SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Human rights and indigenous peoples

SUBMITTED TO: The Human Rights Council

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Recognizing that indigenous populations are disproportionately affected in regards to issues such as crime, poverty and violence,

Acknowledging the barriers that individuals with disabilities face in regards to receiving necessary healthcare services in these areas,

Alarmed by the impact the Coronavirus -19 (COVID-19) pandemic had on areas with high indigenous populations,

Recognizing the work of Fundación Espacio de Mujer and their direct impact on disproportionately affected indigenous women,

Taking note of the need for front-line workers, vaccines and distribution of healthcare to indigenous peoples who are disproportionately affected by the COVID-19 pandemic,

Expressing its appreciation for the autonomous efforts of the Commission of Indigenous Jurists of the Argentine Republic, the Community of Students of the First Nations of America (CEPNA), the Indigenous Association of the Argentine Republic (AIRA), and the Association of Indigenous Communities (ACOIN),

1. Reaffirms the designated rights of indigenous peoples as listed in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP);

2. Calls upon domestic governments to get further involved in regards to the healthcare of their indigenous populations, especially in times of crisis;

3. Regrets the broad, multifaceted and complex spectrum of mutually reinforcing human rights abuses of indigenous women;

4. Encourages domestic governments to work with the the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, established by the Economic and Social Council Resolution 2000/22, in regards to identifying healthcare concerns in areas of high indigenous populations;

5. Supports the World Health Organization (WHO) in providing medical supplies to areas with indigenous populations;

6. Emphasizes the importance of autonomy and necessity of medical consent of peoples of differing cultural backgrounds;

7. Discourages domestic governments from pursuing further action if an indigenous community is not consenting to the modern medicinal practices in their territorial boundaries:

   (a) Encourages the United Nations Human Rights Council (HRC) to investigate any human rights violations that occur if non-consenting actions are furthered;

8. Requests Member States to develop a plan to ensure that vaccination rates in indigenous populations grow at similar rates to that of the general population;

9. Further requests that plans begin to commence in which modern medicinal resources become more accessible to consenting indigenous populations, under the guidance of domestic countries and the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues:

   (a) Considers the medical needs of those with disability status and strongly encourages that adequate medicinal resources be made available in these plans;

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10. *Encourages* indigenous peoples’ involvement and representation in regards to improving decision-making structures throughout local and national political processes.

Passed, Yes: 23 / No: 3 / Abstain: 3