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RIGHTS OF THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES OF THE AMERICAS

(Adopted at the fourth plenary session, held on June 5, 2014)

THE MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND HEADS OF DELEGATION OF THE MEMBER STATES OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES (OAS) gathered in Asunción, Paraguay, at the forty-fourth regular session of the OAS General Assembly;

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the work accomplished by the Working Group to Prepare a Draft American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples;

UNDERSCORING the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, adopted by all the OAS member states; and

UNDERLINING the major presence of indigenous peoples in the Americas and the commitments undertaken by the Heads of State and Government at the various Summits of the Americas,

DECLARE:

1. That they reaffirm that progress in promoting and effectively protecting the rights of the indigenous peoples of the Americas is a priority for the Organization.
2. That they request the Permanent Council and the General Secretariat to take such actions as are necessary to promote this declaration.