi, Andh etc. | 5 000 |
| 27 | HDS Harijana Development Society | Empowerment of Tribal Women through Constitutional Rights | <u>India</u> Harijans, Scheduled Tribe | 5 000 |
| 61 | AMASUTA Alliance of Indigenous People of Sulawesi-Tengah | Human Rights Training for Indigenous Community Representatives in Indonesia | <u>Indonesia</u> Indigenous of Sulawesi-Tengah | 5 000 |
| 97 | LAMAS Lembaga Advokasi Masyarakat Saijaan | Research and Advocacy to Support Meratus Mountain Communities and Protected Forest Threatened by Gold Mining | <u>Indonesia</u> Dayak Meratus | 5 000 |
| 103 | WASFD Women Association Struggle for Development | Indigenous People Rights Project (IPRP) | <u>Pakistan</u> Indigenous People of Swabi | 5 000 |
| 60 | KAMP Kalipunan ng mga Katutubong Mamamayan ng Pilipinas | Indigenous Peoples Capability and Organizational Enhancement Project | <u>Philippines</u> Indigenous organizations | 8 000 |
| 34 | Tumanduk | Empowerment of Tumandok People for Self-Preservation | <u>Philippines</u> Tumanduk | 5 000 |
| 143 | ANIJ Association of Nepalese Indigenous/Nationalities Journalists | Publication of Indigenous Voice | <u>Nepal</u> Nepalese indigenous people | 5 000 |
| Total: 53 000 | | | | |

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| EUROPE | | | | |
| 94 B | RAIPON Russian Association of Indigenous Peoples of the North | Protection of the indigenous peoples' heritage and intellectual property rights | <u>Russian Federation</u> Indigenous people from Russia | 8 000 |
| 111 | Association of Indigenous Peoples of Krasnoyarsk Region | Legal and Information Workshop for Indigenous Peoples of Krasnoyarsk Region | <u>Russian Federation</u> Evenk, Seklups, Kets, Dolgans, Nenets, Nganasans | 7 000 |
| 112 | Development Union of Indigenous Peoples of Taimyr Okrug-Labykta | Establishing Centre of Indigenous Peoples of Taimyr Okrug for preservation and development of their unique culture and heritage | <u>Russian Federation</u> Indigenous tribes of Taimyr | 5 000 |
| 47 | Kemerovo regional public organization Agency for Research and Protection of Taiga | Creation of a Center for Development of Traditional Use of Nature | <u>Russian Federation</u> Shor people | 4 000 |
| Total: 24 000 | | | | |

B. Contingency list of project grants approved by the Advisory Group at its eighth session for payment upon receipt of contributions pledged

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| 23 | CEFAIL Centre de formation et d'appui aux initiatives locales | Promotion et intégration des pygmées dans la société moderne | <u>Dem. Rep. of the Congo</u> Pygmies | 8 000 |
| 191 | ANPANMP/PFB | Recensement de la population autochtone de Lomela après la guerre d'occupation rwandais | <u>Dem. Rep. of the Congo</u> Pygmies | 6 000 |
| 65 | Action for Development | Development of Women and Children in Adansi East Rural Communities | <u>Ghana</u> Rural communities of Adansi | 8 000 |
| 50 | NCWK National Council of Women of Kenya | Adolescent Reproductive Health, Gender Advocacy for the Eradication of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) | <u>Kenya</u> Indigenous Communities in Kenya | 8 000 |
| 38 | Kinyamaseke Youth in Development | Community development by protecting the environment and HIV/AIDS sensitization | <u>Uganda</u> Indigenous people of Munkunyu, Bukonzo, Kasese | 5 000 |
| 202 | TIPNIS Subcentral de Territorio Indígena Parque Nacional Isidoro Secure | Comunicación y Capacitación sobre Derechos Territoriales del Tipnis | <u>Bolivia</u> Mojeños Trinitario, Yuracaré, Chimanes | 5 000 |
| 217 | ARCIS University | Puesta en Marcha del Bachillerato "Técnico Jurídico especializado en Derechos Indígenas" | <u>Chile</u> All Chilean indigenous groups | 5 000 |

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| 171 | Asociación Cabécar de Mujeres Indígenas Actuales | Breviario con ejemplos para las etnias costarricenses sobre derechos humanos y los derechos de los pueblos indígenas. Difusión audiovisual multiétnica de su contenido | <u>Costa Rica</u> Cabécar | 4 000 |
| 162 | UNORCA Unión Nacional de Organizaciones Regionales Campesinas Autónomas, A. C. | Formación de promotores indígenas rurales en derechos humanos en 8 estados de México | <u>Mexico</u> Indigenous people of Chiapas, Guerrero, Puebla, Michoacán, San Luis Potosí, Veracruz, Durango, Chihuahua | 6 000 |
| 17 | Asociación Centro Indígena Para el Desarrollo Sostenible | Formación Básica de Líderes Indígenas para Promotores en Derechos Económicos, Sociales y Culturales en la Región Ucayali, Perú | <u>Peru</u> Shipibo-Conibo, Kaktaibo, Culina, Yine-Yami, Cashinahua, Cocamas, Sharanahua, and others | 6 000 |
| 213 | IITC (International Indian Treaty Council) | Capacity-Building Project for Indigenous Peoples in Defense of Food Security, Food Sovereignty and Health | <u>United States of America</u> Various | 5 000 |
| 98 | DKK Dap-ayan ti Kultura iti Kordillera-Cultural Council of the Cordillera | Youth Popularization of Cordillera Cultural Heritage | <u>Philippines</u> Five major ethnic groups of the Cordillera | 8 000 |
| 147 | Hill Tracts NGO Forum, CHT | Study tour for indigenous Jummas from the Chittagong Hill Tracts to the Cordilleras | <u>Philippines</u> Indigenous people of the Cordillera and Chittagong Hill Tracts | 8 000 |
| 104 | NMIN Northern Media and Information Network, Inc. | Digital documentation of cultural and linguistic researches among indigenous peoples of northern Philippines | <u>Philippines</u> Indigenous peoples of northern Luzon, Igorot | 5 000 |
| 9 | SILDAP Silingang Dapit sa Sidlakang Amihanang Mindanao | Literacy programme in 3 indigenous peoples' communities within one year | <u>Philippines</u> Indigenous people in Butuan City | 5 000 |
| Total: 92 000 | | | | |

Geographical distribution of grants approved by the Secretary-General upon recommendation by the Advisory Group at its seventh session

| Geographical region | Number of project grants | Amount in US\$ |
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| Africa | 13 | 88 000 |
| Americas | 17 | 83 000 |
| Asia | 14 | 79 000 |
| Europe | 4 | 24 000 |
| Total | 48 | 274 000 |
