## AG/RES. 2941 (XLIX-O/19)

## PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS 1/2/3/4/5/6/7/8/

(Adopted at the fourth plenary session, held on June 28, 2019)

xix. Follow-up on the American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and on the Plan of Action of the American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (2017-2021)<sup>2/2</sup>

BEARING IN MIND the American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the Plan of Action on the American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (2017-2021);

EMPHASIZING United Nations General Assembly Resolution A/RES/71/178, which proclaims 2019 the "International Year of Indigenous Languages," the objective of which is to raise public awareness about the need to value and recognize the contribution of indigenous peoples' languages to linguistic and cultural diversity, to redress the serious loss of indigenous languages and the importance of conserving, revitalizing, and promoting them; and

APPLAUDING the holding of the first Inter-American Indigenous Peoples Week,

## **RESOLVES:**

- 1. To urge the member states, the General Secretariat, and the institutions of the OAS to take all the necessary steps to implement the American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the Plan of Action on the American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (2017-2021).
- 2. To urge the member and permanent observer states to contribute to the Voluntary Contributions Specific Fund to support implementation of the American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the Plan of Action on the American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (2017-2021).
- 3. To instruct the Permanent Council, in conjunction with CIDI, to hold a special meeting to commemorate the International Year of Indigenous Languages in the second half of 2019, pursuant to

<sup>1.</sup> Mexico reiterates the position expressed in its statement delivered at the First Plenary Session of the Forty-Ninth Regular Session of the General Assembly ...

<sup>2.</sup> The Plurinational State of Bolivia places on record its position in accordance with Article 1 of the Charter of the Organization of American States, which stipulates: "The American States...

<sup>3.</sup> The Government of Jamaica is fully committed to protecting the human rights of all its citizens, including from any form of violence, in accordance with the rule of law and the ...

<sup>4.</sup> Guatemala reaffirms its sovereign right to decide on implementation of its Political Constitution and its domestic laws, taking into account its development priorities and plans and compatible with ...

<sup>5.</sup> Further to the Statement of the delegation of the Republic of Suriname on June 27, 2019 at the General Assembly of the Organization of American States and with reference to its Statement ...

<sup>6.</sup> The Government of Barbados did not support Resolution CP/RES. 1124 (2217/19) of April 9, 2019 which sought to appoint Mr. Gustavo Tarre as the National Assembly's designated Permanent ...

<sup>7.</sup> The Government of the Commonwealth of Dominica places on record its reservations to the participation and voting by the purported representative(s) of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela...

<sup>8.</sup> Antigua and Barbuda considers that the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela is not a member state of the Organization of American States since, on 27 April 2017, the Government of the Bolivarian...

<sup>9.</sup> The United States does not join consensus on this section of the resolution, consistent with our persistent objections to the American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples ...

resolution AG/RES. 2898 (XLVII-O/17), "2019, International Year of Indigenous Languages," and the Plan of Action on the American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (2017-2021), for the purpose of highlighting the importance of indigenous languages in passing on knowledge to subsequent generations and in dissemination of cultures and traditions, as well as in helping to preserve, revitalize, and promote them.

- 4. To entrust the General Secretariat with organizing a meeting of high-level authorities of member states responsible for policies toward indigenous peoples, with the participation of representatives of the indigenous peoples of the Americas and other international and regional agencies, to promote opportunities for dialogue on challenges in connection with the rights of indigenous peoples and to consider options for the mandate, format, and costs of the potential mechanism for institutional follow-up of the American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as set forth in its Plan of Action (2017-2021).
- 5. To reiterate the need for coordination and cooperation among the member states, in order to continue supporting the holding of activities to commemorate Inter-American Week for Indigenous Peoples in the Americas.