



*American Model United Nations*  
**Human Rights Council**

HRC/II/3

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Human rights and indigenous peoples

SUBMITTED TO: The Human Rights Council

*The Human Rights Council,*

1 *Guided by* the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and good faith in the fulfilment  
2 of the recommendations assumed by Member States in accordance with the Charter,

3 *Reaffirming* Article Two of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) that states that all people  
4 are entitled to all rights and freedoms without distinction, especially in regards to race, language, religion, national  
5 origin, culture or birth status,

6 *Guided by* Article 27 of the UDHR that all people have the right to freely participate in the cultural life of  
7 their community,

8 *Recognizing* that all peoples, especially those of indigenous heritage, contribute to the diversity and richness  
9 of cultures, which forms the basis of humanity,

10 *Recalling* the Universal Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), which establishes the  
11 minimum standards for the well-being and dignity of indigenous peoples of the world and elaborates on existing  
12 human rights standards and freedoms for the application to indigenous peoples' situations, free of discrimination of  
13 any kind,

14 *Echoing* Article 2.7 of the UN Charter, which states, "nothing contained in the present Charter shall autho-  
15 rize the United Nations to intervene in matters which are essentially within the domestic jurisdiction of any state or  
16 shall require the Members to submit such matters to settlement under the present Charter; but this principle shall  
17 not prejudice the application of enforcement measures under Chapter VII",

18 *Deeply concerned* with the discrimination and disadvantages that indigenous people face daily across a range  
19 of social, economic, and cultural contexts that are directly infringing on their rights,

20 *Recognizing* the importance of documents including A/HRC/42/L.24, A/HRC/15/L.6, A/HRC/24/L.21,  
21 A/HRC/30/L.8, A/HRC/36/L.27, A/HRC/21/L.23, A/HRC/21/L.21, A/HRC/27/L.22, A/HRC/15/L.5, and A/HRC/48/L.22,  
22 which reaffirm the rights of indigenous peoples,

23 *Affirming* further that all policies and practices meant to degrade indigenous peoples are incorrect, legally  
24 invalid, unjust and should be condemned,

25 *Seeking* to create a system of education of indigenous cultures to retain and preserve the richness and diversity  
26 of indigenous peoples,

27 *Acknowledging* the existence of the Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples created with  
28 Human Rights Council (HRC) Resolution 42/20, whose mandate includes the promotion of government laws and  
29 programs and makes recommendations concerning the rights of indigenous peoples,,

30 1. *Decides* to appoint a Special Rapporteur on the Cultural Rights of Indigenous People for a period of  
31 three years:

32 (a) To examine how the culture of indigenous peoples exists and manifests in Member States around  
33 the world;

34 (b) To gather and request information on the status of culture from all relevant sources, including  
35 governments, special experts and indigenous peoples, by working alongside leaders of indigenous groups;

36 (c) To formulate recommendations about how the culture of indigenous peoples can be promoted in  
37 order to retain their unique qualities;

38 (d) To work in close cooperation with the HRC, the Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous  
39 Peoples and all relevant UN bodies;

40 (e) To submit an annual report on the implementation of the mandate to the HRC and to the  
41 General Assembly with regards to their findings;;

42 2. *Suggests* that all governments cooperate fully with the Special Rapporteur as they perform their duties  
43 to respond to requests and communications, respond promptly to urgent appeals and allow the Special Rapporteur  
44 to visit their countries to fulfill the duties of this position;

45 3. *Ensures* that the permission of both the Member States and the indigenous groups will be obtained;

46 4. *Emphasizes* the ultimate need of the Special Rapporteur to promote cultural education of the various  
47 practices and needs of indigeneous populations around the world;

48 5. *Requests* the Secretary General and the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights provide  
49 the necessary assistance to the Special Rapporteur in order to effectively complete their mandate;

50 6. *Decides* to revisit the position of the Special Rapporteur after the period of three years expires.

Passed, Yes: 25 / No: 1 / Abstain: 2