



American Model United Nations
General Assembly Third Committee

GA Third/II/2

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Rights of indigenous peoples

SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly Third Committee

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1 *Recognizing* that the historic marginalization and oppression that has continuously damaged the lives of
2 indigenous people everywhere,

3 *Reaffirming* the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which states that everyone is entitled to all rights
4 and freedoms regardless of race, social, or national origin,

5 *Deeply Concerned by* the resistance of Member States in granting full rights and protections to indigenous
6 peoples,

7 *Stressing* that the governments of Member States in granting full rights and protections to indigenous peoples,

8 *Affirming* the adoption of the United States Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP)
9 and United Nations Convention Number 169,

10 *Encouraging* the continued expansion of indigenous rights in Member States,

11 1. *Encourages* the creation of official records of indigenous land which are to be protected against the sale
12 from government or corporate intervention;

13 2. *Urges* Member States to hold the protection of sacred religious and cultural sites of indigenous groups
14 with utmost importance;

15 3. *Calls Upon* states to ensure indigenous communities have access to basic resources, such as clean water
16 and electricity;

17 4. *Recognizing* how climate change disproportionately impacts indigenous peoples due to their close relation-
18 ship and often times dependence on land and ecosystems and how it further exacerbates difficulties they are already
19 facing including, but not limited to: loss of land and marginalization on this issue;

20 5. *Further requests* states to provide a platform for indigenous people to express their unique ideas in
21 addressing the impacts of Climate Change, derived from their traditional knowledge of the land;

22 6. *Supports* Member States to honor and empower indigenous peoples' autonomy over their own lands if
23 desired;

24 7. *Regards* self-determination, as it pertains to indigenous land, of utmost importance, strongly encourages
25 governments to respect indigenous land and autonomy;

26 8. *Encourages* the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change to create an environmental
27 disaster plan in the case of indigenous lands no longer being inhabitable;

28 9. *Requests* for non-governmental organizations (NGOs), international organizations, relief programs to
29 research the land polemic where indigenous people are being marginalized;

30 10. *Remains* committed to addressing climate change regarding its effect on indigenous peoples in years to
31 come.

Passed, Yes: 34 / No: 26 / Abstain: 7