



American Model United Nations
Human Rights Council

HRC/II/1

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Human rights and indigenous peoples

SUBMITTED TO: The Human Rights Council

The Human Rights Council,

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

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

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

7 *Recognizing* the work of Fundacin Espacio de Mujer and their direct impact on disproportionately affected
8 indigenous women,

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

11 *Expressing* its appreciation for the autonomous efforts of the Commission of Indigenous Jurists of the Ar-
12 gentine Republic, the Community of Students of the First Nations of America (CEPNA), the Indigenous Association
13 of the Argentine Republic (AIRA), and the Association of Indigenous Communities (ACOIN),

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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