

AG/RES. 2565 (XL-O/10)

DRAFT AMERICAN DECLARATION ON THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

(Adopted at the fourth plenary session, held on June 8, 2010)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING resolutions AG/RES. 1022 (XIX-O/89), AG/RES. 1479 (XXVII-O/97), AG/RES. 1549 (XXVIII-O/98), AG/RES. 1610 (XXIX-O/99), AG/RES. 1708 (XXX-O/00), AG/RES. 1780 (XXXI-O/01), AG/RES. 1851 (XXXII-O/02), AG/RES. 1919 (XXXIII-O/03), AG/RES. 2029 (XXXIV-O/04), AG/RES. 2073 (XXXV-O/05), AG/RES. 2234 (XXXVI-O/06), AG/RES. 2294 (XXXVII-O/07), AG/RES. 2368 (XXXVIII-O/08), and AG/RES. 2498 (XXXI-O/09);

HAVING SEEN the report of the Chair of the Working Group to Prepare the Draft American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples on the activities carried out in 2009-2010 (GT/DADIN/doc.XXX/10), including the Twelfth Meeting of Negotiations in the Quest for Points of Consensus, and the report on that meeting (GT/DADIN/doc.393/10);

UNDERSCORING the results of the Twelfth Meeting of Negotiations in the Quest for Points of Consensus on the Draft American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, held in Washington, D.C., United States of America, from November 30 to December 2, 2009; and

RECOGNIZING the important contributions of the Specific Fund to Support the Elaboration of the American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples,

RESOLVES:

1. To reaffirm the will and the commitment of the OAS member states to support the process of preparing the Draft American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

2. To renew the mandate of the Working Group to Prepare the Draft American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples to continue holding its Meetings of Negotiations in the Quest for Points of Consensus, so as to complete the drafting of the Declaration, on the basis of the "Record of the Current Status of the Draft American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples," hereinafter "Record of the Current Status" (GT/DADIN/doc.334/08 rev. 5), and taking into consideration the "Compendium of Proposals of Negotiations in the Quest for Points of Consensus Held by the Working Group," issued by the Twelfth Meeting Negotiations in the Quest for Points of Consensus (GT/DADIN/doc.255/06 add. 3), and other pertinent documents of the Working Group.

3. To request the Permanent Council to instruct the Working Group to:
 - a. Hold two three-day Meetings of Negotiations in the Quest for Points of Consensus prior to the forty-first regular session of the General Assembly;
 - b. Convene the Meetings of Negotiations in the Quest for Points of Consensus on the Draft American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples three months in advance; and
 - c. Take the appropriate measures to ensure the effective participation in these meetings of member states and representatives of the indigenous peoples.
4. To invite the member states to conduct consultations or dialogues on the Draft American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples with the respective indigenous peoples.
5. To request the Selection Board of the Specific Fund to continue to work according to the principles of transparency established in the resolution “Specific Fund to Support the Elaboration of the American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.”
6. To thank the member states, permanent observers, and institutions for their valuable contributions to the Specific Fund, which will make it possible to hold the meetings suggested for the period covered by this resolution; and to invite all the states and institutions to continue supporting the purposes of the Fund through their contributions.
7. To request the General Secretariat and the organs, agencies, and entities of the Organization to continue to lend their valuable support to the process of drafting the American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples; and to thank them for their ongoing contribution to that process.
8. To request the Permanent Council to report to the General Assembly at its forty-first regular session on the implementation of this resolution, the execution of which shall be subject to the availability of financial resources in the program-budget of the Organization and other resources.