



American Model United Nations
Human Rights Council

HRC/II/2

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Human rights and indigenous peoples

SUBMITTED TO: The Human Rights Council

The Human Rights Council,

1 *Recognizing* the importance of women as key actors in the success of indigenous communities and the im-
2 portance of the Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP),

3 *Further recognizing* the sovereignty of all Member States and their rights to self governance,

4 *Deeply convinced* that the protection of indigenous women is directly correlated to achieving the Sustainable
5 Development Goal (SDG) Goal 5: “Gender equality and empowerment of women and girls is relevant for indigenous
6 women”,

7 *Acknowledging* that legal recognition within national legislative frameworks constitutes a key obstacle to the
8 realization of the rights of indigenous women,

9 *Concerned* with the alarmingly high rates of gender-based violence within indigenous communities,

10 *Alarmed by* the knowledge that indigenous women are much more likely to be victims of sexual crimes and
11 domestic violence than non-indigenous women,

12 *Emphasizing* the importance of nations taking appropriate measures to protect indigenous women against
13 violence,

14 *Guided by* international and cooperative bodies such as the International Indigenous Women’s Forum and
15 UN Women,

16 *Emphasizing* the importance of the UN Women and the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII)
17 in advancing Indigenous women’s rights,

18 1. *Expresses* the importance of increased indigenous representation in leadership positions to promote the
19 rights of vulnerable groups:

20 (a) Having more indigenous women leaders will bring indigenous women’s issues, especially gender-
21 based violence, to the forefront,;

22 2. *Recommends* the optional creation of an international advisory committee of indigenous women:

23 (a) The board will be comprised of women from different indigenous communities to reflect the
24 specific interests of these groups across the world;

25 (b) This board will work in conjunction with United Nations and nongovernmental organizations to
26 work as an advisory committee to help in the aiding capacity;

27 3. *Encourages* the use of optional analytical reports by the Member State that will inspire reflection, dialogue,
28 intercultural understanding and research among indigenous peoples, human rights practitioners and activists:

29 (a) Domestic research and data collection as a way for Member States to design better tailored and
30 efficient public policies and programs aimed at indigenous women;

31 (b) Encouraging these reports, if publicized, be translated into the relevant languages;

32 4. *Further encourages* an increase in access to support services for indigenous women affected by domestic
33 and sexual violence:

34 (a) Recongizes that healthcare professionals use their knowledge to respond to instances of domestic
35 and sexual violence in an informed manner and use preventative protocols learned in training to report alleged
36 assaults;

37 (b) Strongly encourages the use of domestic pro bono legal representation which empowers indigenous
38 women to achieve equity under the law so they gain legal justice when faced with gender based violence;

39 5. *Calls for* the promotion of educational materials about gender-based violence to help indigenous women
40 at risk for gender-based violence:

41 (a) This material would be concentrated in areas with high density of indigenous people;

42 (b) Uses NGOs to ensure that information will be widespread in the indigenous communities;

43 (c) Education materials in multiple languages to ensure the widespread distribution of the informa-
44 tion.

Passed, Yes: 26 / No: 2 / Abstain: 1