

PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

(Adopted at the second plenary session, held on November 11, 2021)

- xix. Follow-up on the American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and on the Plan of Action on the American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (2017–2021)<sup>1/</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); resolution AG/RES. 2898 (XLVII-O/17), “2019, International Year of Indigenous Languages”; and resolution AG/RES. 2934 (XLIX-O/19), “Effective Participation of Indigenous Peoples and People of African Descent in Organization of American States Activities”; and resolution 74/135 adopted on December 18, 2019, by the United Nations General Assembly, which proclaims the period 2022-2032 as the International Decade of Indigenous Languages, to draw attention to the critical loss of indigenous languages and the urgent need to preserve, revitalize, and promote indigenous languages and to take urgent steps at the national and international levels; and

CELEBRATING the holding of inter-American weeks for indigenous peoples,

RESOLVES:

1. To urge member states, the General Secretariat, and the institutions of the OAS to take all necessary steps to implement the American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the Plan of Action on the American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (2017-2021), and the International Decade of Indigenous Languages (2022-2032).
2. To urge member states and permanent observers 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 continue to entrust the General Secretariat with organizing a meeting of high-level authorities of member states responsible for policies on indigenous peoples, with broad and effective participation by 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 on the American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, as envisaged in its Plan of Action (2017-2021).

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1. The United States recalls the distinction between human rights, the beneficiaries of which are individuals, and collective rights, the beneficiaries of which are peoples. The United States ...

4. To extend the Plan of Action on the American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (2017-2021) for an additional period (2022–2026) in order to ensure its due follow-up and implementation, given the obstacles imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

5. To reiterate the importance of coordination and cooperation among member states in order to continue supporting the holding of activities to mark Inter-American Week for Indigenous Peoples in the Americas.

6. To promote the highest possible level of protection for the rights of indigenous peoples in the region, including indigenous women and girls, and the individual and collective right to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health, as well as to ensure access without discrimination to all services, including health care and health services. Likewise, to promote actions so that inclusive rights-focused responses to the COVID-19 pandemic respect and protect the rights of indigenous peoples.

7. To promote and protect, within the framework of member states' international human rights obligations, the rights of indigenous peoples against organized-crime actions that could worsen their vulnerability, particularly in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.