



## **Resolution United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues/2.1**

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### **United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues Committee**

**Co-sponsors:** Wiradjuril, Kallawaya, Batwa Indigenous Peoples, Cree, Mbororo, Mapuche, Zenu, Greenlandic Inuit, Ryukyuan, Karen, San, Maori, Kankana-ey Igorot, Sami, Crimean Tatar, Standing Rock Sioux.

#### **Topic: Guiding Principles for the Implementation of Indigenous Peoples' Rights to Autonomy and Self-Government**

Aware of the fact that Indigenous Peoples' rightful land has been violated which contributes to their lack of autonomy,

Bearing in mind that Indigenous Peoples' resources have been repossessed internationally and are causing them to not be able to focus on self-government,

Deeply disturbed by the extractive economic policies that deprive Indigenous Peoples' of resources and land worldwide,

Emphasizing the fact that Indigenous Peoples do not have unlimited access to proper resources to govern themselves in member states due to land loss,

Recognizing Indigenous Peoples' lack of a voice and representation in government that negatively impacts Indigenous Peoples worldwide,

Bearing in mind that Indigenous Peoples are the original inhabitants of most lands now occupied by member states, and they deserve the right to autonomy and self-governance for their land,

Noting with deep concern, most citizens do not take into account the Indigenous People's best interest when voting worldwide,

Alarmed by the fact that out of the 476 million Indigenous Peoples in the world, a large percentage of those people are uneducated on their rights to autonomy and self-governance,

Emphasizing the impact that government leaders controlling Indigenous Peoples have on their ability to practice their culture and identity locally,

Deeply disturbed by governments' actions taken to purposefully prevent Indigenous groups from gaining autonomy in the world,

Fully aware of the negative effects of colonization on Indigenous communities globally,

Noting with deep concern that Indigenous Peoples lack freedom and universal rights everywhere,

Alarmed by the fact that most Indigenous tribes worldwide live in severe poverty which affects their daily lives,

### **Indigenous Peoples' rights to their land and resources**

1. Calls upon governments of member states to recognize land conquered by colonial powers;
2. Stresses the importance of allocated resources for self-governance to be designated;
3. Encourages governments to return land to Indigenous Peoples so that they can have space to inhabit it;
4. Further invites advocates to continue speaking up about the way land loss affects Indigenous communities so they can ultimately achieve autonomy;
5. Advises the creation of departments within Member States government that exclusively work on proper land and resources to Indigenous government;
6. Suggest programs to provide resources that are easily accessible for Indigenous Peoples in community spaces, such as religious gathering spaces and educational areas;
7. Welcomes fundraisers to support and fund efforts going towards self-government and autonomy for Indigenous communities around the world.

## **Voice in the Government for Indigenous Peoples**

8. Strongly advises local media platforms (newspapers, television, news, social media, etc.) within member states to spread awareness about Indigenous Peoples' insufficient representation in government to better inform citizens in the Democratic process;
9. Declares accordingly that Indigenous Peoples should have representatives in their respective government to assist decision-making regarding their rights;
10. Encourages Indigenous Peoples to create a political representation system on matters dealing with Indigenous issues;
11. Invites global governments to create treaties with Indigenous Peoples for their rights to self-government;
12. Suggests for governments around the world to have a safe space such as community centers where Indigenous Peoples can freely express their beliefs and culture;
13. Calls for local governments to collaborate with Indigenous groups to work towards autonomy;
14. Support to governments taking time to adequately represent Indigenous Peoples' culture;

## **Education on the necessity of Indigenous Peoples reaching autonomy and self-government**

15. Urges school boards in Indigenous communities to include the topic of autonomy and self-government into their curriculum;
16. Advises member state governments who have formalized Indigenous governments to share their experiences and reasons for this drastic change with other member state governments who have not accomplished this yet;
17. Encourages teachers and educators to start organizations that travel internationally to teach Indigenous groups that don't have access to education;
18. Recommends establishing an organization through the UN to provide legal aid to Indigenous groups striving to become autonomous and govern themselves;
19. Calls upon the UN to organize workshops to advise leaders of Indigenous groups on ways to govern independently within member states;
20. Proclaims that education should be free and accessible to all Indigenous Peoples worldwide;
21. Also calls for programs to be set up to educate Non-indigenous Peoples on Indigenous Peoples' right to autonomy and self-governance;

## **Justice, freedom, and health concerning Indigenous Peoples**

22. Calls upon organizations to find health initiatives for Indigenous Peoples worldwide;
23. Urges governments to initiate indigenous voices in topics concerning their peoples and cultural practices internationally;
24. Encourages governments to support autonomy and self government for Indigenous groups internationally;
25. Recommends that large companies and governments treat indigenous employees equally with other employees within the global community;
26. Calls for people and governments to advocate for all Indigenous Peoples' full ownership over land;
27. Advises governments to devote attention towards establishing treaties for indigenous land protection worldwide;
28. Invites member states to take action regarding Indigenous Peoples' health issues universally by means of funding, screening, and treatment.